



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 14, 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, Brenda Gutierrez Baeza
Excused: Janet Crosse
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer

1. Call to Order: Meeting was convened at 12:40 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of May 10, 2018 Minutes:
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Stipes. Passed unanimously.
4. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda:
 - a.) Item 9a on the Agenda "Approve Watsonville Metro Transit Center Letter" was moved to the top of the agenda to ensure a quorum of commissioners.
Authorize staff to make changes to the draft letter based on the Commissioners' feedback.
Motion/Second: Saldaña/Taylor.
Ayes: 6
Abstain: 1 Motion passed.
 - b.) Daugherty tabled History under reports.
 - c.) Taylor tabled Social Media Subcommittee Update.
 - d.) Saldaña requested to table the IHSS report.
 - e.) In the interest of time, "no report" will be announced during the reports section of the meeting when an ongoing report item does not have an update, rather than tabling items at the start of the meeting under agenda review.
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
 - a.) Magaña made an announcement about the Empower Care Act (SB 1376) and encouraged Commissioners to call their local representatives to support this legislation on June 22nd. She also distributed a flier about the "Sound the Alarm" program. Molina and Stipes discussed the availability of sensory alerts in Monterey County for children with disabilities.
6. Staff Report: No report.
7. Commission Reports:
 - a.) Metro/ Measure D: No report.
 - b.) History: Tabled.
 - c.) Legislation: The Commission discussed the "Social Security 2100 Act." High-earners currently pay into Social Security only up to a certain point. The legislation would apply Social

Security taxes to income over \$400,000 (with no apparent inflation adjustment) with trivial benefit accruals.

Draft a letter of support of this legislation to local congresspersons to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Motion/Second: Taylor/ Saldaña. Motion passed unanimously.

d.) IHSS: Tabled.

e.) Education: Removed from future agendas.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

a.) Recreation: Molina reported that the swim program initiative for children with disabilities was temporarily put on hold, but he will continue with this project when time permits.

b.) Accessibility Awareness: de Leon encouraged Commissioners to attend local Farmers Markets and Story Time at local libraries during Accessibility Awareness month in October.

c.) KUDOS Awards: Daugherty reported that the Kudos awards will take place on Saturday, October 20 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Bruce McPherson will act as the master of ceremonies.

Nominations will be opened in August.

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).

e.) Social Media: Tabled.

i. Resource Directory Subcommittee Formation: Stipes and Molina will serve on the subcommittee.

9. New Business:

a.) "Approve Watsonville Metro Transit Center Letter" addressed under Additions/Deletions to the Agenda.

10. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action: None.

11. Adjournment at 2:01 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 9, 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