



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, August 10, 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*), Rebecca Haifley (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*),
Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), David Molina
(*Chair - 5th District*),
EXCUSED: Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Charlie Rous (*3rd District*), Riley Hartmann (*5th District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (EEO Officer)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:51 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve June 8, 2023 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes As Written
Motion/Second: Taylor/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Consider Public Awareness Subcommittee Membership and Responsibilities
Commission discussed barriers to tabling event attendance to provide a public presence and community outreach. The subcommittee will review upcoming outreach opportunities and return with a plan for the Commission to consider at a future meeting. Strategies to consider include sharing table space in collaboration with community partners, public presence without a table, and being selective about the events. Taylor will bring the topic to the IHSS Commission.
 - 6.2. Consider 2023 Opportunities for Collaboration
Commission discussed potential collaborative opportunities including joint retreats, outreach collaboration.
 - 6.3. Consider EEOC Invitation
Baurmeister invited the Commission on Disabilities to send representation to the EEOC October meeting in Watsonville to present on the topic of Disability Employment Awareness Month to help inform their recommendations to Personnel. Molina, Grijalva and Taylor volunteered.
Motion to present to the EEOC on Disability Employment Awareness Month at their October 18th meeting in Watsonville
Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4. Consider Standing Art Wall Reservation for Disability Pride Month (July)

Staff recommended that the Commission reserve the community art wall for July in 2024 and going forward, in honor of Disability Pride Month and the anniversary of the ADA. In past years, the wall has been reserved in October (Disability Employment Awareness Month)

Motion to reserve the community art wall in 2024 and subsequent months to celebrate Disability Pride Month

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gutierrez Baeza

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: None

7.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Final Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report:

Molina reported that METRO leadership has requested a meeting with Commission leadership to discuss accessible public transportation. Taylor and Molina will attend the meeting. Taylor reported that the METRO Advisory Committee is also meeting the following week. Gutierrez Baeza provided outreach at the Wheelchair Basketball camp, Shared Adventures Day at the Beach, and National Night Out. She has been working with County Park Friends to advocate for the reopening of the Rio Del Mar beach access walkway. Staff read a letter that Hartmann sent to the METRO regarding the accessibility of routing changes being considered. Commissioners are encouraged to fill the survey out as well.

8.2. Recreation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Molina reported that the Siltanen Pool will now feature County Parks programming, including additional low stimulation hours.

8.3. Legislative Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Staff reported submitting advocacy letters for the four legislative priorities to the Board of Supervisors. Commission reviewed copies included in the meeting packet.

8.4. Commission History Subcommittee Report

Staff reported that the intern had to resign because of changes in his work schedule. Two potential interns are being considered to fill the vacancy.

8.5. Collaboration Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report: No Report

9. Staff Report: No report

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters

Commission discussed upcoming changes related to electronic bicycles. Commission will discuss at the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*