



Minutes|

Monday, January 10, 2022

**Call to Order, Sign-In : By Erika Simmons 1:07 pm**

**Present:** Erika Simmons, Donna Custodio, Donna Jackson, Shannon Puente, Joni Drake Guest: Nina Machado, Misty Pegueros, Karen Warburton, Kate Mann

### **Public Matters not on the agenda**

Discussion items only, no action taken. Any person may address the Council at this time upon any subject matter with the Council's jurisdiction. Any matter that requires action may be referred to the staff/Council for possible action at a subsequent meeting. There is a 5-minute limit for each matter.

**Approval of Minutes:** Misty Pegueros moved and Donna Jackson seconded that the minutes from December 8, 2021 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda:** Donna Jackson and Misty Pegueros moved to approve today's agenda January 10, 2022 as presented.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Council toured the Resource Connection's new office: The Resource Connection has a great office they moved into. Their new address is 8085 State Rte 26 Suite G, Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245. They have a very nice play area for the kids while parents are getting assistance enrolling online for subsidy care. They have a nice library you can check books out for children, teachers, and parents. They have a variety of toys and learning games for teachers, family child care centers and parents to check out.

**P-3 Alignment:** Donna discussed that she had her meeting today with Sean Snider and Tori Gibson regarding the P-3 Alignment plan. Sean and Tori discussed with Donna to make a wish plan and will have six months to write the plan. Donna discussed that she will reach out to all the Child Care Council members to help her plan for certain topics and get their input and ideas. We discussed how to reach out to parents and find out what their needs are, possibly by doing surveys through Survey Monkey and Chambers of Commerce. Discussed campaigning to recruit staff by doing advertisements through the radio, social media, play groups, and "Just One More."

**Updates from the field:** Misty Pegueros with The Resource Connection updated us that they have money to enroll families, but are still having a hard time finding child care centers for these families. The hard part is finding child care centers that can stay open after 6pm. The Resource Connection is campaigning through radio ads, in magazines and have been receiving two or more calls due to these ads. They also have a CPR training class coming up.

Donna Jackson updated us that she got ahold of the master gardener for the gardening boxes from Plymouth Elementary. She did the penguin dance with the kids and they ice skated on paper plates in the classrooms. They all had a blast.

Shannon Puente updated us that she has been coaching providers for about two months now and doing play groups. And she is also involved in a dual language development class that has been going really well.

Erika Simmons with First 5 Amador updated us that she was on vacation for two weeks. She is working on their January newsletter.

Joni Drake updated us on her new office hours due to Covid-19. Their office is open to the public only 3 days a week, but their staff is working 5 days a week remotely. She also received donations from The Rancheria.

Donna Custodio updated us that she is having an art class for her preschool teachers to join and she has 5 spots open that she can fill.

Quality for Kids: Erika Simmons discussed that they are still doing the reading program since March and have had a lot of family child care providers participating and it has been great. They are still having play groups every week in person in Jackson and still doing the curbside packet pickups for parents and child care providers.

**Adjournment:** Erika Simmons and Donna Jackson moved and Misty Pegueros seconded to approve today's adjournment at 2:39 pm.