



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2022
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*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: Faina Segal (*Friends of Rail and Trail*) and 5 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
Motion to revise agenda moving items requiring a vote to the top of the agenda.
Motion/Second: Molina/Schindler
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Approve November 10, 2021 Minutes
Minutes were amended to correct a typographical error.
Motion to Approve Minutes as amended.
Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee Representation
Item pended until the February meeting.
 - 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.

6.3. Rail and Trail Project Accessibility

Segal presented an overview of the importance of improved public transportation for people with disabilities, including an overview of the unified corridor study results, funding sources, environmental impact, impact on existing public transportation system, and some specifics about the accessibility of trains including level boarding, increased room for mobility devices, etc. No information was provided about the accessibility features of the proposed trail. Staff read a statement from Guy Preston (*RTC Executive Director*) on the status of the project. The RTC is approaching the rail and trail portions of the project independently as funding for the rail portion has not yet been secured. Dedicated local funding will need to be allocated in order to obtain State funding for the train. The trail project is well underway.

6.4. 2021 Attendance Report

Commission reviewed the 2021 Attendance Report.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report: None

7.2. Legislation Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Shared Adventures Mural Dedication Report

Gutierrez Baeza and Leimbach shared an update on the October 16th event at Ramsey Park, which was well-attended by members of the Commission and well-received by the community. According to all reports, Gutierrez Baeza did an excellent job as one of the presenters.

8.1.2. Adaptive Swim Program Update

Molina reported that an Adaptive Swim Program launch event is being proposed to coincide with the reopening of Simpkins Swim Center in June. Staff is conducting a mini-survey to determine the best weekday to offer low-stimulation swim hours, and currently all swim programming is being conducted at Harvey West Park while Simpkins is being refurbished.

Commissioner Gubash arrived.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is being updated with the December 31, 2021 workforce data and the 2018 ACS available workforce data for comparison to identify any inequities. Baurmeister updated the Commission on the status of the *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee Survey* to collect feedback from County employees on the impact of County diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

10. Emerging Matters: None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*