

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
November 27, 2023
City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Kim Torgerson
Susie Freligh
Beth Ann Fuller
Stephanie Goss
Emmy Hazard (Student Rep.)

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Jolie Wenglikowski and Royale Lockhart

Call to Order - Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – All Commissioners present except for Jolie Wenglikowski and Royale Lockhart

Approval of the Minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting (Action item)

Motion Fuller to approve the **October 23, 2023** meeting minutes **second** by Torgerson; **Motion carried.**

Commission Comments – Iris Siegler Commission Chair shared that in Boise before getting a childcare license the provider needs to take health and sensitivity training which includes the need for outdoor play. Discussion included the loss of the larger childcare facilities and the impact that will have on the families that need childcare. Commissioner Beth Ann Fuller suggested coming up with ideas to help promote quality childcare within the city. Possibly partner with the “Early Learning Collaborative “and the “United Way”. It was suggested to also reach out to community churches or realtors.

Iris asked what the state background check regulations are on volunteers. Commission Stephanie Goss answered that a background check is not required for volunteers who are on-premise for less than 12 hours a month. In the city of Coeur d'Alene, a background check is required for volunteers. The commission asked to add the topic to the January agenda to discuss.

Public Comments – None.

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – None.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Commissioner Suzie Freligh shared that Kootenai Kids is currently hiring.

STUDENT – Student representative Emmy Hazard shared that Coeur d’Alene High School is putting on a spring musical called “Mama Mia” and she currently participates in the Key Club.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Stephanie Goss stated the annual healthcare inspections are currently being performed in Region 1. She mentioned that this year, CPS background checks in the State of Idaho are experiencing delays due to a software upgrade. The Department of Health and Welfare sent out a letter to all current providers who have an expiring background check, granting an extension until January 5th.

Next Meeting January 22, 2023.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.