



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday March 9, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: **County Government Building, Fifth Floor, Board Chambers**
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

****As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting *scent-free* and *smoke-free*.****

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *February 9, 2023 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. Commission Priorities
 - 6.2. Shared Adventures Appreciation Letter
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report
 - 7.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Representation
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
 - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee Report
 - 8.2. Legislative Subcommittee Report
 - 8.3. Accessibility Awareness Report
 - 8.4. Commission History Report
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 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*), Riley Hartmann (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve January 12, 2023 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes As Written
Motion/Second: Taylor/Levinson
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Vista Center Title VII Grant Application Support Letter
Commission considered a letter supporting Vista Center's grant application.
Motion to approve the letter of support for Vista Center
Motion/Second: Molina/Haifley
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 6.2. Ad Hoc Subcommittees
Commission made the following changes to their ad hoc subcommittee structure and membership:
 - Public Awareness: Grijalva removed, Taylor added and named Lead
 - Kudos: Gutierrez Baeza named Lead
 - Resource Directory: Subcommittee dissolved
 - Accessibility Awareness: Hartmann appointed and named Lead
 - Legislative: Taylor appointed and Haifley named Lead
 - Housing: Haifley appointed and named Lead. Hartmann and Gubash nominated but not yet appointed
 - Emergency Preparedness & Crisis Response: Taylor removed, Levinson appointed, and Molina named Lead

- Voter Accessibility: Levinson named Lead
- Recreation: Gutierrez Baeza named Lead
- Commission History: Taylor appointed and Daugherty named Lead
- Executive Committee will consider and prioritize opportunities to collaborate with other Commissions

6.3. METRO ParaCruz ADA Complementary Paratransit Service

Commission discussed accessible public transit issues, including accessibility coordinator staffing, failure to prioritize people with disabilities for Paracruz rides during evacuations, scheduling barriers, lack of sufficient room for wheelchairs on METRO buses. Haifley and Grijalva will work with staff to draft an advocacy letter for the Commission to consider.

6.4. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group

Commission discussed representation on the Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group to advocate for ADA accessibility in housing decisions.

Motion to authorize Haifley and Gubash to represent the Commission in the group.

Motion/Second: Molina/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

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

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee:

Gutierrez-Baeza reported that Shared Adventures is sponsoring swimmers' fees for low-stim swim hours and shared an update on the ParkRx program in which health care providers prescribe parks, nature, and programming to improve health. Currently, Salud Para La Gente providers are participating and Santa Cruz County Park Friends volunteers are working with providers at the new Live Oak Community Health Center to set up a similar arrangement.

8.2. Legislative Subcommittee: No Report

8.3. History Project Report

Staff reported that the research internship has been offered to a candidate, and we are awaiting response.

9. Staff Report:

Staff reported that all County advisory boards will be returning to in-person meeting in March and the Board Chambers has been reserved for the rest of the year to allow for socially-distanced seating. A new County policy will require all Commissioners to take an oath of office and representatives from the CAO's office will attend a future meeting to collect signatures.

