

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
November 28, 2022
City of Coeur d'Alene - Conference Room 6
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Kim Torgerson
Beth Ann Fuller
Susie Freligh
Stephanie Goss
Jolie Wenglikowski
Anna Bettis (Student Rep.)
Royale Lockhart

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Taleya Jones (Student Rep.)

Call to Order -

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

Iris Siegler introduced the new student rep. Anna Bettis. She is a senior at Coeur d'Alene High School

Roll Call – All Commissioners present with the exception of Taleya Jones (Student Rep.)

Approval of the Minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting (Action item)

Motion by Wenglikowski **to approve** the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes **second** by Fuller;
Motion carried.

Appointment of Royale Lockhart to the Commission

Motion by Fuller **moved to** appoint Royale Lockhart to the Childcare Commission **second by** Torgerson **Motion carried**

Commission Comments – Iris Siegler stated she spoke with Renata McLeod the City Clerk regarding the changes to Municipal Code 5.68.030 (4) the commission has been working on to add requirements for developmentally appropriate outdoor play space. It was determined by the Mayor and staff that it is not the right time to add additional regulations based on the number of facilities that have closed in the past couple of years and could not support the suggested amendments at this time.

Public Comments – None.

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – Royale Lockhart stated there will be a directors’ and owners’ round table meeting this Wednesday, November 30th to discuss the challenges in finding employees and retaining staff. The United Way has partnered with Idaho Stars to help address the challenges. Currently, Idaho Stars has an active play and nutrition cohort which is a group of providers from both regions one and two learning about the importance of indoor and outdoor active play. This education is open to all providers in regions one or two a second meeting will be held in January.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Susie Freligh shared that the RSV virus is going around at Kootenai Kids Childcare.

STUDENT – Anna Bettis, Student Rep. stated finals are after Christmas break.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – Stephanie Goss stated she is finishing up the yearly health inspections for Coeur d’Alene childcare facilities.

Beth Ann Fuller shared that Idaho Stars is offering free in-person Inclusion Children with Disabilities training on December 8th at the Harding Family Center from 6-8 pm in room 107.

Next Meeting January 23, 2023

Adjournment

Motion by Freligh to adjourn, seconded by Torgerson Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.