

Minutes from JWB North County Council meeting Nov. 4, 2021 Ruth Eckerd Hall Murray Theatre Clearwater, FL

Council Members Attendees: Avery Slyker, Carmen Lake, Beth Hovind, Eric Clark, Mark Hopkins, John White

Other Attendees: Joanne Reich, Karen Boggess, Ron Haddad, Pam Yerkes, Lisa Leonarduzzi

Welcome: Avery welcomed everyone and Joanne announced that Kelly Nelson has submitted her resignation from the Council. Pam Yerkes a volunteer with Oldsmar Cares has submitted her application for membership to continue the relationship that Oldsmar Cares has had with the council in Kelly's absence. We hope to have Pam officially be brought on the council in the next few months.

Updates

Karen Boggess provided updates on JWB strategic plan which includes school readiness and school success along with new focus areas: early childhood and JWB organizational capacity.

The Eckerd Connects Community Alternatives organization will no longer manage foster care after the end of 2021. There is an ongoing investigation into their practices. The state will award the contract to a new organization to start 1/1/2022.

Joanne Reich discussed new grant opportunities and the potential for Community Council members to be part of the evaluation process. There will be a training session to learn the expectations for review and scoring. Evaluators will also need to attend a full day public hearing. Any member interested should let Joanne know and JWB will consider giving you a role. Not every who volunteers will be selected. There are two focus areas and time frames:

1. Early Childhood – October 2022 – November 2022
2. School Readiness – February 2023 – late February 2023

Business

- Minutes from June 3, 2021 were amended to spell out Neighborhood Family Centers then approved as amended. Beth Hovind made motion to approve, John White seconded. All approved.
- Minutes from Oct. 7, 2021 Beth Hovind made motion to approve, John White seconded. All approved.
- The proposed Bylaws were approved by all with one abstention by Beth Hovind.
- New officers for the year were presented and no additional nominations were received from the floor. Slate was voted on and approved as follows:
 - Eric Clark, Chair
 - Beth Hovind, Vice Chair
 - Mark Hopkins, Secretary
 - Michael Arendall, Community Recognition Representative

Community Information and Updates

- Ron Haddad joined us to discuss the ongoing collaboration happening through the Greater Tarpon Springs Community Council. Their Facebook page is a good place to see projects and opportunities to help.
- North County Sherriff's department has capacity to help families who need assistance.

- Carmen Lake told us there will be a Block Party with food and clothing made available. This will be Saturday Nov. 6th at Mt. Moriah Church from 11am to 1pm
- The Great American Teach In is Nov. 17 and will be mostly in person this year.

Adjourn

Eric Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

submitted by Mark Hopkins, Secretary