



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017
Place: Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz CA 95060
Present: Becky Taylor, Ernestina Saldana, Felipa de Leon, Janet Crosse, John Daugherty, Brenda Gutierrez Baeza
Absent: Michael Bush
Guests: Supervisor McPherson, April Warnock (Santa Cruz Metro)
Excused: Sylvia Luna
Staff: Aimee Mangan, Coordinator and Angelica Victoria (Intern)

1. Call to Order:
Meeting was convened at 1:00 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of March 9, 2017 minutes:
Motion/Second: Daugherty / Taylor. Passed unanimously.
4. Addition/ Deletion to Agenda:
None.
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
 - a.) Commissioner Taylor encouraged Commissioners to attend upcoming Santa Cruz County Parks Strategic Planning Meetings and advocate for accessibility.
 - b.) Commissioner de Leon discussed upcoming tabling opportunities in Watsonville. Options to take shifts and/or partner with In Home Support Services (IHSS) discussed.
6. Metro Update:
 - a.) Commissioner Daugherty updated Commission on status of Metro operators and a recent American with Disabilities Act (ADA) training that received support from current and former Commissioners.
 - b.) Commissioner Taylor shared Metro Advisory Committee (MAC) information, including meeting dates, application process and membership information.
 - c.) April Warnock (SC Metro) provided an overview of services offered and an update on Watsonville station, including an Eligibility Office for ParaCruz Services, status of existing and proposed ParaCruz vehicles, application for low emission buses, a new customer service booth and hiring of a new Maintenance Manager. Commissioners offered feedback.
 - d.) Commissioners de Leon and Taylor did not attend last METRO meeting but will attend and update the Commission on future meetings.
7. Crosswalks, roadways – accessibility update
 - a.) Commissioner de Leon reported Freedom Boulevard work completed including lowering of crosswalk buttons to increase accessibility.
 - b.) Commissioners de Leon and Luna will attend Watsonville City Council Meeting next fall to promote accessible crosswalks.
8. Staff Report:
None.
9. Commission Vacancies:
 - a.) Recruiting strategies discussed regarding Fifth District vacancies with Supervisor McPherson.
 - b.) Bylaws reviewed regarding membership and discussion about cost Commissioners incur related to

transportation specifically when transferring buses or utilizing ParaCruz services.
c.) Coordinator will email membership requirements to Supervisor McPherson.

10. New Business: Elections

- a.) Chair for 2017 Commissioner Taylor
Motion/ Second: Daugherty/ Saldana. Passed unanimously.
- Vice Chair for 2017 Commissioner Daugherty
Motion/ Second: Taylor/ Saldana. Passed unanimously.

11. On-going Business

11.1. Status Reports on Commission projects

11.1.1 Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee:

- a.) Commissioner de Leon provided new date for KUDOS Awards Ceremony: Saturday, October 21st from 2-5pm at the Loudon Nelson Center.
- b.) Supervisor Coonerty has been invited to serve as Master of Ceremonies.
- c.) Coordinator will contact Catherine Rammer to determine the Commission's budget.

11.1.2 IHSS Advisory Body Report:

- a.) Commissioner Taylor shared that they are looking for new consumer members and provided meeting details.
- b.) Discussion with Supervisor McPherson regarding potential IHSS budget cuts at state level.
- c.) Commissioner Saldana asked Supervisor McPherson to assign an Analyst to update the Coordinator with the status of IHSS funding.

11.1.3 Disaster Preparedness:

- a.) Coordinator will follow up with Commissioner Bush on relevant materials and partnerships.

11.1.4 NIXL – implementation, promotion and procedure:

- a.) Remove this item from Agenda since no work is being done towards it currently.

11.1.5 Wound Brochure – Partner:

- a.) Coordinator will follow up with Commissioner Bush.

11.1.6 Education: Family Support (Intern Angelica Victoria)

- a.) Intern updated Commission on the focus of her Capstone Project for CSUMB – helping Hispanic families understand and navigate the IEP (Individual Educational Program) process more effectively.
- b.) Intern will outreach to Education Subcommittee members for assistance and Commissioner Crosse offered support.

11.1.7 Retreat:

- a.) Coordinator will email out Retreat information including Bylaws and Robert's Rules.
- b.) Retreat Sub-committee will meet to frame out the Retreat.
- c.) Coordinator will email updated Donation letters to Commissioners to provide to local vendors.

12. Commissions Meeting List Review, Review Agendas

No discussion.

13. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action:

- a.) Art Wall partnership opportunities discussed related to IHSS and Metro.
- b.) Commissioner Taylor will follow up with IHSS and April Warnock will follow up with Metro.

14. New Action item assignments and timetables:

None

15. Adjournment at 2:30pm

Next Meeting: June 8, 2017 from 12:30 – 2pm at the Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Respectfully Submitted:
Aimee Mangan
Commission Coordinator