

Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2019 TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Regional Transportation Commission Office

1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

PRESENT: John Daugherty (Co-Chair – 1st District), Nancy Yellin (1st District), Janet Crosse (2nd

District), Becky Taylor (3rd District), Lynn Stipes (5th District), David Molina (Co-Chair –

5th District)

EXCUSED: Stacie Grijalva (2nd District)

ABSENT: Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (4th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

GUESTS: (3) Tory Del Favero (Census Bureau Partnership Specialist), Joseph (Community Action

Board 2020 Census Board Assistant Project Director), Felipa De Leon (Former

Commissioner)

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner, Nancy Yellin.

3. Approve June 13, 2019 Minutes

Motion/Second: Stipes/Crosse

Ayes: Daugherty, Crosse, Taylor, Stipes and Molina

Abstain: Yellin **Motion passed.**

4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

5. Public Comment

Tory del Favero from the US Census Bureau and Joseph Watkins from the *Community Action Board* (*CAB*) 2020 Census Board spoke on the impact census results have on accurate representation and allocation of federal funding. Felipe de Leon spoke on the Cal Fresh program and shared CERT information on earthquake preparedness for people with disabilities.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Approve SCMTD Board Representation Letter

Commission reviewed a letter regarding the recent Board of Supervisors decision to broaden the definition of qualified appointees to the SCMTD Board of Directors. Molina will monitor Board of Supervisors agendas as needed.

Approve SCMTD Board representation letter as written

Motion/Second: Taylor/Yellin

Ayes: Yellin, Crosse, Taylor, Stipes and Molina

Abstain: Daugherty **Motion passed.**

6.2. Approve UCSC October Meeting for Disability Employment Awareness Month Commission discussed options for UCSC event. The speaker originally scheduled will not be available to give the presentation in person. Staff will find out if the presentation can be given

remotely. If not, the event will be canceled until further notice and a regular meeting will be held in October at the RTC offices.

Authorize Staff to proceed with UCSC event pending confirmation of planned presentation and technical capacity.

Motion/Second: Molina/Crosse

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. Commission Tabling Schedule

Topic tabled pending more detailed information.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Metro/Measure D

Daugherty reported that Metro is has hired new fixed route bus operators and one new mechanic, all of whom will receive ADA training.

7.2. History

The intern position description has been shared on County and Commission social media sites, Commission website, with community partners and with the email notification list.

7.3. Legislation

Commission discussed changes to HSD requirements for Long Term Care facilities regarding arbitration agreements. Staff will follow-up with link to revised requirements.

7.4. IHSS – No Report

8. Subcommittee Updates

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

Molina reported that San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) serves 19.6K County residents with developmental disabilities. Drowning represents a statistically higher risk to people with developmental disabilities. Molina and Staff are drafting a proposal for adaptable swim instructor training for Simpkins Swim Center staff and parents of children with disabilities. Funding options include SARC sponsorship, grants or fundraising at the Kudos awards.

- 8.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee No Report
- 8.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee

Stipes reported that Assistant County Clerk, Tricia Webber, has agreed to MC the event. Staff will distribute updated forms from 2018 to Commissioners via email.

- 8.4. Housing Subcommittee No Report
- 8.5. Media Subcommittee

KSQD does not produce podcasts but will air episodes. Commission discussed a first episode on the drowning risk to people with developmental disabilities and adaptable swim training.

8.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee

Staff audited the Commission resource page links.

8.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – No Report

9. Staff Report

9.1. E&D TAC Committee has vacancies.

10. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action

Molina will share information about recent efforts to ban plastic straws locally.

Adjournment at 2:07 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, Commissions Coordinator