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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Market Station

Conference Room

500 Market Station

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2017
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Discuss and Recommend Approval: Data Consultant RFP
 - b. Discuss and Recommend Approval: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE SANTA FE EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE; ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO GUIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION; DIRECTING THE GOVERNING BODY TO ESTABLISH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. (Mayor Gonzales and Councilor Ives) (Chris Sanchez)
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COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Joanne Lefrak called the meeting of the Children and Youth Commission to order at 6:10 pm at the Market Station – Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll Call reflects a quorum.

Roll Call - Present

Joanne Lefrak, Chair
Tommy Rodriguez
Allegra Love
Daniel Slavin

Not Present:

Lisa Salazar
Gus Martinez

Others Present

Chris Sanchez, Division Director, Youth and Family Services
Fran Lucero, Stenographer.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Slavin, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2017

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Mr. Slavin moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Love, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. New Business/Action Items:

a. Discuss and Recommend Approval: Data Consultant RFP

Mr. Sanchez provided a synopsis of what the expectations are for Jill Reichman, the Data Consultant to capture when visiting with the agencies. He also informed the CYC members that Ms. Reichman has received the revised scope of service and both, the city and Ms. Reichman are in agreement with the terms. Mr. Sanchez confirmed that Ms. Julie Sanchez, Program Manager is comfortable in managing this contract.

The Chair stated that in discussion with the city administrators that the contract can end before contract term if the results are not in line with the RFP.

Mr. Slavin moved to approve the Data Contract as set forth by the City Manager, second by Mr. Rodriguez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Discuss and Recommend Approval: A Resolution establishing guidelines for the Santa Fe Early Childhood Initiative; establishing guidelines to guide Early Childhood Education; directing the Governing Body to establish an Early Childhood Development Commission. (Mayor Gonzales and Councilor Ives) (Chris Sanchez)**

The criteria established and specific areas of focus are very important. Mr. Sanchez stated that the intent is to create a commission that would be similar to the Children and Youth Committee with the appointment of a Board and a staff liaison that would monitor the agencies. The framework aligns with the Children and Youth Committee.

Mr. Slavin asked why it was being vetted through the Children and Youth Commission. Mr. Sanchez said that the Children and Youth Commission has an early childhood component and wanted to assure that the members were supportive of this proposed Resolution

Ms. Love asked; when it comes to approvals and decisions, will it function like a dueling committee. Mr. Sanchez said that CYC would move away from Early Childhood. Ms. Love wanted to know if the new commission would take funding away from the CYC budget.

The Chair said that she has discussed Ms. Love's position in conversations with the city leadership. The Chair would like to make the recommendation to possibly add 2 additional members that would represent the Early Childhood portion of this resolution in order to function collectively.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that there are subject matter experts in this community who can provide their expertise in early childhood. Mr. Rodriguez asked for confirmation that the funding for the Early Childhood Commission would come from the sugar tax.

Mr. Sanchez recapped the comment from the Children and Youth Commission; to recommend a commissioner that would be an early childhood expert and focus on items related to early childhood from the resolution.

Jeannie Oakes: Helped develop the program in working with the Mayor. The sugary beverage tax will help pay for high quality Pre-K for 3 & 4 year olds. The research in kindergartens and outcomes supports those initiatives sets the standards to the providers in Santa Fe. The goal is to have every 3-4 year old child obtain the best of services in Santa Fe. There are also parent training and other support mechanisms.

Ms. Oakes noted that the Mayor would like to have everything worded in a broad way where it doesn't lock the money in forever for 2-3 year olds in pre-k. Ms. Oakes noted that the Resolution was drafted together with an implementation plan by experienced early childhood experts.

Ms. Love asked if the agencies/organizations will be able to be funded by both the CYC and the Santa Fe Early Childhood Commission.

Mr. Slavin feels that he is being asked to change goals and guidelines of CYC.

Mr. Sanchez feels that the recommendation should be to add two commissioners and they should function separately.

Mr. Slavin moved to approve the resolution establishing guidelines for the Santa Fe Early Childhood Initiative; establishing guidelines to guide early childhood education; directing the Governing Body to establish an Early Childhood Development Commission; create a subcommittee within the CYC or a review needs to be done on what the mission is for the CYC with the creation of this new commission with recommendations, second by Ms. Love, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Slavin asked for information on the timeline. Mr. Sanchez stated that this would need to go out to the voters. Election for the public would be May 2, 2017 and within 30 days it would be set in motion to establish the Commission.

A friendly Amendment was offered by Ms. Love that a commissioner serve on both. Mr. Slavin accepted the friendly amendment.

Mr. Slavin moved to assure that an Amendment allow for a Children and Youth Committee member to serve on the new commission, second by Ms. Love, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Sanchez stated that this commission will be focused on Pre-K. There will be no comingling of funds. Children and Youth Commission will continue to receive 3% of gross receipts and Pre-K funding would be from the sugar tax.

5. Old Business
None

6. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

It was requested that Ms. Julie Sanchez send the CYC member's dates of any future on-sight visits.

Ms. Love expressed her concern for those immigrant children who are living in fear. Her request was for the staff liaison to talk to the City Manager and/or the governing body to request emergency funds during these difficult times. She has shared her concerns and fears for the immigrant citizen children and in conversation with Mr. Chris Sanchez she hopes that they can get together with the city to support the children as the crisis deepens. Ms. Love would like Mr. Sanchez to research funding opportunities for this crisis. There is a good possibility of combing emergency city funds with private funds to research the possibility. The Chair will meet with staff and come up with the proper steps to request this emergency funding or any other ways to assist. Chair will report at next meeting.

7. Report from Staff

- a. El Camino Real will be closing the after school program next month. They have exhausted all of the funding for the after school program. They plan to re-open next year when the funding cycle begins again. We would need to evaluate the reasons why that

they fell short of funding. Mr. Sanchez will have Ms. Julie Sanchez do a site visit to learn more on how they fell below budget before the end of school year.

Mr. Slavin would like to be assured that there is a review of their spending in order not to fall in to this situation in the future. They did receive a lesser amount of funding. Staff will research the funding percentages and how much funding is provided from the city. They will need to reapply in the new funding cycle.

The Director for Youth Shelters has resigned.


8. Matters from the Floor


Ms. Cynthia Coons from the audience said she would like to be more involved with Children and Youth. She also asked for a possible interview with Ms. Allegra Love in hopes she could send the information to her parent company that might be able to provide support.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Children and Youth Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Signature Page


Joanne Lefrak, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer