

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2018  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 5**

**Commissioners Present**

Iris Siegler, Chair  
Andy Bjurstrom  
Chris Bjurstrom  
Hannah Brown  
Susie Freligh  
Samantha Tuskan

**Staff Present**

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

**Commissioner Absent**

Kim Torgerson  
Jolie Wenglikowski  
Kathleen Shriner

**Call to order**

Chairman Siegler called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes from February 26, 2018 meeting**

**Motion by Bjurstrom second by Freligh to approve minutes Motion carried.**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Home Occupation/Childcare Facilities**

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk reached out to home occupation childcare facilities by e-mail last month to inquire if there is a need to change the home occupation portion of the zoning code to allow childcare home occupations to have employees. The current code states that this is allowed only by special use permit approval. Which some homecare owners were under the impression that they could not have a special use permit to allow them to have an employee after review with the Planning Department they are allowed to apply for a special use permit for this need. Two of the 13 childcare home occupation facilities commented stated that they would be in support of having an employee to help if the home provider was sick or had an appointment this would prevent closing leaving parents to scramble to find childcare. Also, the health department offers programs that require 2 people which home occupations cannot participate in. The commission would like the Planning Department to comment on the special use permit process.

**Workshop Discussion**

Sam Tuskan confirmed that Barbi Harrison will be presenting at the May 7<sup>th</sup> workshop and she is working on the flyers and certificates. The projected attendance will be approximately 100. We will discuss further at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting.

### **Representative Reports**

**NIAEYC** –Sam Tuskan stating she has free one hour trainings coming up in April. The safe sleep legislation was passed by the state and they modeled the interpretation of the City of Coeur d Alene’s code on safe sleep.

**NAFCC**– Kim Torgerson is in contact with Lisa Pukula on a workshop in the first week in April not sure where yet she is from “Wired to Learn” is doing a workshop on the early signs of dyslexia in early April.

**CENTER** – Susie Freligh announced that Glory Be Learning Center is looking for a new location their last day at the First Presbyterian Church is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT** – Hannah Brown stated that CDA High School is in the middle of a re-model and is projected to be completed by June for graduation. The senior prom and father /daughter dance are currently being planned.

**PANHANDLE HEALTH** – Sam Tuskan announced that the Mayor will be doing a proclamation for Child Abuse Proclamation at McEuen Park on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 11:00am she asked that everyone that can join wear blue that day to support strength in families.

### **Meeting Date**

Next meeting will be held on April 23rd at 6:30 pm, in Room 5 (Level 2 of City Hall).

### **Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**