

CHILDCARE COMMISSION MINUTES
May 24, 2021
City of Coeur d' Alene- Conference Room 6
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Commissioners Present

Iris Siegler Chair
Kim Torgerson
Susie Freligh
Beth Ann Fuller
Angela Fox

Staff Present

Kelley Setters Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner Absent

Madeline Heaton (student rep) (Non-voting)
Emma Keith (Alt. student rep) (Non-voting)
Jolie Wenglikowski

Call to Order -

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

Roll Call – All present

Approval of the Minutes from March 22, 2021 meeting (Action item)

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

Commission Comments – None.

Public Comments – None.

Workshop Planning for Fall 2021 – It was determined to have a workshop in the fall on “Outdoor Playgrounds” discussions will continue at the September 27th Childcare Commission meeting.

Outdoor Play Area Discussion (Action item)

- a) Potential Code Changes – Discussion included the need to add in the code that outdoor play areas have a majority be soft cushioned surfacing and the ability to have active supervision of the children at all times of the qualified outdoor space. The need for time allotted for outdoor play every 2 hours for physical activities/play. Also, discussed the need to change the minimum 75 sq. feet per child for outdoor play to 100 sq. feet per child of useable outdoor play for commercial properties. It was decided to bring back a draft of the ordinance with proposed changes to the September 27, 2021 Childcare Commission meeting for review.

Representative Reports

IDAHOSTARS – None.

NAFCC – None.

CENTER – Susie Freligh stated the shortage of programs and staffing.

STUDENT – None.

Beth Ann Fuller stated that Head Start received American Rescue Plan funding to do things that we need to do such as recovering from Covid and we can utilize some of the funding for outdoor enhancement of outdoor learning and do training on how important it is. Possible partner with others to put on a workshop.

Next Meeting September 27, 2021

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.