



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor Coastlines Conference Room
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 *September 12, 2024 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1. County Law Enforcement Accommodations and Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities - (Sergeant Ryan Kennedy and Lieutenant Ian Patrick)
 - 6.2. County Disaster Preparedness and Relief Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities – Elizabeth Lynch-Byrd (*HSD Disability Access and Functional Coordinator*)
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report – Gutierrez Baeza
 - 7.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update
 - 7.3. Santa Cruz City/St. George Rent Control Update - Daugherty
8. Commission Priority Reports
 - 8.1. Accessibility Awareness Report
 - 8.2. Accessible Recreation Report
 - 8.3. Commission History Project Report
 - 8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Priority Report
 - 8.5. Legislative Priorities Report
 - 8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report
 - 8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report
9. Announcements/Emerging Matters
10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair - 1st District*), Camille Summers (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*Co-Chair - 3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), David Molina (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:38 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Review

4. Approve August 8, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New/Continuing Business:

6.1. Strategic Action Planning

Commission reviewed the current Strategic Action Plan and discussed opportunities for collaborative efforts with other advisory bodies. A joint meeting with the E&D/TAC, Metro advisory committee (MAC) the RTC, Seniors Commission and the IHSS Commission to discuss affordable, accessible, transportation. Other topics such as affordable accessible housing and food accessibility for people with disabilities were also discussed. Various formats (retreat/brainstorming session, town hall, forum/panel format, guest speaker event, etc.)

Motion to establish an ad hoc Collaborative Activities Subcommittee authorized to develop and implement an activity for the Commission to collaborate with community partners to address an issue of importance.

Motion/Second: Molina/Summers

Motion passed unanimously.

Taylor appointed Daugherty, Gutierrez Baeza, Levinson, and Molina and Taylor to the subcommittee.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:

Gutierrez Baeza plans to attend the next meeting in November or, if unavailable, Commission will send an alternate.

8. Commission Priority Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Adaptive Recreation Priority Report: No Report

8.3. Commission History Subcommittee Report: No Report

8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Report: No Report

8.5. Legislative Priority Report: No Report

8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report:

Staff reported sending information to Suzanne Ise (*Principal Planner*) from Beyond Access Consulting regarding an upcoming five-day virtual training course to review information covered on the examination to become a Certified Access Specialist (CASP) in the State of California.

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: :

Staff reported that the METRO's Accessibility Coordinator who was tentatively scheduled to present to the Commission is no longer with the METRO. Once the position has been filled, they will reschedule the speaker's visit.

9. Staff Report

Staff provided a copy of the Commission's memo itemizing their EEO/CR Plan feedback and announced that Molina will be making a presentation to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Disability Employment Awareness Month.

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Daugherty reported that, during a first reading, all seven Santa Cruz City Councilmembers recently voted to remove the exception in the State's rent control statute that would have allowed the St. George to raise rents beyond the allowable limit. Should it be approved during the required second reading, it would take effect before the rent increase at the St. George was scheduled to take place. Daugherty will provide an update at the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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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 or Redwood Room*
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***Meetings will be held in either of these rooms 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.

2025 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 9, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
February 13, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
March 13, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
April 10, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
May 8, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
June 12, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
August 14, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
September 11, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
October 9, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
November 13, 2025	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room

Public Participation

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