



TITLE 49 COMMITTEE

PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

MAY 6, 2015 MEETING, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, LARGE MEETING ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Nicole Grewe, Chair

Paul Voelckers

Michael Levine

Bill Peters

Committee Members Absent

Gordon Jackson, Alternate

Staff Members Present

Beth McKibben, Planning Manager

Allison Eddins, Planner

Public/Guests

Nikki Love, Association for the Education of Young Children

Judie Klemmetson, Health and Social Services Childcare Licensing

Israa Kako-Gehring, Gehring Nursery School

Reading of Agenda

- Motion by Voelckers to approve the agenda for May 6, 2015 meeting was seconded by Levine.
- The motion passed and the May 6th Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

- Laura Boyce was not present at the April 10, 2015 meeting and should be removed from the April 10th minutes.
- Motion by Voelckers to approve the minutes with amendments was seconded by Levine.
- The motion passed and the April 10, 2015 minutes were approved.

Non-Agenda Item

- The Committee agreed that the decision to allow public comment at meetings should be left up to the discretion of the Chair.
- The Chair decided not to open the May 6th meeting to public comment.

Agenda Item – Childcare Facilities

Childcare Centers:

- Committee agreed to restrict childcare centers from having direct access to major arterial roads.
 - CDD staff has concerns about relying on ADT numbers. State data on average daily traffic counts is usually 12 to 18 months behind and there is no data for City streets.
- In order to avoid redundancy, the Committee does not want to require outdoor space.
 - The State already requires 75 square feet of outdoor space per child.
 - The Committee does want to require that the outdoor space be fenced.
- No further vegetative requirements will be placed on childcare facilities beyond what is required in CBJ 49.50.300
- No further buffering requirements will be placed on childcare facilities beyond what is required in Title 49.
- The Committee agreed to require one parking space per employee and one space for every 10 children served.
- The Committee does not want to include language that requires childcare facilities to be licensed by the State.
- Childcare facilities would be required to submit a snow storage and removal plan.
- The Committee had no changes to Staff's recommended standards for Conditional Use Permits.

In-Home Childcare:

- Strike the following language from the definition:
 - "At no time shall there be present a total of more than 12 resident and nonresident children under the age of 12".
 - The State monitors this, so including the language would be redundant.
- The Committee agreed that any required outdoor space be fenced.
 - The State only requires outdoor space for in-home facilities caring for 9 to 12 children.
- No further vegetative requirements will be placed on in-home childcare facilities beyond what is required in CBJ 49.50.300.
- In-home childcare facilities will not be required to submit a snow removal and storage plan.
- In addition to the parking requirements for residential units, one space per non-resident employee must be provided. Parking plans will be approved by CDD staff.
- The Committee agreed that back out parking should be allowed.

Items for Further Discussion:

- Crafting a Purpose Statement that makes the intent of the new language clear.
- Potential locations for childcare centers – safety, congestion and neighborhood harmony are the key issues.
- Changing the current definition of a church to allow them to operate childcare centers five days a week.
- TPU Issues
 - Assessing the impact of a new in-home childcare facility vs. an established in-home childcare facility increasing capacity.
 - Include *Transitional Housing for Women* and *Salvage yard* to the TPU and include a definition for transitional housing

Committee Member Comments/Questions

- The preferred times for future meetings are during the lunch hour or before Planning Commission meetings.
- Beth will send an email with possible dates for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm