

**CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2018
CDA LIBRARY JAMESON ROOM**

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Andy Bjurstrom
Chris Bjurstrom
Hannah Brown
Susie Freligh
Kim Torgerson
Jolie Wenglikowski
Samantha Tuskan
Jolie Wenglikowski

Staff Present

Renata McLeod, City Clerk
Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Kathleen Shriner
Barbi Harrison

Call to order

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

Approval to amend the Minutes from November 27, 2017 meeting to list Samantha Tuskan, Jolie Wenglikowski and Barbi Harrison as absent and correct the motion to approve the minutes to read as follows:

Motion by Torgerson second by Freligh to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 23, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Torgerson second by Tuskan to approve amended changes to the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 27th. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments

Char Beach visited the meeting to share that she just started working for the Coeur d' Alene library for outreach services and wanted to find out if there will be a childcare workshop this year? The library is working on having a free workshop on April 21st from 10:00am to 1:00pm and is called "Idaho Childcare Reads" participates are eligible for Idaho Stars credit. The flyer is not completed yet she will share when it becomes available.

Spring Workshop Discussion

Kelley Setters, Deputy Clerk provided dates available in April and May for the spring workshop and the commission decided on May 7th from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm in the Community Room located in the library. Discussions lead to possible presenters for the workshop which might include Barbi Harrison. The topics discussed were challenging behaviors for school aged and special needs children, and behavior interventions. "Yikes" was another option for a 2 hour workshop.

Municipal Code

Renata McLeod, City Clerk shared that after review of the current childcare commission code there are a few things that we need to address. The code section related to members notes that one member can be a citizen that has used or currently uses childcare services be on the commission which isn't currently represented on the commission. She asked the commission to reach out and see if they could recruit a representative that is a city resident. It was clarified that the Bjurstrom's share one position on the Commission and that Barbie Harrison gave her notice that she has terminated her position on the Commission. She asked when was the last Mayor's Award for childcare and is this something that the commission still wants to do. It was decided that the focus should be the workshop and not the Mayor's Award.

Samantha Tuskan went over the new background check requirements from the federal government which will take effect in July. The city will have to default to state code which requires a background check every 5 years. Childcare providers that have not had a background check in the past 3 years would have to be fingerprinted again to comply with this new requirement. Currently, the city requires one background check. We will need to amend the current city code. Samantha and Kelley will meet to compare the changes that will need to be made.

Discussion included possibly using the Rap Back program which sends the license agency a notification of any qualifying event.

Licensing Process – Individual and Business

Kelley shared that all but one facility licenses has been issued and 40 individual renewal licenses still need to be processed and will have those completed this week.

Representative Reports

NAEYC – There will be Idaho Stars training at the Harding Center on 15th Street and Samantha will e-mail Kelley information to share with the commission.

NAFCC – No report.

STUDENT – Hannah Brown stated CDA High School won the fight for the fish for the 8th time in a row and that it is finals week.

CENTERS –Kim Torgerson suggested meeting with Sara Pukula and see if she could do a 2 hour workshop in the Fall at her location.

Panhandle Health- Background check. RACC training in May not sure about the topic 3-8 hours of training

Meeting Date

Next meeting will be held on February 26, 2018, at 6:30 pm, in Room 5 (Level 2 of City Hall).

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.