



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Agenda Review
3. Approval of *December 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes*
4. Public Comment (Items not on the Agenda):
The Commission may listen, ask questions for clarification, refer the matter to staff, or add the matter to the agenda for a future meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes in duration.
5. Senior Legislature Report
6. Presentation: Cybercrime and Scams (Douglas Allen, Assistant District Attorney)
7. New Business/Action Items
 - 7.1. Review/Revise 2019 Work Plan Activities
 - 7.2. Approve Revised Bylaws
8. Work Plan Activity Reports
9. Staff Report
10. District Reports and Announcements
11. Adjournment

**Next Meeting Scheduled for 12:30 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the
United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010**

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PRESENT: Michael Lewis (*1st District*), Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Clyde Lawrence (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5th District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5th District*), Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)

EXCUSED: Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*)

STAFF: Britt Harmssen (*County EEO Officer*), Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)

GUESTS: Douglas Allen (*Assistant District Attorney*), Shandra Handley (*Paralegal, Office of the District Attorney*), Jeanne Allen (*Senior Network Services*), John Daugherty (*SCMTD*), Jean Brocklebank (*MMHC*)

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.
2. Roll Call and Agenda Review
Cybercrimes and Senior Scams presentation to precede Public Comments and Announcements on the agenda. The Commission welcomed new Commissioner, Enda Brennan.
3. Approve December 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Removed reference to Lewis attending future Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee meetings.
Motion/Second: Lewis/Childers
Motion passed unanimously as amended.
4. Presentation: Cybercrimes and Senior Scams
Allen reported on computer crimes and scams targeting seniors, including tips for prevention.
Discussion of potential Commission action was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Public Comment and Announcements
Daugherty shared the updated *Guide to Specialized Transportation Services*. Metro will be accepting applications for a *Marketing and Customer Services Director* through February 25th.
6. Senior Legislature Report
Legislation (AB-797) will be introduced to the State Assembly this month that requires wire transfer companies to be mandated reporters in cases of suspected elder abuse.
7. New Business/Action Items
 - 7.1. Review/Revise *2019 Strategic Action Plan*
Commission removed redundancies to streamline action plan activities and focus areas.
 - 7.2. Review and Approve Revised *Seniors Commission Bylaws*
Item was tabled until the next meeting pending completion of internal County review.
8. Work Plan Activity Reports

8.1. Elected Officials Outreach and Advocacy

- 8.1.1. Childers met with Supervisor McPherson and reported that the crosswalk on Hwy 9 in front of Highlands Park will receive grant-funded safety improvements (e.g. lights) and advocated for the County Parks Department to evaluate Seniors' Center restrooms for ADA-compliance.
- 8.1.2. McKibbin reported a scam targeting seniors to Supervisor McPherson and nominated the Seniors Center Executive Director, Pattie Maxine, for SLV Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year in 2018.
- 8.1.3. Commissioners reported using the email template created by Staff to structure in-person District reports.

8.2. Community Outreach/Advocacy/Resources

- 8.2.1. Lewis attended the ED & TAC Advisory Committee and the scheduled Pedestrian Safety Subgroup but the meeting had been canceled.
- 8.2.2. Lewis shared information about upcoming Commission meetings on the community information website that he maintains.
- 8.2.3. Fohrman represented the Commission at the February AAA meeting. Commission discussed the revision and distribution process for the Senior Network Services' *Senior's Resource Guide*.

8.3. Senior Housing and Age-In-Place Issues

- 8.3.1. Simpson encouraged Commissioners to inform community members in their districts of available Villages scholarships.
- 8.3.2. Sones reported that more local cities are becoming interested in being designated "Age-Friendly" cities by the AARP.
- 8.3.3. Sones reported that Solution Summit work groups may be consolidated in future.

8.4. Transportation

Lewis is monitoring sidewalk safety issues related to Jump Bikes.

8.5. Media Outreach

Lewis is drafting a proposed media plan to publicize upcoming meetings for increased public participation. Commissioners are encouraged to get agenda item requests to the Chair early.

8.6. Public Guardianship

The Grand Jury has not yet contacted McKibbin regarding the Commission's 2018 complaint. Sones reported on a community member in need of conservatorship that was recently involved in a fatal accident. Discussion of potential Commission action in response was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Staff Report

- 9.1. Commission reviewed proposed format for the Joint Retreat. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 9.2. The Watsonville County building is available as an alternate Commission meeting site.
- 9.3. The Bylaws will be ready for Commission review and approval at the next meeting, pending completion of internal County review.

10. District Reports and Announcements - None

11. Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call, Introductions and Agenda Review
3. Approval of *February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes*
4. Public Comment:
The Commission may listen, ask questions for clarification, refer the matter to staff, or add the matter to the agenda for a future meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes in duration.
5. Presentation: Operational Plan Update from County Administrative Office
(Kevin Bowling, *County Information Services Department Director*)
6. Senior Legislature Report
7. New Business/Action Items
 - 7.1. Approve Revised Bylaws
 - 7.2. Election of Officers
 - 7.3. Approve Joint Retreat Meeting Format
 - 7.4. Discuss Follow-up Activities re: Cyber Crime and Senior Scams
 - 7.5. Discuss CORE Funding
 - 7.6. Discuss Next Steps for Public Guardianship/Conservatorship
8. Strategic Action Plan Reports
9. Staff Report
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Next Special Meeting: Joint Retreat Scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Santa Cruz County Board Chambers, Fifth Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Next Regular Meeting: June 18, 2019 12:30 PM, United Way, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

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EXCUSED: Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)

STAFF: Britt Harmssen (*County EEO Officer*), Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)

GUESTS: Jean Brocklebank (*MMHC*)

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.

