



# Council Business Meeting

April 2, 2024

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Ad hoc Committee on Affordable Childcare & Early Childhood Development	
<b>From</b>	Alissa Kolodzinski	City Recorder
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<b>Item Type</b>	Requested by Council <input type="checkbox"/> Update <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/>	

**SUMMARY**

Approval of Mayor Graham’s recommendation for the appointment of Joanie Keller-Hand to the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Childcare and Early Childhood Development.

**BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

**ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to approve the appointment of Joanie Keller-Hand to the Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Childcare and Early Childhood Development.

**REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Application – Keller-Hand



**From:** [City of Ashland, Oregon](#)  
**To:** [Dorinda Cottle](#); [City Recorder](#)  
**Subject:** Application for Committee or Commission Submitted  
**Date:** Sunday, March 24, 2024 3:23:17 PM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA \*\*\*

Name: **Joanie Keller-Hand**

Committee or Commission interested in: **Ad hoc Committee on Affordable Childcare & Early Childhood Development**

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation : **Retired**

Educational background: **BS: Child/Family Services, minors in Experiential and Outdoor Education (University of New Hampshire) MS: Master in Management (Southern Oregon University)**

Related Experience: **Lead Preschool Teacher: Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, West Chester, PA Lead Preschool Teacher: Southern Oregon University (SOU) Schneider Children's Center, Ashland, OR Interim Director: SOU Schneider Children's Center, Ashland, OR Office Manager: SOU Schneider Children's Center, Ashland, OR Graduate Studies Support Specialist: SOU, Ashland, OR Conferences and trainings on best practices and current trends in Early Childhood Development and Affordable Childcare can offer important insights, yet can sometimes be expensive.**

Interests: **I have worked in the field of Early Childhood Education for nearly 40 years. My career at SOU Schneider Children's Center spanned 26 years. During that time, our Center was shut down twice by the University, due to funding issues (or the lack thereof). The fees associated with running a high quality program are often cost prohibitive for young families. Financial assistance is not always available either. In addition, many preschools and child care facilities pay low wages and offer no benefits, making it an unattractive career path. I am passionate about Early Childhood Education, and disheartened that there has not more recognition of its value and importance. Further, we must find a solution for making quality child care affordable for young families. I would like to contribute to positive change.**

Availability: **I am a very active retiree. I travel a lot and, when home, volunteer for many organizations. I am busy but flexible. I am happy to jump in when I can. Daytime meetings are preferable, but evenings can also work. I could meet Wednesdays, 1-2 pm if that also worked for others.**

Additional Information : **I have lived in Ashland for 34 years. I currently volunteer for: Rogue Liberation Library Ashland YMCA Oregon Shakespeare Festival Britt Festivals In the past, I have also been a volunteer for Mt. Ashland, Ashland Parks and Recreation, and AIFF**

Signature: **Joan E Keller-Hand**

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