



SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES
COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
September 20, 2023

The Sutter County Children & Families Commission held a regular meeting on the above date at 3:30 p.m. at the Sutter County Administrative Office Conference Room, 1160 Civic Center Blvd., Ste. A, Yuba City, CA 95993.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Eberhardt-Rios called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and requested the roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mat Gulbrandsen, Doreen Osumi, and Sarah Eberhardt-Rios

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mike Ziegenmeyer, Nicole Ritner, Tonya Byers, Marc Boomgaarden, Narinder Dhaliwal, and Dr. Carolyn Patton

STAFF PRESENT: Michele Blake, Executive Director and Julie Price, Executive Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michele Blake, Executive Director, led the Commission & audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment was received.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1) Potter the Otter: A Healthy Adventure, Sutter County Museum Collaboration

Molly Bloom, Director and Curator of the Sutter County Museum, provided a presentation on the collaborative temporary exhibit "Potter the Otter: A Healthy Adventure." During her presentation, Ms. Bloom highlighted the overwhelmingly positive feedback and community response that the exhibit received. Over the course of its 50-day run, the exhibit welcomed more than 3,100 visitors. Ms. Bloom also mentioned that the museum typically hosts around 9,000 visitors annually.

Furthermore, Ms. Bloom shared that the exhibit had a significant impact on the museum's overall engagement metrics. There was a noticeable increase in annual museum memberships, newsletter subscriptions, gift shop sales, contributions to the donation box, and growth in social media followers as a direct outcome of the exhibit. A comprehensive report containing detailed information on these findings was available in the meeting packet.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2) Approval of the minutes for the June 21, 2023 meeting

Minutes have been postponed until the October 2023 meeting to ensure a quorum is present.

DIRECTORS REPORT

In the Community

Ms. Blake presented an extensive slideshow showcasing the community events that the staff has participated in since the previous meeting.

AmeriCorps, Parents as Teachers program update

Ms. Blake noted that interviews have been completed, a candidate has been chosen, extended an offer, and has officially accepted the position. Currently, the candidate is undergoing the background check process with AmeriCorps.

Newcomer Grant update

Ms. Blake mentioned that the Commission has been granted a no-cost extension along with additional funding, allowing work to be extended under the Newcomer program until June 30, 2024.

Life Jacket Loaner program update

Ms. Blake noted the Commission was presented with the chance to purchase child and youth-sized life jackets at a substantially discounted rate thanks to the Sea Tow Foundation. The life jackets have been acquired and are currently in storage, awaiting the program's resumption next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

By:
Julie Price
Executive Secretary