



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2020  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair – 1<sup>st</sup> District*), Nancy Yellin (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Richard Gubash (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*Co-Chair – 5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Janet Crosse (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Lynn Stipes (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)  
GUESTS: Kathleen Conley (*County Public Health Sr. Analyst*), Lynn Simpson (*Seniors Commissioner*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.

2. Approve November 14, 2019 Minutes

Motion/Second: Yellin/Taylor

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comment

4. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Conley outlined County Public Health emergency preparedness priorities which focus on trauma-informed emergency preparedness for individuals requiring additional assistance (IRAA) with special access and functional needs (behavioral, physical, and financial, etc.) during community emergencies (fire, earthquake, tsunami, epidemic, and planned power outages). The County has consulted with the Disability Law Center to ensure that communications are as accessible as possible to persons with disabilities. A healthcare coalition including representatives from local hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, maternity/surgery centers, and IHSS providers meets monthly to discuss preparedness. Commission will provide a liaison to these meetings. The Commission discussed planned power outages, emergency generators and batteries, cell tower battery back-ups, community resource centers, 2-1-1, and Statewide emergency preparedness drills.

5. New Business

5.1. **Approve 2019 Attendance Report**

Motion/Second: Yellin/Gubash

**Motion passed unanimously**

5.2. Jump Bikes and Path of Travel Hazards

Commission discussed Seniors Commission recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding sidewalk safety and reviewed minutes from the December 12,

2019 Board of Supervisors meeting approving *Jump Bikes* as the shared-mobility services vendor and directing County staff to ensure that the subsequent contract addresses illegal parking on sidewalks with consequences.

**Authorize Staff and Daugherty to draft letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding sidewalk safety and shared-mobility devices**

Motion/Second: Molina/Yellin

**Motion passed unanimously**

6. Subcommittee Updates

6.1. Recreation Subcommittee:

Staff reported that the meeting between County Parks and Kerns Adaptive Swim will be rescheduled in early 2020. LEO's Haven will have a grand opening on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

6.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee: No report.

6.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee: No report.

6.4. Housing Subcommittee: No report.

6.5. Media Subcommittee: No report.

6.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee:

Staff added one resource to the website.

6.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee:

Yellin reported that she is working on a single-page emergency evacuation planning tool for people with disabilities. Subcommittee will meet to draft proposal for consideration by the Commission. Daugherty appointed Lynne Simpson to the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee as liaison to the Seniors Commission.

7. Staff Report

Commission discussed possible events for the July 26, 2020 anniversary of the ADA, including showing a film, or hosting a workshop for community members to work on their emergency evacuation plans using the subcommittee's planning tool.

8. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action: None

Adjournment at 1:55 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*