



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 10, 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*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Buzz Anderson (*Greenway Volunteer*), Dena Taylor (*Seniors Commission*) and 6 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve October 14, 2021 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes
Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty
Aye: Daugherty, Schindler, Grijalva, Taylor, Gubash, Gutierrez-Baeza, Leimbach, Molina
Abstain: Stipes
Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Greenway Trail Project
Anderson presented specifics on how the Greenway Trail Project could benefit the disabilities community, including the estimated fiscal impact on other transit programs serving the disabilities community. Commission discussion included concerns about the relative safety of separated paths vs. combined mixed-use paths; the feasibility of reversing “rail banking” once completed; access for emergency vehicles in case of an accident; varying timelines and available funding for each proposal; commuter usage vs. recreational usage; and prioritizing the needs of the disability community. The Commission will invite representatives from the Friends of Rail Trail (FORT) and the RTC to speak on the Rail Trail proposal during future meetings.

6.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely

Motion/Second: Molina/Schindler

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report:

Daugherty met with Staff to begin strategizing for the Commission History Project. Commission history will be presented within the larger context of the disability rights movement to raise public awareness of the Commission's efforts and impact in Santa Cruz County. Two internships are planned: one research intern to help collect and curate information related to the Commission's history, and one art intern to help design and create a mobile display (suitable for events) and an exhibit for the Commission's 2023 Community Art Wall.

7.2. Legislation Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Adaptive Swim Program Update

Molina and Staff met with Parks staff to begin planning phased implementation of the program which will begin with low stimulation swim hours. A launch event will be planned to coincide with the swim center reopening after facility renovations have been completed.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that publication of the EEO/CC Plan will be postponed until more current data can be incorporated. Data representation and collection have changed since the 2010 Census, necessitating changes in the way the County accesses EEO data related to the available labor market.

10. Emerging Matters:

Gubash will bring information about Cabrillo's new accessibility advisory group to the January meeting. Stipes asked Commissioners to advise her of any large, accessible, suitable venues that could be used as voting offices during the June 2022 election. Staff will share additional criteria when it becomes available. Taylor will share contact information for an IHSS Commissioner who would like to nominate several individuals for the next KUDOS awards.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*