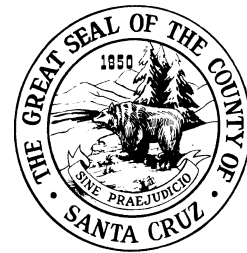




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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Location: Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Becky Taylor, John Daugherty, Lynn Stipes, Ernestina Saldaña, David Molina, Felipa de Leon
Excused: Janet Crosse, Brenda Gutierrez Baeza
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer

1. Call to Order: Meeting was convened at 12:43 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 12, 2018 minutes:
Motion/Second: Daugherty/de Leon. Passed.
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 1
4. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda:
 - a.) Daugherty tabled History and Legislation under reports.
 - b.) Taylor proposed formation of an education subcommittee.
 - c.) Saldaña requested to remove Employment indefinitely from reports, because the Commissioner reporting on this item has resigned.
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
 - a.) Daugherty requested a moment of silence to honor the life and work of Commission Intern, Angelica Victoria, who recently passed away. Staff to secure a copy of her capstone project report from CSUMB to share with the Commission so that the Commission can implement her recommendations.
6. Election of Officers
 - a.) Daugherty nominated for Chair. Motion/Second: Taylor/Molina. Passed unanimously.
 - b.) De Leon nominated for Vice-Chair. Motion/Second: Daugherty/Molina. Passed unanimously.
7. Staff Report: A brief update regarding the status of the Commissions Coordinator recruitment was provided. The Commission's LEO's Haven support letter was submitted to the Board.
8. Commission Reports:
 - a.) Metro/ Measure D: Daugherty reported that Metro is currently recruiting for paratransit operators and a paratransit superintendent and recently hired two customer service representatives and two coordinators. De Leon reported that the customer service window at the Watsonville Transit Center has been closing earlier than stated business hours when there

is only one customer service representative working. Saldaña proposed that the Commission draft a letter requesting Metro to keep the customer service windows open during the hours advertised.

Motion/Second: Saldaña/Daugherty. Passed unanimously.

“Approve Watsonville Transit Letter” will be added to the next meeting agenda. Taylor will compose a draft letter for the Commission’s consideration.

b.) Social Media: No report.

c.) Employment: To be removed from future agendas.

d.) History: Tabled until next meeting.

e.) Legislation: Tabled until next meeting.

f.) IHSS: Tabled until next meeting.

g.) Education: Taylor proposed an education subcommittee. Stipes recommended that the Commission develop a resource directory to post on the Commission’s website and social media, including information on educational resources for parents of students with disabilities. Resource Directory subcommittee to appear under Social Media on future agendas.

9. Subcommittee Updates:

a.) Recreation: No report.

b.) Accessibility Awareness: No report.

c.) KUDOS Awards: No report.

d.) Housing: Saldaña provided an update on the Rent Control and Tenant Protection Act, which would require landlords to provide six months’ notice or equivalent rent to evict persons with disabilities. The petition to add the initiative to the November ballot received 10,791 verified signatures (5,000 were needed).

10. New Business:

a.) Tabling Opportunities: No discussion.

b.) “Approve DeLaveaga Park Accessibility Letter” to be removed from future agendas.

11. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action:

Stipes announced that elections and poll workers have received sensitivity training related to ensuring persons with disabilities can vote independently and privately. Stipes requested that the Commission report any issues they encounter or learn about related to the primary elections taking place on June 5th.

12. Adjournment at 2:01 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm at the Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Submitted: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer