

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
November 25, 2019
City of Coeur d' Alene- Library Gozzer Room 132
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Samantha Tuskan
Kim Torgerson
Jolie Wenglikowski
Susie Freligh

Staff Present

Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Lola Weinsheim, Student Representative
Andy Bjurstrom (resigned)
Chris Bjurstrom (resigned)

Call to Order -

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

Roll Call – All commissioners present with the exception of Lola Weinsheim who was excused.

Seven students from the CDA High School AP Gov class were in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes from October 28, 2019 meeting (action item)

Motion by Freligh **second** by Wenglikowski to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting;
Motion carried.

Commission Comments – Iris Siegler, Chair announced the resignation of both Andy and Chris Bjurstrom from the commission.

Public Comments – None.

United Way Childcare Handbook Discussion – Keri Stark, Community Impact Director from the United Way of North Idaho shared with the commission information on the Early Care and Education Task Force which was formed to address the raising costs, quality of childcare and address the barriers and ways to improve conditions. The group has partnered with Panhandle Health Child Resource Center, CDA and Post Falls Chamber of Commerce, NIC/NIC Head Start, Mountain States Early Head Start, UOI CDA, CDA 2030, CDA Schools and current/retired early care professionals. The Early Care and Education Task Force focused on building public-private partnerships to invest in early care infrastructure, strengthen the child care workforce, and increase the availability of high quality early care to working families. A screening of the “No Small Matters” documentary is planned for the spring of 2020.

Amendments to Title 17.06: VIII. Home Occupation Regulations for childcare facilities (action item) –

At last month's meeting it was discussed the additional language to allow one (1) employee to the zoning code Title 17.06 stating childcare facilities may have one employee. A motion is needed to move it forward to the Planning Commission for approval.

Iris Siegler, Chair stated that with this change the facility should be aware of the Idaho State Labor Laws.

Motion by Tuskan **second** by Wenglikowski to bring the proposed changes forward to the Planning Commission for approval;

Motion carried.

Representative Reports

NIAEYC – Sam Tuskan updated that they are working to bring back the monthly training get together in late winter, early spring. She will provide information as it becomes available.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Jolie Wenglikowski stated the Idaho AEYC conference workshop that was held in October was a great success. NIC is applying for a grant to bring them back for another workshop next fall.

STUDENT – The varsity football team only lost two games all season. The theatre group received 1st place in the State. A blood drive is scheduled for December 5th and 6th.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Sam Tuskan reminded everyone of the upcoming December 7th workshop to be held at the Panhandle District office in Hayden.

Next Meeting January 27, 2020

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm