



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Fifth Floor Redwood Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair – 1st District*), Nancy Yellin (*1st District*), Janet Crosse (*2nd District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: David Molina (*Co-Chair – 5th District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Lynn Simpson (*Seniors Commissioner*) and one member of the public

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

Motion to add consideration of Assembly Bill 2739

Motion/Second: Yellin/Grijalva

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve January 9, 2020 Minutes

Motion/Second: Yellin/Gutierrez Baeza

Ayes: Daugherty, Yellin, Grijalva, Taylor, Gubash, Gutierrez Baeza

Nays: None

Abstain: Stipes, Crosse

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment

A UCSC student reported that the graduate student strike has created barriers which disproportionately impact students with physical and mental disabilities. They requested that the Commission dialogue with students/administrators to discuss solutions.

4. New Business

4.1. 30th Anniversary of the ADA Celebration

Commission discussed potential events, including partnering with Shared Adventures in an outdoor event (booths, resource tables, etc.), or holding an indoor event with a historical slide show, live stream, a summit-style panel with experts (transportation, employment, housing, history, voting, census), and possible guest speakers (Coach Mendez). Daugherty appointed an ad hoc *ADA Celebration Subcommittee* including Daugherty, Taylor, Gubash, Grijalva and Staff.

4.2. Assembly Bill 2739

Commission reviewed a summary of Assembly Bill 2739 (AB-2739), a bill to increase California's long-term care monthly personal needs allowance for Medi-Cal recipients for the first time in 30 years.

Motion to authorize letters to Assemblymember Shirley Weber and the Board of Supervisors in support of AB-2739.

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Yellin

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Commission Reports

5.1. Metro/Measure D

Daugherty reported on measures that Metro is considering to address the social distancing and disinfection recommendations in response to COVID-19. The Metro Advisory Committee will review options and make a recommendation.

5.2. History: No Report

5.3. Legislation: No Report

5.4. IHSS: Taylor reports that the March IHSS Commission meeting may be canceled.

6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

6.1. Recreation Subcommittee:

Molina and Staff met with Rebecca Hurley and Max Friedman from Parks to discuss adaptive swim program. Plans could include external accessibility safety checks, FAQ sheets and posters, low stimulus adaptive swim hours, a basic water safety seminars, instructional videos, train-the-trainer classes, and adaptive family swim lessons. An online survey is in development and a variety of funding options are being considered.

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 *ADA National Network Publications* and *ADA Links and Resources* page to online resource directory.

6.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee:

Commission reviewed the *Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)* assessment tool designed to prepare for a personalized consultation with Yellin. Other facilitators will be trained to conduct consultations. Commissioners encouraged to participate in a beta test consultation. Project hopes to complete 200 plans by the end of 2021.

7. Staff Report

Staff is working with the County EEO Officer to complete the County EEO Plan. Commission will be given an opportunity to review the plan and offer feedback before it is finalized.

8. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action:

Commission reviewed Molina's email to the Parks regarding potential safety hazards and Staff shared Parks response. The park has exceeded all safety standards but will research potential signage for the top of the slide to prohibit use of the slide while using a wheelchair.

Adjournment at 1:58 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*