

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
**October 6, 2022**  
**Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,**  
**31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336**

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Snodgrass at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Brian Spitsbergen, Roderick Wallace

Members Absent: Ed Cherkinsky, Bette Rose, Adam Whitfield, Marie Sarnacki

Others Present: Patrick Spelman, Lauren Janowicz, Kristel Sexton, Latoya Willis

- 2) Approval of Agenda

Rod Wallace approved the agenda, Jordan Scrimger seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Approval of September 1, 2022 Minutes

Jordan Scrimger approved the minutes, and Rod Wallace seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Youth Division Update

Lauren updated on the after-school program it is growing rapidly and they currently have about 90 kids. They are still looking for part time staff and volunteers to help the program run smoothly. Other updates included the City Master Plan Open House on October 20 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The city is also hosting a city-wide open house on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Hay Day was Tuesday, and it was a huge success with large crowds. There are many programs happening at The Hawk so check them out.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

Tammy informed the group that she had stopped in Kick Start Farmington, and they asked her to share with the commission members the Farmington Film Festival Event which was taking place October 7 – 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tammy then gave an update on the Kindness Rock Garden. Everything was in place for the dedication on Friday evening. Invites were sent to anyone running in the current political election as well as shared through many different places including the Oakland Press. Rocks have been protected with the topcoat spray and will be placed in the garden Friday morning. The Nature Center was able to get native plants and they have already been added to the area the commission will split the costs of the plants with the Nature Center.

While the project will be dedicated, we do still have some rocks and paint left and could do smaller outreach projects or a spring event to refresh the garden with new rocks.

Tammy mentioned that as this project is mostly complete, members should bring ideas to the November meeting with new project ideas.

#### 6) Communications Update

Sharon discussed getting pictures on the website and any procedures we need to do if people are included in the pictures for posting them. Does attendance at events approve usage of pictures.

#### 7) Volunteer Recognition Program

Marla was not at the meeting to give an update. Jordan did spend some time converting the old paper documents into an online google form that we can use to send out to gather names and organizations for awards.

#### 8) New Business and Announcements

Jordan Scrimger – She suggested a possible future event of cookies in the courtyard with commission members. She will bring more information to the November meeting. She also discussed that like some other organizations we as commission members should try and attend two community events to get our name out there and recognition about our organization. We also discussed as a group then about maybe getting a banner or tablecloth that we can use as an organization.

Lauren Janowicz – She stated that she is open to having the commission at any future event she is involved in, including the upcoming Holiday Days event.

Patrick Spelman – Farmington Safety is hosting a Police and Pancakes at the Farmers Market on Saturday.

Rod Wallace – Asked if the commission has ever done a non-partisan event involving getting to know members who are running for office including for example the school board of education. Tammy wasn't sure if we could do this as we have rules as a commission and said she would check with the clerk's office.

Kristel Sexton – She mentioned since no one was at the meeting to represent FPS that they have a new mental health coordinator. The library has worked with her on some programs, and she thought she would be a good contact to come to our next meeting. She can talk about what is being seen in the schools in regarding to behavior issues and social emotional learning.

The library is embarking on a new strategic plan. The community survey is available to complete by the end of October. The survey will remain open through October 31, 2022.

Survey link: <https://farmlib.org/community-survey>

The September library event had over 3,000 members of the community attend and was a huge success.

They are also looking at the summer reading program for next year and trying to make it more of a universal reading goal for families.

9) Public Comments

None

10) Adjournment

6:45 pm.

Brian Spitsbergen motioned to adjourn, and Jordan Scimger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

All future meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,

November 3, 2022

January 5, 2023

February 2, 2023

March 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty