

Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2008



Public Service Committee

3:00 p.m.
at the Carnegie Town Hall
235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Vernon Brown, De Knudson, Kermit Staggers, and Bob Jamison

Staff Present: Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen

Guests: Health Department: Judy Buseman, Director; Jill M. Franken, Assistant Public Health Director, LuAnn Ford, Public Health Manager. HELP! Line Center: Carol Muller, Executive Director. Jonathan Ellis, Reporter for the Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

1. Call To Order

- Committee Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Review and approval of Minutes dated 04/21/08

- A motion was made by Council Member Jamison and seconded by Council Member Knudson to approve said minutes. A voice vote was taken, all members present voted yes.

3. Child Care Regulations

A. Carol Muller, Executive Director of the 211HelpLine and Judy Buseman, Director of Health for the City of Sioux Falls.

- The following two documents were distributed at the meeting. The first one the proposed childcare ordinances and the second one is a document referencing entitled "Maximum Number of Children Allowed". Please reference them when reading the additional comments.



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- Discussion was held regarding the definitions of a provider, a registered helper and a substitute. Additional discussion was held on sections 19-128.1, Number of children allowed; Section 19-128.3, Reporting of incidents or changes in circumstances; Section 19-128.4, Master List; Section 19-129, Room heaters; and Section 19-130, Dangerous materials and objects. The following points were made:
 - Would it be more beneficial to require that all child care providers be licensed with the state?
 - What are the legal impacts and authority limits when the City/State are involved with licensing child care providers?
 - How is staffing affected when there is an ordinance change regarding an increase in un-announced inspections?
 - Can incentives be provided to more business to provide daycare in their places of employment?
 - Nationally, South Dakota is very high on the number of children that are allowed to be in one daycare.
 - Can the City add a link to their website that would give citizens access to the 211 HelpLine suggestions for finding childcare, etc.?
 - Can there be a website set up for citizens to view existing childcare facilities, etc.?

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- Buseman would like to do more research regarding the ratio of supervisor to infant to toddler. This item will be added to the Agenda for the meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008.

4. Election Forms Review

- This topic will be added to the Agenda for the meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008.

5. Open discussion: There was none.

6. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Council Member Knudson and seconded by Council Member Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m. A voice vote was taken, all members present voted yes.

Tamara M. Jorgensen
Assistant City Clerk