

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

Monday, June 25, 2007

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Cultural Heritage Room, Room 525
150 E. San Fernando Street, San José
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

A. Welcome

Mimi Muñoz, Chair

B. Roll Call

Dawn Perry, Manager, Early Care and Education

Members Present

Mimi Muñoz, Chair

Tim Kirby, 1st Vice-Chair

Maureen Smith, 2nd Vice-Chair

Elaine Curran, Member

Sharlyn Maeda, Member

Dagmar Poffenroth, Member

Louise Persson, Member

Corazon Tomalinas, Member

Elizabeth Venkat, Member

Members Absent

Karen Goodman, Member

Bertha Martin, Member

Guests and Staff Present

Dawn Perry

Carol Frost

Ben Yurman-Glaser

Diana Miller

Eric T. Crane

Ruben A. Dominguez

Manager, Early Care and Education Services

Supervising Librarian, San José Public Library

Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office

Aide, Council District 9

Aide, Council District 10

C. *The Synopsis for May 21, 2007 was approved. Commissioner Tomalinos made the motion to approve, Commissioner Kirby seconded.*

2. Orders of the Day

Commission amended agenda to move Greenprint presentation prior to Old Business.

3. Correspondence

Incoming: *None*

Outgoing: *None*

4. Oral Communication

None

5. City Council Liaison & Office of the Mayor Reports

A. City Council Liaison

Judy Chirco, Councilmember

Diana Miller reported that Councilmember Chirco participated in the Family Child Care Training Program graduation. She presented each graduate with a rose as they received their certificates of completion.

B. Office of the Mayor

Ben Yurman-Glaser, Policy

Analyst, Office of the Mayor

Ben thanked Commissioners for their participation over the last six months. He stated he appreciated the work of the Commission.

6. Presentation – Update of Greenprint Program

Suzanne Wolf, PRNS

Ms. Wolf reviewed the goals of the Greenprint program and progress to date. She distributed community surveys to Commissioners to obtain input on resident needs and desires for neighborhood recreation facilities and resources. Commissioners posed questions concerning resources for children including tot lot play yards.

7. Old Business

A. Work Plan Review and Update

Mimi Munoz

Updates were provided for selected goal areas. Several items will be reviewed at the Commission planning retreat in August.

B. Commission Brochure Revisions

Dawn Perry

Commissioners reviewed copies of the current brochure and suggested revisions. Commissioners will send additional suggestions to Dawn and final draft will be reviewed by Commission.

C. Commission Planning Retreat

Tim Kirby

Tim asked for volunteers to assist with the planning of the upcoming Commission planning retreat. He will email Commissioners with dates for planning committee. Commission set a tentative date of August 9, 2007 for the retreat. Dawn will contract the location.

7. New Business

A. Public Policy

Tim Kirby

Commissioner Kirby discussed current legislation and suggested forwarding information to the City Lobbyist to watch. These bills would have an impact on childcare within the City of San José. The bills discussed were AB571 (Jones) which requires 3 and 4 year olds access to State Preschool programs by 2012; AB313 (Benoit) which institutes a quality rating system for all childcare facilities; and AB978 (Benoit) which would increase the number of licensing inspections of childcare facilities. Tim recommended that the Commission continue to review legislation at regular meetings and make recommendations when legislation reflects a significant impact on the City's children or early education field.

B. Election of Officers for 2007-08

Mimi Muñoz

Commissioner Muñoz presented the slate of officers assembled by the nominating committee.

Tim Kirby – Chair

Maureen Smith – 1st Vice-Chair

Louise Persson – 2nd Vice-Chair

There were no nominations from the floor. Commissioner Venkat made a motion to approve the slate. Commissioner Poffenroth seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mimi congratulated the new officers.

C. Commissioner Recognition

Mimi Muñoz

Commissioner Muñoz recognized Commissioner Poffenroth for her service on the ECE Commission as she was ending her term. The Commission thanked Dagmar for her service and commitment to the children and families of San José. The Commission presented her with tokens of appreciation.

8. Liaison Reports

FIRST 5 Santa Clara County

Cora Tomalinos

Commissioner Tomalinos reported that Ron Soto has left First 5 take a position at the CA. Youth Outreach. As First 5 is considering reorganization, the position will not be filled at this time. Cora also reported that First 5 is funding a Fathers' Initiative, childhood diabetes campaign, and restoration of the carousel at Happy Hollow.

E3 Institute, Advancing Excellence in Early Education

Mimi Muñoz

Commissioner Muñoz reported that E3 has closed the application process for this year. The Power of Preschool (POP) program is now considering applications from large family childcare homes. An educational program to assist early educators to obtain a BA degree has also been initiated.

Library Commission

Tim Kirby

No Report.

Inclusion Collaborative

Bertha Martin

No Report.

Partnership for School Readiness – United Way

Dawn Perry

Dawn reported that the Partnership is in the process of forming an implementation plan based on the two years of research completed in Santa Clara County. The implementation plan will include actions directed at parents, kindergarten teachers, early educators, and the community.

9. Staff Reports

A. Early Care and Education

Dawn Perry, Early Care Manager

Dawn reported that the unit has hired an Office Specialist, Rosanne Alonzo, who will be supporting the Commission's work. The unit has also hired an Analyst, Lua Nguyen, who will support the unit with budget preparation and contract tracking. Dawn updated the Commission on the ECE office move to the public area of the MLK Library. She stated the move should take place in August. Dawn reported that the Family Childcare Training Program had 49 graduates. Several of the graduates have also made progress toward their GED as part of the training program. Dawn thanked Councilmember Judy Chirco and Commissioner Tim Kirby for participating in the graduation ceremony. Dawn also thanked Tim for speaking on behalf of the early education programs at the public hearing on the City Budget. Dawn stated that there will be a reduction of \$1 million in RDA monies for childcare centers in the coming year. Dawn reported that the ECE unit has received notification of two grant awards; one to pilot family literacy kits to parents and a second to connect Smart Start families to library resources.

10. Early Care and Education Commission Comments

Commissioner Muñoz suggested that the Commission consider recognizing organizations that support the Commission during the year.

11. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Next Meeting: Tentative – August 9, 2007

Planning Retreat

Location: TBD

Next Commission Meeting: August 27, 2007

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Cultural Heritage Room, Room 525

150 E. San Fernando Street

4:30pm-6:30pm