



**MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT**  
**Thursday, December 12, 2019 1:30 – 3:30 PM**  
**Community Room – Capitola City Hall**  
**420 Capitola Ave. Capitola**

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- Members and guest introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – **ACTION ITEM**

- MAY & SEPTEMBER MINUTES
- MAY & SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS
- MAY & SEPTEMBER STAFF REPORTS
- SUMMARY OF SELF EVALUATION & ANNUAL REPORT

W. Gold motioned to approve the consent agenda items and L. Mendoza second the motion. All members approved the motion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- L. Hindman Holbert, announced the Human Care Alliance and Community Bridges upcoming event Non Profit Wage Equity Forum on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 612 Ocean St. Santa Cruz.
- Y. Brooks, announced a review of the Capitola Mall redevelopment plan was scheduled to take place soon. Y. Brooks advocated for an on-site child care center in the redevelopment plan. Council members were asked to send their input on the plan to her email at Capitola City Council.
- T. Pastor Cross, announced that enrollment for Cabrillo College ECE classes for spring is very low. T. Pastor Cross asked members to share ECE class openings with their networks.

IV. 2020 CENSUS PROCLAMATION – **ACTION ITEM**

- J. Weed Pomerantz, asked members to read the proclamation before they vote to approve the proclamation for the 2020 Census.
- L. Drury, shared the importance of getting the word out to migrant families about the 2020 Census in the coming months.
- L. Drury, asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve 2020 Census Proclamation.



J. Weed Pomerantz, made a motion to approve the 2020 Census Proclamation and L. Mendoza second the motion. All members approved the motion.

- L. Hindman Holbert, reiterated the importance of reaching the underrepresented citizens in our county and that a pregnant mother's child can be included in the count.
- V. Boriack, shared there are child friendly materials such as, counting books for kids, that contain phone numbers a parent can call for more information. These books can be ordered. There are materials geared towards young children and families on the 2020 Census website.

V. GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY STONE, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DIRECTOR CAREER PATHWAYS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT

- A. Stone, Workforce Development Board (WBD) presented an overview of the Career Pathway document and the development process.
- The Career Adult Educational Learning (CAEL), the development and design team of the documents and report, has a reputation for building career pathways in other occupations, but not in the early care and education field.
- The Career Ladder highlights the educational requirements and potential wages earned at various levels in the early care and education profession.
- A. Stone, shared the Workforce Development Board has scholarships available for WDB clients now looking at the career pathways.
- WBD provides up to \$10,000 for low income eligible clients.
- They currently have \$300,000 out in the community.
- WBD has staff at Cabrillo College to support students/clients to provide wraparound services for students.
- PEL grant recipients can participate and WDB will pay for gap in funding.
- WBD collaborates with COE to place interns and work experience students.

VI. ANALYST, COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND MICKI COCA BUSS, SENIOR ANALYST, COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT – CHILD CARE DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM

- G. McNeil, presented an overview about the Child Care Developer Fee Program that began in 1991. It's the only one of a few programs like this in the state.
- The Human Services Department administers the program.
- Since 1991 2.4 million dollars have been awarded for early care programs for facility improvements.
- This year the Human Services Department distributed \$170,000.00.



- HSD received a \$457,000 in total request for funding from the community.
- The subcommittee workgroup included: V. Boriack, S. Moon and D. Munoz
- Members recommended how to improve the Child Care Developer Fee Program marketing, distribution, application ratings, community orientations and eligibility requirements.
- M. Watkins, the City of Santa Cruz advocated for a Child Care Developer Fee Program, the first reading was approved. The City will develop a hybrid partnership with between city and county.
- Y. Brooks, the City of Capitola approved a dedicated children's fund. The funds may be used to offset the salaries of the child care providers.
- Childhood Advisory Council members recognized G. McNeil for his dedication to the Child Care Developer Fee Program and wished him well on his pending retirement.

#### VII. CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL MASTER PLAN REVIEW

- Members agreed to edit and send documents to D. Munoz. Documents will be reviewed at February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- L. Drury reported that the State will issue Facility Grants RFA soon.
- Shovel ready projects will have priority for facilities grants.
- Lead Testing Committee – created a five page report and recommended that any facility built before 2010 will be tested every 5 years for lead.

#### IX. CAC MEETING SCHEDULE DISCUSSION

- February the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month – 1:30 – 4:00 pm.

#### X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- J. Pomerantz Weed - Positive Discipline Community Resources upcoming training announcement – flyers were distributed.
- Y. Brooks – City of Capitola has a new waiver for family child care permit fees.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

***Our Mission*** is to present a unified voice for an early care and education system that meets the needs of all children and families in Santa Cruz County

***Our Vision*** is that every child in Santa Cruz County has access to quality affordable early care education and after-school programs