



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Location: Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Becky Taylor, Janet Crosse, John Daugherty, Lynn Stipes, Ernestina Saldana, David Molina, Felipa de Leon
Excused: Brenda Gutierrez Baeza, Angelica Victoria (Intern)
Absent: Sylvia Luna
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer

1. Call to Order: Meeting was convened at 12:39 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of January 11, 2018 minutes:
Motion/Second: Daugherty/de Leon. Passed unanimously.
4. Additions/ Deletions to Agenda:
Daugherty tabled "History" until March. Staff tabled Intern presentation until March.
5. Public unscheduled presentations and announcements to the Commission:
 - a.) De Leon attended an open-house meeting regarding the sidewalk repair program and proposed planning and improvements to Freedom Boulevard.
 - b.) Stipes reported that Supervisor McPherson hosted a coffee and breakfast with all Commissioners representing the 5th District.
 - c.) Daugherty looks forward to Intern Victoria's Powerpoint presentation and announced that a MST representative responded to his complaint regarding paratransit's failures which resulted in his inability to attend Victoria's Capstone Project Presentation at CSUMB last December. Daugherty intends to file a FTA complaint to inform a wider audience of these issues.
6. Staff Report: A brief update regarding the status of the Commissions Coordinator recruitment was provided.
7. Capstone Project Presentation by Commission Intern: Tabled until March.
8. Commission Reports:
 - a.) Metro/ Measure D: Daugherty shared information about Metro's Fare Restructuring Study, including upcoming outreach meetings in March to be held at various County locations. A flier will be emailed to Staff for distribution to the commissioners and the Commission mailing list. Daugherty attended a meeting last week regarding the Fare Restructuring Study's online survey which solicits consumer feedback with the objective of streamlining payment. There has been some talk with respect to raising the base fare which may impact Metro Paracruz services indirectly.
 - b.) Social Media: No report.

- c.) Employment: No report.
- d.) History: No report.
- e.) Legislation: Daugherty requested that an action item be added to the March Agenda regarding approving letters opposing the ADA Education and Reform Act (HR 620) and proposed legislation that would impact children living with disabilities.
- f.) IHSS (Saldana reported before Legislation)
 - i. Saldana reported information shared at the California IHSS Consumer Alliance bimonthly meeting, including that HR 620 passed through the House. The bill affects persons with disabilities' ability to make accessibility challenges to businesses. Legislative changes that affect Medicare beneficiaries were also shared.
 - ii. Saldana provided an update on the City of Santa Cruz's implementation of the Rent Freeze moratorium and "just cause" eviction protections and local efforts to secure the requisite signatures to add these items to the November ballot and to repeal the Costa Hawkins legislation affecting rent control.
- g.) Education: No report.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a.) Recreation:
 - i. Crosse provided an update regarding a Leo's Haven Inclusive Playground Project/Chanticleer Park meeting and distributed related literature. Crosse reported that a final design should be completed at the end of the month, and the project is currently in its last fundraising stages and will likely break ground early next year. Information was provided about related upcoming events, including the Human Race Santa Cruz on May 13, 2018 and the Adaptive Egg Hunts to be held at Twin Lakes Church on March 31, 2018.
- b.) Accessibility Awareness: No report.
- c.) KUDOS Awards:
 - i. De Leon identified Saturday, October 20, 2018 as the proposed Kudos Awards date and showed the Commission printed totes to be raffled at the event.
 - ii. Daugherty has tentatively reserved the Scotts Valley Main Public Library's Fireside Room for the event and will confirm that the room will be available without cost. Supervisor McPherson will be invited to be the Master of Ceremonies this year.
- d.) Housing: No report.

9. Commission Vacancies:

- a.) One vacancy in District 3.

10. New Business:

- a.) Tabling opportunities: Tabled until March per Daugherty's request.

11. Emerging Matters that may require Commission action:

None.

12. Adjournment at 1:55 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 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