



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 10, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> District*), Felipa de Leon (*Co-Chair – 2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Janet Crosse (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*5<sup>th</sup> District*), Lynn Stipes (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: None  
STAFF: Britt Harmssen, *EEO Officer*, Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*  
GUESTS: Maria Magaña (*CCIL*), Sylvia Caras

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:34 PM

1. Roll Call
2. Approve November 8, 2018 Minutes  
Motion with amendment to item 8.7/Second: Molina/Crosse  
Motion passed unanimously. Minutes approved as amended.
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
4. Public: Unscheduled Presentations and Announcements to the Commission
  - 4.1. Harmssen reported that the *County EEO Plan* is in the process of internal County review and will be brought before the Commission when that process is complete.
  - 4.2. Magaña reported that COPA is calling for community feedback on access to specialty healthcare in anticipation of coming changes to the local healthcare landscape.
  - 4.3. Caras reported that *Second Story Respite* will continue to be funded by the County for two additional years, although neighbors continue to lodge complaints.
  - 4.4. Caras reported that the new medical facility planned for Soquel/Frontage road does not appear to be accessible via public transportation.
  - 4.5. Caras expressed concern that portable restrooms for the Santa Cruz homeless camp may not be wheelchair-accessible or ADA compliant.
  - 4.6. Taylor reported that Shadowbrook Restaurant will host a fundraiser for Costanoa Family Farms on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
5. Staff Report - None
6. New Business/Action Items
  - 6.1. Review and Approve *2017-2018 Biennial Report*  
Commission reviewed the 2017-2018 Biennial Report and suggested revisions including consideration of a potential internship project to be developed in 2019.  
Motion to approve as amended/Second: Taylor/Molina  
Motion passed unanimously. Report approved as amended.

## 6.2. Joint Retreat Agenda

Commission discussed potential agenda items for the May 2019 Joint Retreat, including: Community Outreach, Housing Issues, Transportation Issues, Emergency Preparedness, Availability of IHSS Providers, and Sidewalk/Path of Travel Safety. Topic will be brought to the next meeting to determine priorities.

## 7. Commission Reports

### 7.1. Metro/Measure D

Daugherty reported that Metro funding has been stabilized and SCMTD is considering improvements to fleet vehicles. Commissioners who are interested in volunteering to assist with ADA Bus Operator Training may contact SCMTD for more information.

### 7.2. History

Daugherty reported that Sarah Schiffrin, activist and 2015 Kudos Awards Honoree, recently passed away at the age of 100. She lived a lifetime of leadership and service to the community, including leading seniors and neighbors with disabilities to successfully lobby for improved, accessible bus service to her neighborhood.

### 7.3. Legislation – No Report

### 7.4. IHSS

The IHSS Commission has a vacancy for a representative from the Commission on Disabilities. Meetings are held on Fridays, from 1:30 to 3:30 at 1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The IHSS Commission recently increased the number of regular meetings from six per year to ten per year.

## 8. Subcommittee Updates

### 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee

Taylor and Gutierrez Baeza will co-chair the Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee.

### 8.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.4. Housing Subcommittee– No Report

### 8.5. Social Media Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – No Report

## 9. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action

De Leon has resigned from the Commission effective 1/11/19. Elections for a new Co-Chair will be held at the next meeting. Commissioners will distribute fliers to notify qualified candidates who may be interested in serving on the Commission.

Adjournment at 1:57 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*