

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES**  
**February 2, 2023**  
**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 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Tammy Luty, Sharon Snodgrass, Rod Wallace, Jordan Scrimger, Ed Cherkinsky

Members Absent: Marie Sarnacki, Colleen Coogan, Brian Spitsbergen, Adam Whitfield, Jeff Boyle

Others Present: Alisa Valden, Matthew Gale, Jim Nash, Marla Parker, Kristel Sexton, Mary Newlin, Tanya Nordhaus, Leon Small, Angie Smith

- 2) Approval of Agenda

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

- 3) Approval of January 5, 2023 Minutes

Jordan Scrimger approved the minutes, and Ed Cherkinsky seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Youth Division Update

Matt updated us that Lauren had a healthy baby boy and will be out until May. The afterschool program is opening enrollment back up for this semester. They have hired three new staff members and hope to be able to accommodate up to 200 students. The bus driver's situation is going ok right now. They are also working with staff at The Hawk to see if they can open more experience opportunities for students to experience other areas of the center.

- 5) Issues Committee Update

We determined that we will call our event just Career Night and it will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Marie is the lead on this program and will be notifying the vendors from last year to see who can attend this year. The event will be held in Harrison Hall this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of The Hawk. Because we had some new quests at the meeting, we also gave an update on the wait until 8<sup>th</sup> program we are considering moving forward with. Jordan has created a flowchart process of how members get added to the committee and we will discuss this at the next commission meeting for feedback.

## 6) Communications Update

Sharon had the city update our website with some of our newer projects.

## 7) Volunteer Recognition Program

Marla updated that we are considering May 22<sup>nd</sup> for this event at Farmington Hills City Council meeting. The date needs to be confirmed and it depends on what else is on the schedule for council that night. Jordan has created the electronic forms that was forwarded to all members in the last email and they just need to be updated with date depending on when the event will take place. Using a digital submission form will allow us to gather information in a google spreadsheet and hope to make the process of getting nominations easier. We will also offer paper copies and they will be mailed to Matt Gale's attention, so they come into the city office. We discussed the types of awards and the need to order plaques and obtain food for the event. It was mentioned that we may want to consider doing additional major nominations to make up for the period we were not able to give them due to the pandemic when the event couldn't take place. Everything right now is dependent on what date we get approved for doing the award ceremony.

## 8) Election of Officers

Ed led the process for the election of officers since our chair resigned from the committee because she moved out of Farmington Hills to be closer to family. We verified that we had a quorum, with current openings on the committee five members were present but this was quorum. Ed Cherkinsky nominated Sharon Snodgrass as chair, Jordan Scrimger as vice-chair and Tammy Luty as secretary. Rod Wallace seconded the nomination, and all were in favor, and they were voted in to the new positions.

## 9) New Business and Announcements

Jordan Scrimger – Mentioned the need for name tags for the upcoming events. Matt was able to confirm that we could get them, and they have been ordered.

Kristel Sexton – Kristel mentioned that the library held two successful MLK events. On MLK day they had 877 people attend and the day before with the special event of the Tuskegee Airman presentation they had 154 people attend. This was the best turnout they have had for MLK events. The next cultural event they have planned is the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Day event which will be the first Saturday in May. She also reminded everyone to look at the library event calendar as they have many things going on.

Angie Smith – She is the new FPS BOE liaison for the commission. The district is still working on diversity issues. She mentioned they have many events planned in the schools in February for MLK. There was also a reminder that FAAPN holds Super Saturday and is always looking for volunteers.

Mary Newlin – The City Council is working on goal setting for the year. The city has also hired a new staff member for DEI that will be working with the city.

Leo Small – Is a FH Resident and has published a book on Health and Nutrition and came out as he wanted to get more involved in opportunities in our city around this topic.

10) Public Comments

None

11) Adjournment

7:15 pm.

Rod motioned to adjourn, and Jordan seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

March 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

Minutes drafted by: Secretary Tammy Luty