

MINUTES
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS
COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES
April 6, 2023
Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall,
31555 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. 48336

- 1) Call to Order 6:00 pm.

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

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Sharon Snodgrass, Jordan Scrimger, Marie Sarnacki, Rod Wallace, Alisa Valden, Tanya Nordhaus

Members Absent:, Colleen Coogan, Brian Spitsbergen, Adam Whitfield, Jeff Boyle, Ed Cherkinsky

Others Present: Bryan Farmer, Mary Newlin, Angie Smith, Jim Nash

- 2) Approval of Agenda

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

- 3) Approval of March 2, 2023 Minutes

Marie Sarnacki approved the minutes, and Jordan Scrimger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Youth Division Update

Bryan gave the update that we currently have 125 participants in the afterschool program. They are working on continuing to train the after-school staff on ongoing issues and situations that kids are struggling with. Currently FPS staff are located at The Hawk due to the construction in the district offices and they are using them as resources to help them with handling some of the issues and getting resources for situations that kids are facing. Summer camps are 59% full already for the summer. Scholarships are available for students/families that have a financial need, the scholarships are provided via a city council fund.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

Marie gave an update on career night. The event will be on April 26th from 6:30 – 8 p.m. We hope to have about 25 vendors at the event. Advertising has been going well and some new vendors are reaching out based on this advertising. We will need to order more stickers for our folders and Jordan will send this link to Matt to order. We have enough folders left from last year. We will be meeting on April 18th at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Conference room to prepare the folders. The flyer and list of vendors was requested and will be emailed to the commission list

after the meeting for people to share and post inviting the community to the event. Sharon will follow up with the city about having a photographer at the event.

Tammy then gave an update on the awards night event. We currently have 12 people nominated. All current nominations have come through the online form. Jordan will adjust the form description column so it wraps, and this will be used to select winners versus printing copies. An online meeting will be set up on April 17th in the evening at 6 p.m. to pick the awards. The deadline to submit someone has now been extended until April 16th. Award night will be May 8th and a reception will be held before the city council meeting. Where we will have a mingle and light refreshments followed by the awards which will be presented at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Tammy then gave an update on Kindness Rock Painting events. The nature center was able to give us a table for Earth Day on April 22nd. We will also be at the Farmington Farmers Market on May 13th. Earth Day is from 4 – 7 p.m. and the Farmers Market is 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Since the Farmers Market event is right before Mother's Day, we discussed possibly making a little note to give kids that they can give to a mother/grandmother on Mother's Day about the rock they painted for the Kindness Rock Garden.

6) Communications Update

Sharon mentioned that she didn't see our upcoming events listed in the Farmington Press and that this is something we should try and get them in the calendar. Sharon and Tammy will also be working on the commission list to update contacts.

7) Volunteer Recognition Program

The event is on May 8th with a reception at 7 p.m. and awards given at the 7:30 p.m. city council meeting. Picking of winners will happen on April 17th. Plaques and certificates will need to be ordered along with food for the evening event.

8) New Business and Announcements

Mary Newlin – Farmington Hills will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary on July 6th with a party and fireworks. She also mentioned that the city commission on health is planning an event in October on Mental Health that maybe we can partner with them on.

Jim Nash – Oakland County has several events going on including the art fish park event in Pontiac in June that the water commission is part of. They are looking forward to being part of career night again to share information on their job shadowing/apprenticeship program.

Angie Smith – The school district just celebrated the rise and thrive event which was a rename of the old turnaround awards that were done in the past. The banquet was held at The Hawk and was a nice event. They are working on a diversity, equity, and inclusion conference in May.

Tammy Luty – We discussed the banner for our commission and if we need the logo or should just go with the words. It will be used for many of the upcoming events, and we decided to not include the logo. She also provided the update from the YMCA with their many upcoming events.

10) Public Comments

None

11) Adjournment

7:00 pm.

Marie Sarnacki, motioned to adjourn, and Rod Wallace seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Our June 1, 2023 meeting will be held at the Nature Center in the Maple and Oak rooms. All other meetings will start at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, Farmington Hills City Hall.

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

September 7, 2023

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty