

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
May 23, 2022
City of Coeur d' Alene- Conference Room 6
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler, Chair
Kim Torgerson
Beth Ann Fuller
Claire Swanby (Student Rep.)
Susie Freligh

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Claire Pratt (Student Rep.)
Stephanie Goss
Jolie Wenglikowski

Call to Order -

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

Roll Call – All Commissioners present with the exception of Claire Pratt, Stephanie Goss, and Jolie Wenglikowski.

Approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting (Action item)

Motion by Torgerson to **approve** the March 21, 2022 meeting minutes **second** by Fuller;
Motion carried.

Commission Comments – None.

Public Comments – None.

Outdoor Play Area Discussion (Action item)

Kelley Setters provided draft language changes for Municipal Code 5.68.030 to the commission for review based on the direction of the commission at the March 21, 2022 meeting. The proposed changes include adding the word *“useable”* to outdoor spaces and adding a section d. under I. Facility License Requirements to read: *“Children that are being cared for in a facility that operates more than 2 hours shall be given the opportunity to spend time outdoors, in a developmentally appropriate outdoor play space. Outdoor play spaces allow children to participate in functional gross motor, and active play outdoors. In spaces that include various ground scapes, areas to run, climb, and play freely.”* The direction from the commission was also to provide a draft informational brochure hand-out for new childcare facilities on the

importance of useable outdoor play spaces. The commission all agreed the draft brochure provided the correct direction on the outdoor play spaces. It will be handed out to all new facilities applying for a license within the city.

Motion by Freligh **to recommend approval** to City Council of the proposed changes to section 5.68.030: License Types and Requirements with the addition of section d. **second** by Fuller; **All in Favor. Motion carried.**

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – Ms. Fuller shared that Idahostars is offering continuing education classes on June 10th and 11th in Boise and the University of Idaho Childcare Development Conference will be held at Best Western in Coeur d’ Alene on June 18th. Ms. Fuller shared that IAEYC is trying to come up with ideas on how to generate local chapter memberships.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Commissioner Susie Freligh stated that Kootenai Kids has 40 spots open for childcare and are not able to fill the spot because of the lack of childcare providers.

STUDENT – Claire Swanby stated the school year is wrapping up with only 3 weeks remaining.

PANHANDLE HEALTH – None.

Next Meeting September 26, 2022

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.