



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Board Chambers
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*), Riley Hartmann (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Rebecca Haifley (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Charlie Rous (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: 3 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:46 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Review

4. Approve May 11, 2023 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes As Written

Motion/Second: Taylor/Levinson

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

6. New/Continuing Business:

6.1. Commission considered advocating for the following State Legislation

- AB-222 Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup
- AB-1029 Advance Health Care Directive Form – Psychiatric Advance Directives
- SB-445 Special Education: Individualized Education programs: Translation of IEPs (Individualized Education Plans)
- AB-1568 Developmental services: Independent Living Skills Services: Rates

Motion to consider approving letters of support for all four bills with a single vote

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Hartmann

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion authorizing Chair to send four letters (one for each of the legislative priorities presented) to the Board of Supervisors recommending that they advocate with State legislators in support of AB-222, AB-1029, SB-445 and AB-1568

Motion/Second: Molina/Levinson

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Consider Advocating in Support of Jade Street Accessible Park

Commission reviewed a draft letter recommending that the Board of Supervisors formally support the City of Capitola's Jade Street Accessible Park

Motion approving the letter as written:

Motion/Second: Molina/Hartmann

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: None

7.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Report

Staff will share link to County Housing Element website with community workshop details.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Hartmann reported success using the RTC's path-of-travel hazard reporting process. Staff will share information on social media and Commission resource directory.

8.2. Recreation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Staff reported that County Parks are considering providing adaptive swim training to all their instructors. Gutierrez Baeza shared details about the upcoming Wheelchair Basketball camp and Commissioners were encouraged to contact her if interested in tabling for the event. Commission will consider Ad Hoc Public Awareness membership during the next meeting.

8.3. Legislative Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report: No Report

8.4. Commission History Subcommittee Report

Staff provided a status update on the project. Most of the Commission's archived records have been uploaded and are being reviewed and catalogued and the project intern, Collin Edwards, is developing a strategy and work plan. Commissioners are encouraged to submit any documents and records they think would be helpful.

8.5. Collaboration Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Taylor suggested a possible speaker for a collaborative event. Subcommittee will meet to consider options and bring back a recommended collaborative project for the Commission to consider at a future meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to submit their ideas to Staff for subcommittee consideration.

9. Staff Report

Staff highlighted the updated Strategic Action Plan and Organization Chart. Commission reviewed a letter from the RTC in response to the Commission's feedback. Daugherty provided some background to the letter and the Accessibility Awareness subcommittee will continue to monitor the situation and recommend potential advocacy opportunities as appropriate. Chair Molina appointed Levinson to the subcommittee.

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters

Daugherty expressed concerns about the responsiveness of the only wheelchair repair service in the area. Hartmann followed up on the Diversity Project remodel.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*