



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 8, 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: None
Excused: Sylvia Luna
Staff: Aimee Mangan, Coordinator and Angelica Victoria (Intern)

1. Call to Order:
Meeting was convened at 12:42pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of April 13, 2017 minutes:
Motion/Second: Saldana/ Crosse. Passed unanimously.
4. Addition/ Deletion to Agenda:
None.
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
 - a.) Commissioner Taylor shared that she will be attending the 13th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day in Sacramento next week. She will email related information to the Commission.
 - b.) Commissioner Daugherty shared an opinion piece that was published recently in the Santa Cruz Sentinel titled "Professional ADA Victims". Commissioners discussed and considered various approaches that the Commission could adopt to support accessibility laws.
6. Staff Report:
Commission Budget is \$3,626.41.
7. Commission Reports:
 - a.) Metro/ Measure D:
 - i.) Commissioner Daugherty provided update on Metro's current media campaign.
 - ii.) Commissioner Daugherty discussed funding streams, including State Transit Assistance (STA) and Measure D.
 - iii.) Commissioner Saldana intends to write a support letter for electric buses and hopes that more are purchased.
 - iv.) Commissioner de Leon attended the last Metro Advisory Committee meeting, and they are seeking more public comments.
 - b.) Social Media:
 - i.) Commissioner Gutierrez Baeza has created a facebook page for the Commission

and there are 16 followers.

c.) Employment:

No report.

d.) History:

No report.

e.) Legislation:

i.) IHSS Budget Update: A solution has recently emerged that significantly reduces the cost shift for two years and calls for IHSS costs to be reexamined within that time frame.

f.) IHSS:

i.) Commissioner Taylor enlisted an IHSS representative to present at the Commission's August 10th meeting.

g.) Education:

i.) Intern Victoria will be meeting with parents and working with La Manzana Community Resources during the summer.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

a.) Recreation:

i.) Multiple Commissioners attended recent Santa Cruz County Parks Department Strategic Planning meetings. Commissioner de Leon would like to see an inclusive playground in Watsonville.

ii.) Commissioner Gutierrez Baeza will attend a fundraiser at the Sheriff's Office for Leo's Haven soon.

b.) Accessibility Awareness:

i.) Subcommittee meeting today following the Commission meeting.

ii.) KUDOS Nomination forms will be updated with submission deadline of September 13th.

iii.) Intern Victoria will update Donation Letter and send it out to Commissioners.

iv.) Commissioner Taylor will finalize a venue this month.

v.) Master of Ceremony discussion and outreach plan developed.

c.) Housing: No report.

9. Commission Vacancies:

a.) Recruiting strategies discussed regarding Fifth District vacancies, including social media posting and tabling. Commissioner Saldana and Intern Victoria both have time over the summer to table and recruit.

b.) Commissioner Saldana expressed interest in stepping down as a Commissioner if she can find a replacement. Commissioner Daugherty encouraged her to stay due to her knowledge and expertise.

10. New Business: None.

11. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action:

a.) Commissioner Daugherty will monitor media outlets to identify any additional anti-ADA legislation pieces.

b.) Commissioner Daugherty will keep Commission updated on Medicaid funding specifically related to Special Education services, including aides.

c.) Commissioners Daugherty and Taylor will continue to update the Commission on IHSS funding.

12. Adjournment at 1:51pm

Please Note: Different location for our next meeting on August 10, 2017 from 12:30 – 2pm. We will be meeting in the 5th Floor Conference Room at the County of Santa Cruz Government Building located at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Respectfully Submitted:
Aimee Mangan
Commission Coordinator