

- i. They have small tables, and other sizes. Plans to make living room dedicated to daycare. Commissioner Elliot asked for sizes and dimensions of home. That information was not prepared.
 - 2) How do they nap?
 - i. Children have individual beds and cribs that cannot be shared. Both daughter and husband are trained, for facility. Infants are only ones sleeping at facility. Even as a small day care, Applicant always has assistance. Each facility is only granted one designated license for one person, the rest are permits to be assistance. 14 children, does not mean 14 children at all times, they can come and go. Applicant's customers are mothers who are studying, and children of Applicant's family members.
 - c. Commissioner Tillotson: Asked the following questions:
 - 1) Who else lives in the home?
 - i. Applicant has four children, all older than 12 years old. They would not be present at all times.
 - ii. She cares for children whose parents work, hence long hours, but they have same designated person who drops off and picks up.
 - 2) How often the program checks?
 - i. Weekly 1-2 times.
 - ii. Applicant is part of programs from KCAO of Hanford, and Immigrante from Bakersfield.
 - d. Commissioner Solorio: Asked the following questions:
 - 1) What are the age ranges of the children?
 - i. Less than 2 years old, those children cannot go outside. Older children do homework and leave. Expects to have more school-grade children, hence having space outside. But outdoor space is not required.
 - e. Commissioner Hernandez: Asked the following question:
 - 1) How many children in total?
 - i. Only up to 10, but needs expanded license to increase capacity in number of children who can come and go.
 - f. Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.
- iii. Discussion/Action
 - a. Commissioner Elliott is not comfortable with application. Questions if house is large enough. Concerns regarding eating, sleeping, and bathroom and facilities.
 - b. Commissioner Solorio explained how Applicant clarified she can only have one designated bathroom. Commissioner Elliott not convinced by that. Applicant explained that regardless of bathroom size, an assistant has to accompany a child every time one goes to the restroom. Designating more restrooms would mean children could be left unattended.
 - c. Applicant explained that home daycares follow the same model as Head Start.
 - 1) Children are encouraged to go at one time to restroom, in order. To prevent accidents. That's why the schedule is important.
 - d. Commissioner Pablo, asked what happens when the children are sick?
 - 1) Applicant responded: That's why there is an assistant. And most children use diapers.
 - e. ACTION:
 - 1) Commissioner Solorio supports leaving application as is.
 - f. Motion to adopt the resolution CUP 2018-1

- 1) Commissioner Solorio, motioned to adopt resolution CUP 2018-1, Commissioner Hernandez second the motion.
 - 2) Roll call vote Commissioner Solorio and Hernandez – Yea. Commissioner Elliott and Tillotson - Nay. Motion does not pass.
- g. Continued discussion
- 1) State will still need to review application before granting license.
 - 2) Applicant mentions, that daycares are meant to help care for children when parents are not available. Meant to support children, keep them away from the streets while parents are away. Some families live in larger numbers, in smaller homes.
 - 3) Commissioner Elliott, does not like infants next to older children in small quarters.
 - i. Applicant explained that each parent inspects the facility, and home is open to visitors at all hours. She has one year with small daycare license. Has kept the same children and never had any issues with parents.
 - 4) Commissioner Solorio vouched for small daycares, citing personal use of daycares. Commissioner Solorio believes it is up to parents to decide whether or not to leave children, and that we need more individuals to take care of children of working parents.
 - 5) Staff appreciates Applicant Maria Ledesma going through process to keep everything current and following the rules.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** **7:14 p.m.**

A. None

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** **7:14 p.m.**

A. None

7. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS** **7:14 p.m.**

A. Economic /Community Development Activity Update

1. Director Santillan provided the following updates:
 - a. General Plan adopted by City Council. Next City Council meeting will see the Zoning Code up for a second reading and possible adoption.
 - b. Urban Green bike trail grant being worked on. Applying for 1.7 million dollars to provide better access to the Avenal Sports Complex. Good project for the community. Will have everything a trail would include. Happy to announce a gift from Richard Hewitson of an alignment for the trail.

9. **COMMENTS** **7:16 p.m.**

A. None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fernando Santillan, Secretary