



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017  
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz CA 95060  
Present: Becky Taylor, Ernestina Saldana, Felipa de Leon, Michael Bush, Sylvia Luna, John Daugherty, Brenda Gutierrez Baeza  
Absent: None  
Guests: Daniel Dobrilovic, County of Monterey  
Excused: Janet Crosse  
Staff: Aimee Mangan, Coordinator

1. Call to Order: Meeting was convened at 12:40 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of January 12, 2017 minutes.  
Motion/Second: Gutierrez Baeza /Daugherty. Passed unanimously.
4. Addition/ Deletion to Agenda: add Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee on (see Ongoing Business section below).
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
  - a.) Daniel Dobrilovic, member of Monterey County's Commission on Disabilities attending to learn about what other Commissions are doing. Commissions recent Biennial Report will be provided via email.
  - b.) Commissioner Saldana will retire from MAC (Metro Advisory Committee). Commissioner Taylor will get information on how many seats are available on the Commission and pass that along so other Commissioners can apply or pass the opportunity on.
6. Metro Update:
  - a.) Commissioner Daugherty provided an overview of Metro services including Para Cruz and comparisons of what our Metro does compared to other counties.
  - b.) Measure D sales tax will start to be collected this summer which will include maintaining and expanding services to seniors and persons with disabilities.
  - c.) Transportation Commission will receive funds and host public meetings in conjunction with other related entities. Information will be passed on to Commissions Coordinator to distribute.
  - d.) Quarterly Metro schedules/ changes distributed.
  - e.) Metro has hired new bus drivers recently. Commissioner De Leon will be helping with their training.
  - f.) Commissioner Daugherty is a resource for people that are new or newer to using Metro services, assisting people with trip planning.
  - g.) Metro is testing out accordion buses.
  - h.) If someone has difficulties with Metro, encourage them to report to ensure accountability.
  - i.) Commissioners Daugherty, Taylor and De Leon will meet and let the Commission know if there is an area that the Commission can support or make recommendations to the Metro at April meeting.
  - j.) Metro Board of Directors recently turned over, and Oscar Rios is back on it.
7. Crosswalks, roadways – accessibility update  
De Leon reported Freedom Boulevard work incomplete due to heavy rainfall. Commissioners De Leon, Luna and Gutierrez Baeza will attend Watsonville City Council Meeting tomorrow to report out on conditions and support access to bus stops, schools and markets as a priority.

8. Staff Report:  
Biennial Report submitted. Excel sheet of Subcommittee Members distributed. Commissioner Bush signed up as lead for Wound Brochure subcommittee.
9. Commission Vacancies:  
Fifth District vacancies have existed for over a year. Commissions Coordinator will outreach to Supervisor McPherson's Office to invite them to next meeting to work together to gain representation within that District.
10. New Business
  - 10.1 Commissions Meeting List Review, Review Agendas:  
Goal is to see where we have alignment with other Commissions and Agenda items so we can maximize impact and create awareness of our Commission, the issues that people with challenges face, and potential opportunities within our County. Commissions Coordinator will ask Intern to update by next meeting.
  - 10.2 Education: Family Support:  
Intern and CSUMB Student Angelica Victoria provided an overview of her Capstone Project - supporting people with challenges to acquire higher education and improve employment opportunities. Ensuring families are aware of resources that exist within our County and providing information will be embedded in her Project. Commissioners Luna and Saldana are supporting her
  - 10.3 Retreat:  
Commission wants to hold half day Retreat in May. Commissions Coordinator will secure a venue and inquire about Commission funds that are available to provide food and beverages.  
Retreat Subcommittee: Commissioners de Leon, Luna, Taylor and Intern Victoria. Goals include getting to know one another better, discussing potential priority areas and Art Wall installation for February 2018.
  - 10.4 Art Wall (February):  
Will be discussed at Retreat.
11. On-going Business
  - 11.1. Status Reports on Commission projects
    - 11.1.1 IHSS Advisory Body Report:  
Did not meet last month. There is a new Public Authority Manager, Juana Magana.
    - 11.1.2 Disaster Preparedness:  
Commissioner Daugherty will pass some contact information off to Commissions Coordinator. Commissions Coordinator will be in touch with Commissioner Bush with contacts. Commissions Coordinator will prepare a list of organizations, including the Red Cross, which are working on similar efforts.
      - 11.1.2.1 NIXL – implementation, promotion and procedure: Table until March meeting.
      - 11.1.2.2 Wound Brochure – Partner  
Commissioner Bush interested in being lead on this.  
Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee: Discussed other potential venues for next year and having entertainment. Specific details for how to refine and improve event given. New ideas for ways to outreach discussed. Providing presentations to a variety of school populations discussed. Commissioners De Leon, Taylor and Daugherty all have contacts and will follow up.
12. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action:
  - a.) Health insurance changes are an area that the Commission wants to stay informed on. Commissioner Saldana will forward IHSS emails on to Commissions Coordinator to distribute.
  - b.) Commissioner Saldana will be stepping down as Chair in April when there are Elections.
  - c.) Renters Rights Workshop information distributed by Commissioner Saldana.
  - d.) Celebration of the Muse Event handouts distributed by Commissioner Taylor.
  - e.) Commissioner Saldana will have a Letter drafted to Supervisors next month to request that calling in to meetings be acceptable for Commissioners (reasonable accommodations).
13. New Action item assignments and timetables: None
14. Adjournment at 2:00pm

Next Meeting: April 13, 2017 from 12:30 – 2pm at the Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Respectfully Submitted:  
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Commission Coordinator