

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 5**

**Commissioners Present**

Iris Siegler, Chair  
Samantha Tuskan  
Kim Torgerson  
Andy Bjurstrom  
Chris Bjurstrom  
Susie Freligh  
Jolie Wenglikowski  
Kathleen Shriner

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

Jaiden Estep

**Call to Order -**

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

**Roll Call – All present with the exception of Jaiden Estep student representative.**

**Approval of the Minutes from January 14, 2019 meeting (action item)**

**Motion by Tuskan second by Torgerson to approve the minutes from the January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting;  
Motion carried.**

**Commission Comments – None.**

**Public Comments – None.**

**Continued discussion on modifications to section 5.68.100 of the code that were tabled at the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:** The commission at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting suggested changes to the code language regarding the appeal procedures for minors residing in a childcare facility, involving marijuana possession and/or possession. The following is the proposed changes:

*(a) Criteria that may be considered on appeals involving use or possession of marijuana and/or paraphernalia by a minor residing in a childcare facility include, but are not limited to, the following:*

*Personal use or use with other persons, amount in weight of marijuana, amount in items of paraphernalia, if marijuana and paraphernalia is possessed, location of use or discovered such as at home, in car, on person, at school, away from day care facility, near day care facility, prior incidents not officially charged, prior documented incidents of frequenting, prior incidents involving alcohol, childcare facility operator ability to ensure safety of day care children, how items discovered and reported, what reasonable protections can be enacted to assure safety of the children.*

**Motion by Wenglikowski second by Freligh to approve the changes proposed Motion carried.**

**State Code Standards** –Sam Tuskan stated that the commission at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented (3) different options on how the city could comply with the new federal code requirements regarding background checks. In researching other cities the smaller cities will be defaulting to the state background check only with the exception of Boise which will do a city and state background check.

**Options to meet the requirements:**

- A. Do city background check and the state background checks on initial application at a fee of \$65.00 (state fee). If you lived outside of the state in the last 5 years background checks would be require for each state you resided at a cost from \$65.00 up to \$95.00 for each state. The city fee is \$41.50 background check, fingerprints \$10.00, license \$10.00.
- B. Do city background check and state background check on initial application and the city background check every year keeping with our current code and the state background check every 5 years thereafter.
- C. Do state background only to default to states disqualifying every 5 years and change the city code to no longer doing our own background checks.

Discussion included:

The commission decided the best option would be to do the city and state background check on initial application, the repository check every year until the 5<sup>th</sup> year then a city and state background check would be required again. The city would be notified by Marilyn Peoples at the Department of Health and Welfare when the 5 year background checks would need to be completed.

**Motion by Wenglikowski second by Bjurstrom to approve** option B requiring a city and state background check on initial application and years 2,3,4 the city will do a repository check only. On year 5 a state and city background check will be required again. **Motion carried.**

The regularly scheduled March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed to March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Representative Reports**

**NIAEYC** – Sam Tuskan shared that the Harding Center will offer free training Thursdays from 6-7pm every month.

**NAFCC** – None.

**CENTER** – None.

**STUDENT** – None.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – Kelsey has been sending out the health inspection check list to childcare facilities prior to inspections and positive feedback has been received that this is very helpful in meeting the requirements.

The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2019.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Wenglikowski to adjourn, seconded by Tuskan Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**