

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
September 25, 2023
City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Kim Torgerson
Susie Freligh
Beth Ann Fuller
Jolie Wenglikowski
Royale Lockhart
Stephanie Goss

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Call to Order -

Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call – All Commissioners present.

Approval of the Minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting (Action item)

Motion by Freligh to approve the **May 22, 2023** meeting minutes **second** by Fuller; **Motion carried.**

Commission Comments – Iris Siegler shared there are a lot of home childcare facilities opening up in the city that are not licensed and are advertising on social media. It was suggested to have code enforcement investigate when these are identified.

Public Comments – None.

Discussion – How to encourage businesses to support childcare for employees. Beth Ann Fuller brought handouts from the Early Childhood Collaboration meeting regarding how employers can help employees with childcare. The document is available on the city website at <https://www.cdavid.org/197/committees/child-care-commission>. Royale Lockhart shared that there is a childcare expansion grant that was available for 15 million dollars however the deadline has passed and said hopefully it will come back around in the future. The goal is to get childcare businesses and employers together.

Propose amendments to the Childcare Commission code chapter 2.94 – Discussion included changes to section 2.94.020 to read as follows:

2.94.020: MEMBERSHIP; TERMS OF OFFICE; COMPOSITION; COMPENSATION:

B. Members may include a representative from Head Start, ~~North~~ Idaho Association For The Education Of Young Children (~~NA~~AEYC), Family Childcare Association, ~~e~~Center ~~e~~Childcare, Idaho ~~d~~Department of ~~h~~Health and ~~w~~Welfare, Panhandle ~~h~~Health ~~d~~District, Idaho Stars Child Care Resource Center, city police department, city fire department, and/or one city resident who has been or is currently a consumer of childcare within the city limits or a childcare operator within the city limits, who shall serve without compensation. One member may be a high school student, who attends school within the boundaries of ~~s~~School ~~d~~District 271 and is between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years. The high school student member, if any, shall serve for a period of one year in an advisory capacity only and may not vote.

2.94.060: DUTIES:

It shall be the duty of the commission to:

A. Incorporate Coeur d'Alene city council and staff recommendations as may be necessary to comply with the guidelines, rules, and intent of applicable city and/or state codes;

B. Make suggestions for the health and safety of children;

~~C. Establish recommended criteria for the mayor's award for quality in childcare and accept nominations;~~

D. Take public comments on issues arising from the implementation and enforcement of these various regulations, and forward to the city council when deemed appropriate or necessary;

E. Comply with all city policies, procedures, and regulations; and

F. Hear appeals from decisions to deny or revoke a license. (Ord. 3553, 2016)

Motion by Wenglikowski **to recommend** to City Council amendments to chapter 2.94.020 B. for grammatical errors and remove item C. from section 2.94.060. **second** by Fuller; **Motion carried.**

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – Royale Lockhart shared that there are 12 new programs going through licensing and ICCP in the last two weeks in the region. Ms. Lockhart shared a free training provided by Idahostars on Developmental Monitoring and screening, Challenging behaviors, Pyramid Model Framework, and Hope. The event will be held on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Susie Freligh shared that Kootenai Kids is fully enrolled and staffed.

STUDENT – None.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Stephanie Goss stated that the state is in discussions to change the required health inspection to be completed annually not every two years.

Next Meeting October 23, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion by Wenglikowski to adjourn, seconded by Goss Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.