

APPROVED MINUTES

First 5 Commission of Yuba County
Special Meeting, Thursday May 28, 2020
Virtual

OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER: *Commissioner Arnold called the meeting to order at 3:32pm*

- > *Commissioners Present – Jim Arnold, Gary Bradford, Tony Gordon, Sally Sokoloski, Melinda Staples, Francisco Reveles*
- > *Excused – Homer Rice*
- > *Staff Present: Ericka Summers, Robin Timoszyk, Nikki Williams*
- > *Pledge of Allegiance: The group passed as the meeting was held virtually and no flag was present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Summers read an email from a local parent who is also a teacher. Parent writes to express her concern about social distancing protocols and how this impacts developmental milestones and social development.

Katie Keith- parent of 3 children currently enrolled in Marysville Joint Unified School District. Keith echoed concerns expressed by the parent above.

Kathy Woods, MJUSD, discussed the complexity of balancing safety, licensing requirements, regulations, and Public Health guidelines as they look forward to the new school year. Woods referenced a survey that was sent out to parents about the various learning models that are being considered.

Dr. Reveles addressed concerns and expressed the importance of seeing this opportunity for districts to join with parents and engaged in discussions about the best learning models. Dr. Reveles expressed a desire to support parents and teachers and stated that they are open to sharing ideas.

Melinda Staples echoed sentiments from parents of older school age children, expressing concerns about the impact on these families.

Dr. Reveles responded, discussing food shortages for lower income families who receive school breakfast and lunches. Dr. Reveles encouraged Keith to contact school administration to gain more information about what individual schools are offering.

Item 1: Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of the February 27 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion by Sokoloski to approve minutes as presented

Second: Bradford

Vote: 6/0

Ayes: Arnold, Reveles, Bradford, Gordon, Sokoloski, and Staples

March 27, 2020 Special Commission Meeting

Motion by Staples

Second: Sokoloski

Vote: 6/0

Ayes: Arnold, Reveles, Bradford, Gordon, Sokoloski, Staples

Item 2: Discussion/Action

Public Hearing: Review of First 5 California Annual Report for FY 2018-2019

Referencing page 52, Summers highlighted mini grants. Summers discussed how these mini-grant funds reached children and families in the community, detailing a few programs that these funds supported. Staples expressed enthusiasm for the report and praised the work that was done for the community in response to COVID-19.

Item 3: Discussion/Action

Public Hearing Annual Review of the County Strategic Plan

No recommendations for changes or questions. Sokoloski expressed pleasure at the alignment of the timelines.

Item 4: Discussion/Action

First Reading Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Budget

Summers reported receiving new information related to details of the budget over the last 48 hours. Summers reviewed the 2020-2021 budget and indicated that the numbers reflected in the budget are up to date.

Summers discussed projections, which are currently higher due to receiving more Prop 56 backfill than anticipated. Summers discussed 3 core pieces to the budget, including Prop 10 funds, projections, and some strategic partner cost savings, which may be rolled over to next year. The Commission discussed the importance of sustaining programs during this time, while being somewhat conservative with the budget for the next several years. Summers recommended contracting administrative professionals to help with the next strategic plan. The Commission supported this.

Summers discussed budget items, which included increased rent, Imagination Library funds increase as enrollment in the first year exceeded expectations. Summers also touched upon

additional funding information, which includes the CDPH Grant, Child Care Planning Council-funding has been reduced, and a Home Visiting Grant. Summers indicated that with incoming funds, she would need to hire additional staff.

The Commission encouraged Summers to put a budget together that she feels comfortable with, while being conservative, and present that budget to the Commission in June. The Commission reiterated that they have historically been conservative with the budget and are now in a good position to continue funding programs.

Item 5: Discussion/Action
Contract Extension Playzeum and OPUD

Amend to extend contracts for 1 year.

Summers discussed strategic partner OPUD, which may not be opening this summer, resulting in cost savings. There was some discussion related to ways OPUD may provide programs amid COVID-19, however no final decision has been made about what this may look like or if OPUD will open programs to the public. OPUD contract may be less depending on when they reopen. OPUD will have a decision by the end of June.

Motion by commissioner Sokoloski to approve extending OPUD Strategic Partner agreement
Second: Commissioner Bradford

Vote: 6/0

Ayes: Arnold, Gordon, Bradford, Reveles, Sokoloski, and Staples

Summers briefly discussed Playzeum's plan for continuing programs and to begin reopening.

Motion by commissioner Bradford to approve extending Playzeum's Strategic Partner agreement

Second: Commissioner Staples

Vote: 6/0

Ayes: Arnold, Gordon, Bradford, Reveles, Sokoloski, and Staples

The Commission indicated that they want to support strategic partners and applauded the work that has been done amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Item 6: Discussion/Action

Funded Partner Update- Impact of COVID-19

Summers outlined how programs have been impacted by COVID-19. Several programs moved to virtual formats while others suspended programming due to the need for in person format.

- Childcare Planning Council- Virtual programming
- Family Soup- Virtual programming
- Tooth Mobile- Suspended programming
- Playzeum- Virtual developmental playgroups and activity kits for families
- Child Behavior Specialists- Virtual classes
- HMG/Public Health- ASQ online
- Mini Grants
 - Rise Up- suspended programming
 - Tri-county Breastfeeding Alliance- Virtual Conference
 - Responsive Grants for childcare providers and virtual programming for the community

Staples commended partners for their creativity in getting programming out to the community during this time of need.

Item 7: Discussion

Monthly Activity Report

Summers discussed First 5 California providing resources for families and communities. First 5 Yuba received shipment of supplies, including diapers, wipes, sanitizers, thermometers, masks, etc. for distribution.

Summers reviewed the new bill related to a favors ban on tobacco products and how this may impact revenues.

First 5 continues with Census outreach in the community.

Summers discussed a grant, which was awarded to the Family Resource Center for \$22,000 to purchase needed supplies for families.

Summers updated the Commission on the resource bags for families that will be distributed in mid-June.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:49PM