



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Rebecca Haifley (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*),
Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), David Molina
(*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Riley Hartmann (*5th District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Juliette Burke (*Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board*)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve February 9, 2023 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes As Written
Motion/Second: Levinson/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Administration of the Oath of Office
Commissioners took an oath of office.
7. New/Continuing Business:
 - 7.1. Election of Officers
Commission considered candidates for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair.
Motion to re-elect Molina and Gutierrez Baeza for Chair and Vice Chair respectively
Motion/Second: Taylor/Haifley
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 7.2. Metro ParaCruz Advocacy Letter
Commission considered a letter advocating for the Metro to address accessibility barriers to public transit. The letter was amended to address the County Board of Supervisors rather than to the Metro Board of Directors.
Motion to Approve the Advocacy Letter as Amended
Motion/Second: Levinson/Grijalva
Motion passed unanimously.

7.3. Commission Priorities

Commission discussed the prior Strategic Action Plan and pended the topic to the May meeting agenda after clarification on the scope of their powers and duties.

8. Commission Reports:

8.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: No Report

8.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Report

Haifley reported attending the first of five meetings with a total of 27 participants, including representation from MidPen, Land Trust, developers, and people working in construction. Haifley asked the following three questions: (1) do new developments have a mandated percentage of housing units that must be ADA-compliant? (2) if so, what is that percentage? And (3) will all multi-unit developments have universal design? Haifley will update the Commission on the project's progress.

9. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

9.1. Recreation Subcommittee:

Gutierrez-Baeza reported that: (1) Shared Adventures continues to sponsor low-stim swim hours, (2) Commissioners are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings to collect community feedback on plans for the San Lorenzo Park redesign to advocate for accessible elements, and (3) Wheelchair Basketball Camp is scheduled to begin in June.

9.2. Legislative Subcommittee:

The subcommittee met in February and continues to research legislative priorities that have been vetted by established organizations who advocate on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities.

9.3. History Project Report

Staff reported that the ad hoc subcommittee met and is currently collecting and analyzing records for the timeline.

10. Staff Report:

Staff reported that County advisory board advocacy efforts are now restricted to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, rather than conducting direct advocacy with other entities. Staff is working on getting clarification on which Commission activities would be considered direct advocacy and will report back once clarification has been received.

11. Emerging Matters: None

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*