



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 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

****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 *May 9, 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. Santa Cruz County Planning ADA-Accessible Housing Report – Suzanne Ise (*Principal Planner*), Jim Heaney (*Senior Building Plans Examiner*) and Joanna Iruegas (*Leasing Director for MidPen Housing*)
 - 6.2. Consider ADA-Accessible Housing Advocacy Opportunities
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report
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, August 8, 2024, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Redwood Conference Room
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PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Camille Summers (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*),
Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), David Molina
(*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: Sarah Shea (Parks Superintendent) and no members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:31 PM.
2. Roll Call
Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner, Camille Summers.
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve November 9, 2024 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes as written
Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Santa Cruz County Parks Accessibility Updates
Shea updated on Parks' efforts to make spaces and activities more accessible. Key efforts include offering including a page specific to accessibility features in the activity guide, adding low-stimulus swim hours, and facility accessibility upgrades with increased mobility equipment, handrails, more accessible changing rooms, chairs, tables, and supplies like calming headphones. A San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) grant helped to create supportive spaces and provide *Swim Angelfish Adaptive Swim Training* for staff to aid swimmers with disabilities. They hope to train all staff within three years, subject to certified staffing availability.
Additionally, Parks collaborated with the *National Inclusion Project* (NIP) for comprehensive assessments and training. They also partnered with Shared Adventures who sponsor low stimulation swim hours and are considering becoming a vendor for SARC safety training.
 - 6.2. Commissioner Stipends and Other Changes to Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.38
Staff reported on recent amendments to the county code governing advisory bodies including availability of Commissioner stipends, potential for Commission Co-Chairs, term limits for Commission Officers, and a new requirement to approve Commission schedules in advance.
 - 6.3. Consider Establishing Commission Co-Chair or Retaining Chair and Vice Chair Roles
Commission considered transitioning from Chair and Vice Chair to two Co-Chair roles.

Motion to eliminate Chair/Vice Chair roles in favor of two Co-Chairs

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4. Election of Commission Officers

Motion to elect Daugherty and Taylor to serve as Commission Co-Chairs.

Motion/Second: Levinson/Molina

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5. Consider 2025 Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

6.6. Review Strategic Plan and Consider Establishing Ad Hoc Subcommittees for 2024

Commission reviewed the existing Strategic Plan and discussed potential projects. Kudos Awards planning was pended until February 2025. Transportation and Housing subcommittees will be considered during meetings with related presenters from county partners.

Motion to establish the Community Partner Collaboration Subcommittee

Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

Molina appointed himself and Taylor to serve on this subcommittee.

7. Commission Reports

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

8. Commission Priority Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Adaptive Recreation Priority Report

Gutierrez Baeza and Levinson reported on several events including a water wheelchair ribbon cutting, beach mats at Cowell's Beach, the Antonelli Park accessible trail opening, Rio Del Mar accessible beach access, a wheelchair basketball tournament, and accessible bathrooms at Hidden Beach County Park.

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

Daugherty shared information about rent increases to market rates at the St. George which will impact 71 residents including the 5 ADA-accessible units. This matter is outside of the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction.

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report:

Daugherty shared about the retirement of former Director Michael Tree. Staff will invite speakers from both LiftLine/Community Bridges and METRO/Paracruz to a future meeting.

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters

Molina was appointed Chair of the *Northern California Office of Administrative Hearings Special Education Advisory Committee* (OAHSEAC).

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

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.

2024 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 11, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
February 8, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
March 14, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
April 11, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
May 9, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
June 13, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
August 8, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
September 12, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
October 10, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room
November 14, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room

Public Participation

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