



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, October 14, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: **(571) 317-3129**

United States (Toll Free): (877) 309-2073

Access Code: 767-736-573

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *September 9, 2021 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1. Next Meeting Location (Assembly Bill 361)
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. History Report
 - 7.2. Legislation Report
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates
 - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee
 - 8.1.1. Adaptive Swim Program Update
 - 8.1.2. Shared Adventures Mural Dedication
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 9, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Robert Schindler (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*),
EXCUSED: Lynn Stipes (*5th District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Review

4. Approve August 12, 2021 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion/Second: Schindler/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New/Continuing Business:

6.1. Shared Adventure Mural Dedication at Ramsey Park

Steve Miller with Shared Adventures invited the Commission to attend the October 16th Mural dedication at Ramsey Park. Vice Chair Gutierrez Baeza will be one of the speakers. The mural, funded by a Santa Cruz County Arts Council grant, features athletes with disabilities and will be displayed on a wall facing the proposed all-abilities park site.

Motion to co-sponsor the mural dedication event

Motion/Second: Taylor/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Scotts Valley Palo Alto Medical Foundation Urgent Care Clinic Closure

Leimbach updated the Commission on the status of the PAMF Clinic closure and summarized alternative urgent care options.

6.3. Adaptive Swim Program Community Survey

Commission reviewed survey questions for a community survey designed to inform program priorities and offered feedback.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report: No Report

7.2. Legislation Report:

7.2.1. California Assembly Bill 361

Staff updated the Commission on the status of California Assembly Bill 361 which would allow Commissions to continue to meet remotely during a state of emergency. Should the bill pass, it would go into effect immediately.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Gutierrez Baeza reported on tabling at the County Park Friends community festival at Felt Street Park in Watsonville. This may become an annual event.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that they were unable to locate any suitable outdoor venues for future meetings, but the question may be moot if AB 361 passes. Staff is meeting with County Counsel to determine the best way to formalize fundraising for EEO Commissions. In the interim, the Commission can continue to receive donations as we have done in past years.

10. Emerging Matters:

Fire season and potential rolling blackouts may begin to impact the disabilities community.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES' FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2021, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities held its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 14th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

David Molina

Chair, Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2nd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor - Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **unless held remotely**

***Unless noted otherwise below**

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scccod.net as soon as information becomes available.

2021 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 14, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
February 11, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
March 11, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
April 8, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
May 13, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
June 10, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
August 12, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
September 9, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
October 14, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
Wednesday* November 10, 2021	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined