

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
January 25, 2021
City of Coeur d' Alene- Conference Room 6
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler Chair
Kim Torgerson
Jolie Wenglikowski
Susie Freligh
Beth Ann Fuller
Madeline Heaton (student rep)
Emma Keith (Alt. student rep)

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Samantha Tuskan

Call to Order -

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

Also present was Angela Fox and Lindsey Lopez from Idaho Stars Child Resource Center.

Roll Call – All commissioners present with the exception of Sam Tuskan.

Approval of the Minutes from October 26, 2020 meeting (action item)

Motion by Freligh **second** by Wenglikowski to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting;
Motion carried.

Commission Comments

Iris Siegler introduced the two new student representative Madeline Heaton and Alt. student Representative Emma Keith. Emma is a freshman at Coeur d' Alene High School and was a student council president at her middle school for the 2019-2020 year. She likes to work hard to make her community a better place. Maddie is a senior at The Charter Academy and an HS president and is her last semester of getting her associates degree at North Idaho College. She grew up in Coeur d' Alene and knows a lot about the early childcare system as she attended NIC Children's Center as a child.

Susie Freligh inquired on how the funding of the city's CARES Act and if it was a success. Kelley Setters stated Stephanie Padilla manager of the project did a great job in managing to complete all of the applications on time. There were several childcare facilities that received the grant.

Iris Siegler asked if any of the childcare centers or in-home had to closes due to Covid. No centers closed permanently but some did have to close for deep cleanings. The wind storm impacted more centers with no power and structure damages. The NIC Head Start children are set up in a classroom at the Harding Center and the Children's Center may temporary be re located to the First Presbyterian Church if approved until repairs are completed.

Discussion included that vaccine notification are being distributed by Panhandle Health through social media and their website and Idaho Stars will also do some outreach.

Public Comments – None.

Representative Reports

IAEYC – Beth Ann shared that at this time only on-line webinars and classes are offered no in person classes there are several to choose.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – None.

STUDENT – A blanket drive is being held at Coeur d’ Alene High School the week of January 25 – 29th. Coeur d’ Alene Academy just completed a kettle drive for the salvation army.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – None.

Next Meeting February 22, 2021

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.