

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
October 28, 2019
City of Coeur d' Alene- Library Gozzer Room Rm 132
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Samantha Tuskan
Kim Torgerson
Andy Bjurstrom
Chris Bjurstrom
Jolie Wenglikowski
Susie Freligh
Lola Weinsheim, Student Representative

Staff Present

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Call to Order -

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

Introduction of New Student Representative Lola Weinsheim - Commission Chair, Iris Siegler introduced the newly appointed student representative Lola Weinsheim. She is a freshman at Lake City High School and just moved to the area 3 months ago and is looking forward to serving on the Commission.

Roll Call – All present.

Approval of the Minutes from May 20, 2019 meeting (action item)

Motion by Tuskan **second** by Wenglikowski to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting; Motion carried.

Commission Comments – Iris Siegler, Commission Chair commented about the poor attendance at the last meeting and explained commissioners can only miss 3 meetings.

Public Comments – None.

Discuss Fall Workshop - It was suggested since fall is almost over that we do a spring workshop training in April after spring break. The topic would be on outside play areas providing a power point on different creative ideas and show visually what 75 sq. feet looks like.

Discuss amendments to Title 17.06: VIII. Home Occupation Regulations for childcare facilities – Sam Tuskan explained that the reason for the suggested change was because the state requires that all children have to be within sight and sound of a provider and at ratio at all times. A home based provider would not be able to remain in sight and sound at all times. So, by not allowing a home based provide an option for an employee they would be in violation. It was decided by the commission that this is a good change. The complete ordinance change will be brought back at the next meeting for review and a vote.

Another, suggested change was to possibly allow more of a percentage of home occupation area which currently is 30% of the home. The Commission decided that the current 30% is sufficient.

Representative Reports

NIAEYC – None.

NAFCC – Kim Torgerson is in contact with Lisa Pukula from Wired to Learn on a workshop on dyslexia.

CENTER – Jolie commented it's harder to recruit people into the childcare field.

STUDENT – Lola Weinsheim shared that the Lake City choir is currently doing a fundraiser to raise money to repair the bleacher and purchase new robes.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Sam Tuskan shared that Idaho Stars is providing a free (6) hour training on December 7th at Panhandle Health District in Hayden. It will be an interactive webinar on behavior training.

Next Meeting November 25th

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm