



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday January 13, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: **(571) 317-3116**

United States (Toll Free): (866) 899-4679

Access Code: 902-779-117

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *November 10, 2021 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1. Rail Trail Project Accessibility – Faina Segal, *Board Chair, Friends of Rail Trail (FORT)*
 - 6.2. Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee Representation
 - 6.3. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
 - 6.4. 2021 Commission Attendance Report
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. History Report
 - 7.2. Legislation Report
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
 - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee
 - 8.1.1. Shared Adventures Mural Dedication Report
 - 8.1.2. Adaptive Swim Program Report
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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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 2023 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*

Update of the Rail and Trail Projects - Guy Preston, RTC Executive Director

January 9, 2022

- The RTC is currently approaching the rail and trail projects independently. Recently, a draft business plan with a funding proposal for a commuter rail was not adopted by the RTC. The draft business plan identified the need for a dedicated local funding source (such as a ½ cent sales tax) to access State and Federal funding grant opportunities to build, operate and maintain a new transit system. At this time, there is insufficient funding for a train.
- Prior to preparing the draft business plan, the RTC completed a Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis (TCAA) which selected electric commuter rail as the preferred transit alternative for the corridor. The TCAA received a lot of support from the E&D TAC.
- In the meantime, a master plan for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (32 miles of trail broken out into 20 segments stretching from Davenport to Watsonville) is being implemented. Projects are being completed as funding becomes available. Portions west of the San Lorenzo bridge) are either completed (Westside and the San Lorenzo Bridge), funded (Bay/California to the Wharf and Wilder Ranch to Davenport) . The Environmental studies are being conducted simultaneously on the segments from the San Lorenzo River to Rio del Mar. Watsonville is working on developing a segment between Lee Road and Walker Street and recently completed ½ mile section of trail between Ohlone Road and their existing slough trailhead. There are no trail projects currently under development south of Rio del Mar Blvd in Aptos to Lee Road in Watsonville or from Walker Street in Watsonville to Pajaro in Monterey County. There are sections of the uncompleted trail that are challenging due to limited right-of-way width, environmental impacts, and challenging geographical features.
- Current environmental studies are considering the construction of a trail adjacent to the railbed and an interim trail option on the railbed. There will be opportunities for public comment in upcoming RTC and Committee meetings.

This is a request for COD representation on the Cabrillo College Accessibility Support Center (ASC) Advisory Committee.

The goal of the ASC Community Advisory committee which will meet 1-3 times per year:

- Networking and improving communication with the ASC and the broader District Community - representing people with disabilities
- Collect Community Feedback/Gain the confidence of the community
- Highlighting intersectionality and voices
- Helping to identify risks, barriers and opportunities
- Obtain valuable input on the programs and services available to students with disabilities
- Include the students' voice in the process of maintaining a strong DSPS program

This will be a committee of up to 20 representatives including Cabrillo College and Community representation. Students will have a strong voice on the committee. The committee welcomes diverse perspectives including people of color, representatives from south county districts and varied vocations.

This will be a volunteer committee.

I ask that the COD determine who will represent (ensuring that south Santa Cruz County is represented). There can be up to two COD representatives. Their job would be to report back to the COD following meetings and solicit COD input on relevant topics.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES' FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 13th day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

David Molina

Chair, Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

District/ Supervisor	Name	2021 ATTENDANCE REPORT											
		Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021
1 st District Supervisor Koenig	John Daugherty	P	P	P	Meeting Canceled - No Quorum	P	P	No Meeting Scheduled	P	P	P	P	No Meeting Scheduled
	Nancy Yellin	P	E	P		-	-		-	-	-		
	Robert Schindler	-	-	-		P	P		E	P	P	P	
2 nd District Supervisor Friend	Janet Crosse	P	P	P		-	-		-	-	-	-	
	Stacie Grijalva	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	
3 rd District Supervisor Coonerty	Becky Taylor	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	
	Richard Gubash	E	E	E		P	E		E	P	P	P	
4 th District Supervisor Caput	Brenda Gutierrez Baeza	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	
	Michael Leimbach	-	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	
5 th District Supervisor McPherson	Lynn Stipes	P	E	P		A	P		P	E	E	P	
	David Molina	P	P	P		P	P		P	P	P	P	
LEGEND:		P=Present		A=Absent		E=Excused			(-) = Not Seated				

Submitted:



Kaite McGrew
Commissions Manager

December 31, 2021

Date



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2nd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor - Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **unless held remotely**

***Unless noted otherwise below**

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scccod.net as soon as information becomes available.

2022 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 13, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
February 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
March 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
April 14, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
May 12, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
June 9, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
August 11, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
September 8, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
October 13, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
November 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined