



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2019
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: County Government Building, Fifth Floor Redwood Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair – 1st District*), Nancy Yellin (*1st District*), Janet Crosse (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*), David Molina (*Co-Chair – 5th District*)
EXCUSED: Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), John Lechtenberg (*4th District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Rosemary Anderson (*County Emergency Services Manager*), Stephanie French (*Operations Division Manager*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:35 PM.
2. Approve October 10, 2019 Minutes
Motion/Second: Molina/Crosse
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. County Emergency Preparedness
Anderson outlined the County's emergency response plans. The primary means of communicating with the public is community radio, though no accommodation for residents with hearing impairment was mentioned. DME and tech-reliant residents are encouraged to develop self-reliance/resilience with proactive planning. The County has an extensive outreach plan to support community resilience. Commission discussed resources (generators, batteries, alternate power sources) and their affordability for on residents with disabilities.
5. Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1
French outlined 9-1-1 services in Santa Cruz County. Residents can call or text 9-1-1 to contact emergency services. Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) can flag specific addresses to indicate special circumstances (gate codes, service animals, safety information, etc.). Eighty percent of all calls received are wireless, and Regional 9-1-1 works with CHP to route them accurately.
6. New Business/Action Items
 - 6.1. Paracruz Transportation Hours
Topic pended until Gubash can attend.

- 6.2. Adaptive Swim Program Update
Molina and Staff updated Commission on progress, including tentatively scheduled meeting between Santa Cruz County Parks Department and the Executive Director of the Josephine Kerns Adaptive Aquatics Program to strategize and prioritize implementation plan.
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. Metro/Measure D: No report
 - 7.2. History: No report
 - 7.3. Legislation: No report.
 - 7.4. IHSS: No report.
8. Subcommittee Updates
 - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee: No report.
 - 8.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee: No report.
 - 8.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee
Commission debriefed on the 2019 Kudos Awards ceremony. Takeaways included: making it a biennial event; ensuring plain language in speeches; Commissioners to research and write complete nominations, write presentation speeches, and present the award and speech at the ceremony; PowerPoint slideshows to be made for each recipient, more attention will be paid to media presence, and holding the event at venues in different districts.
 - 8.4. Housing Subcommittee: No report.
 - 8.5. Media Subcommittee: No report.
 - 8.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee: No report.
 - 8.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee: No report.
9. Staff Report: No report.
10. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action: None

Adjournment at 2:00 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*