

Mayor's Commission for Children Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10th, 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Bill Foster South Meeting Room

202 S John Q Hammons Parkway

Springfield MO 65806

Commission members present: Jennifer McClure, Susie Henderson, Monica Horton, Bria Coale, Chris Jarratt, Christy Davis, Missy Riley, Linda Saturno. All members were in attendance.

Advisory Council present: Pat Gartland, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Kayce Morton, Amy Chenoweth, John Chastain, Alexis Brown, Mike White, Dr. Beth Andrews, Christian Mechlin, Jennifer Baker

Guests: Diane Bauer, Melanie Stinnett, Representative Crystal Quade, Senator Lincoln Hough

Chairman Susie Henderson called the meeting to order at 8:01. A motion was made by Pat Gartland to accept minutes as written. Bria Coale seconded that motion. Motion passed to accept minutes.

Monica Horton was introduced as a new member of the Mayor's Commission. She replaced Shara Cash after Shara served two terms. A new vacancy happened in November. Trysta Herzog is the new Executive Director of Friends of the Garden. As a City Employee she is unable to remain on the Commission. Brandy Harris has been selected by the Mayor to fulfill that vacancy. Final approval will be with the City Council on January 13th. Bria Coale announced to the group that her family will be moving to Ireland. Her last meeting will be in January. Susie, Jennifer and Brigitte will be making a recommendation to the Mayor for Bria's replacement. Bria was serving as our vice-chairman.

Representative Crystal Quade and Senator Lincoln Hough did an excellent job discussing the 2020 legislative issues facing Missouri. Crystal talked about a issues that she was working on-including State policy on trans youth in sports, Refining Food Stamps requirements, Childcare subsidy for working parents-refinement do that they can work and keep benefit. She is introducing enabling legislation to allow Greene Co to offer a sales tax for early childhood programming. This is the same bill that has been introduced in the last five years.

Discussion about the Medicaid Expansion ballot initiative and what that may look like after it is approved by voters in November. They seem to have the signatures to put it on the ballot. Discussion about capturing the online sales tax for revenue for the state and transportation needs and allocation.

Nest meeting in January will have group picture at 8 am at the chamber with Chris Akin taking the photograph. Meeting adjourned at 9am.