10. Emerging Matters: None

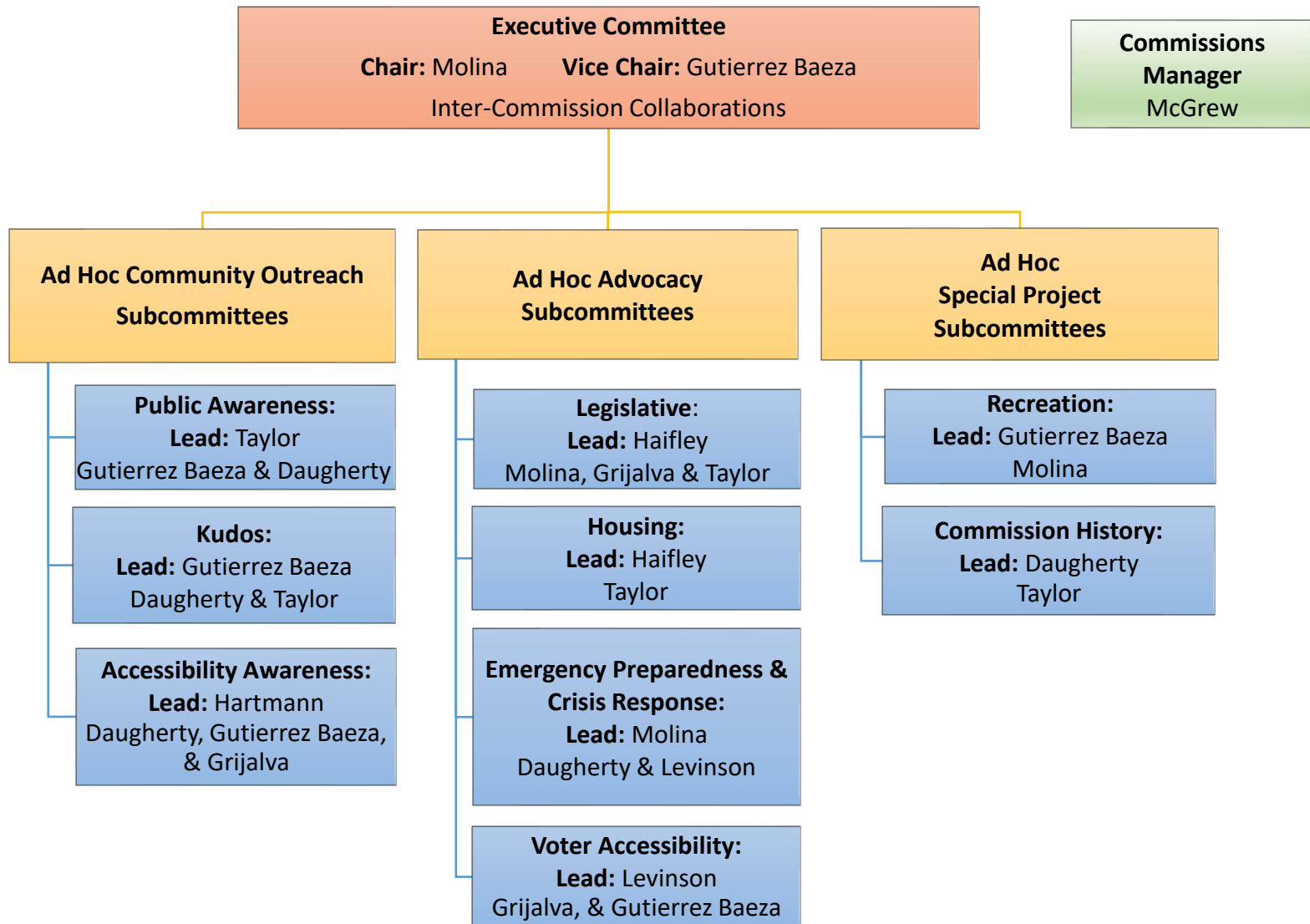
11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

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March 9, 2023

Shared Adventures Board of Directors
Attn: Steve Miller
PO Box 396
Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Re: Appreciation for Your sponsorship of the County's Adaptive Swim Program

Dear Mr. Miller and Members of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to express the *Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities'* sincere appreciation for Shared Adventures' efforts to promote community participation in the Santa Cruz County Parks' Adaptive Swim Program.

As you know, the Commission has been working with County Parks to develop and implement an Adaptive Swim Program at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. Although the recent pandemic and facility renovations have delayed implantation of the program, we were happy to launch the low-stimulation swim hours and individual adaptive swim instruction in 2022.

During our most recent meeting, Vice Chair Brenda Gutierrez-Baeza (who also serves on your Board) reported that Shared Adventures has initiated a complementary program to promote community participation in the low-stimulation swim hours by sponsoring free passes to anyone who wishes to attend as a Shared Adventures participant. In addition to sponsoring these passes and promoting the availability of low-stimulation swim hours, your FaceBook event page provides many essential details about accessibility equipment and features that Simpkins Family Swim Center provides to support community members with disabilities.

Shared Adventures is one of the most essential and impactful organizations serving the Santa Cruz County disabilities community, and today we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for making the County's Adaptive Swim Program even more accessible by not only promoting awareness of the program but also removing any potential financial barriers for children and adults with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.

We appreciate everything that you do to advance the interests of the disabilities community in Santa Cruz County.

Respectfully,

David Molina
Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair

cc: *Santa Cruz County Parks Commission*
Jeff Gaffney, Santa Cruz County Parks Director



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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 – Board Chambers*
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***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.

2023 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 12, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
February 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
March 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
April 13, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
May 11, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
June 8, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
August 10, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
September 14, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
October 12, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers
November 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Board Chambers

Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
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