

## Mayor's Commission for Children Meeting Minutes

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 8:00 am

Members present: Gerry Lee, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Christy Davis, Susan Henderson, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Dr. Laurie Edmondson, Jan Fisk, Dr. Doug McNeal, Kimberly Shinn-Brown, Alexis Brown, Shara Cash, Bria Coale, Dr. Kayce Morton, Linda Ramey-Greiwe, Paul Satterwhite, Absent: None Staff: Brigitte Marrs

Gerry Lee brought the meeting to order at 8:04 and asked for everyone to look at the minutes. A motion was made by Jennifer Baker and seconded by Elizabeth Andrews. Minutes were approved.

Gerry shared with the commission that Legal at the City has interpreted that our current ordinance that created the Mayor's Commission is not in compliance with City Charter-particularly with the residency requirements of its commission. They are asking for a structural change (new ordinance) to go before the Mayor and City Council. Our membership will be set at 9 and all must reside within the City of Springfield. For existing members who do not live in the City, an advisory committee will be formed to continue their participation under their existing term. For the three commission members who were terming off in November, Gerry invited them to look at serving on the advisory board.

Brigitte had reached out to five applicants to join the commission prior to this new interpretation. Those applicants will be asked to join us at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The draft ordinance and two applicants have been put forward in October to round out the commission to nine members. The hope is this will take place before the next Commission meeting since November is when terms are renewed or expired. The three other applicants will be on the Mayor's Commission Advisory Committee.

Brigitte asked for everyone to move to the front of the building for a group commission photo to be put on our new webpage at the City of Springfield. A tour from Christy Davis and staff of Shining stars followed the photo with some factual info presented to all commission members.

We followed the meeting with a stop by of the Head Start facility on Campbell. This was a great facility to see the birth to three population served in our community. Thanks to Kimberly Shinn-Brown for hosting.

Next meeting (November 14) will be at our new location at the Chamber of Commerce with State Senator Bob Dixon and Representative Quade joining us to give us a state perspective on budget and early childhood initiatives. Following the meeting-Alexis Brown will host anyone who would like a brief update of Jordan Valley Clinic-located at 440 E Tampa.