2. Roll Call and Agenda Review

3. **Approve February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Lewis

Ayes: Lewis, Simpson, Sones, Fohrman, McKibbin, Childers

Abstain: Rivas, Johannessen, Tuosto

Motion passed.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Presentation: Operational Plan Update from County Administrative Office

Harmssen presented an update on the County's Operational Plan, including focus areas, goals, strategies and objectives. The Commission would like to see plan initiatives when they are available.

6. Senior Legislature Report

Sones reported that AB797 underwent substantial revisions when introduced to the State Assembly.

7. New Business/Action Items

7.1. Review and Approve Revised Bylaws

Commission amended the revised Bylaws to include August in section 5(a), allow Chair to call special meetings at any time, clarify public participation language and address clerical issues.

Lewis expressed concerns about wording regarding the duties of the Chair.

Motion to approve Bylaws as amended/Second: Sones/Johannessen

Ayes: Simpson, Rivas, Johannessen, Sones, Tuosto, Fohrman, McKibbin, Childers

Nos: Lewis

Motion passed.

7.2. Election of Officers

Elect Carol Childers as Commission Chair.

Motion/Second: Simpson/Sones

Motion passed unanimously.

Elect Antonio Rivas as Commission Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Fohrman/Simpson

Motion passed unanimously.

7.3. Approve Joint Retreat Meeting Agenda

Commission reviewed the Joint Retreat meeting agenda and topic leadership.

Approve meeting agenda and authorize County Staff to proceed.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Sones

Motion passed unanimously.

7.4. Discuss Follow-up Activities re: Cyber Crime and Senior Scams

Simpson scheduled a presentation by the District Attorney's office for Villages Santa Cruz.

7.5. Discuss CORE Funding

Sones reported on the impact that County CORE funding has had on community non-profits because it does not include annual cost of living adjustments.

Authorize Sones to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Commission in support of cost of living increases for existing and future CORE funding contracts.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Tuosto

Motion passed unanimously.

7.6. Discuss Next Steps for Public Guardianship/Conservatorship Advocacy

Commission discussed next steps to address potential gaps in guardianship services. County Staff will report back on what responsive efforts have already been implemented, if any.

8. Strategic Action Plan Reports

8.1. Elected Officials Outreach and Advocacy

8.1.1. Childers confirmed that the Highlands Park will be receiving ADA-accessible toilets.

8.1.2. McKibbin met with Supervisor McPherson to advocate on behalf of public guardianship.

8.2. Community Outreach/Advocacy/Resources

8.2.1. Lewis attended the last E&D TAC meeting.

8.2.2. Tuosto attended the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting.

8.3. Senior Housing and Age-In-Place Issues

8.3.1. Sones reported that the Age-in-Place Work Group has completed its work and is scheduled to present their infographic to the Board of Supervisors.

8.3.2. Sones reported that Museum of Art and History exhibit on social isolation for seniors is very impactful. County Staff will follow up with information about potentially holding a future meeting at the venue during the exhibit.

8.4. Transportation

Lewis reported that the RTC Pedestrian Safety Work Group has been dissolved and the E&D TAC will now be responsible for reviewing pedestrian safety issue reports. Lewis will create a personal website to report on pedestrian hazards.

8.5. Media Outreach

Lewis has implemented an integrated media plan to share information about the Commission on local radio and television stations, online, and in print media. Tuosto will do a Community TV PSA if provided with a script.

8.6. Public Guardianship: None

9. Staff Report

9.1. The existing brochure will be updated with a new group photo.

10. District Reports and Announcements

10.1. Johannessen reported that Senior Rally Day, a Sacramento march to advocate on behalf of seniors' issues, will be held on May 7th. County Staff will follow-up with more information.

10.2. The Commission thanked McKibbin for her impactful leadership during her term as Commission Chair.

11. Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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2. Roll Call and Agenda Review
3. Approval of *April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes*
4. Public Comment:
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5. Senior Legislature Report
6. New Business/Action Items
 - 6.1. Watsonville Senior Center Funding
 - 6.2. Joint Retreat Next Steps
7. Strategic Action Plan Reports
 - 7.1. Focus #1: Elected Officials Outreach & Advocacy
 - 7.2. Focus #2: Community Outreach, Advocacy & Resources
 - 7.3. Focus #3: Senior Housing and Age in Place Issues
 - 7.4. Focus #4: Transportation
 - 7.5. Focus #5: Media Outreach
 - 7.6. Focus #6: Public Guardianship
8. District Reports and Announcements
9. Staff Report
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Next Regular Meeting: August 20, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM, United Way Community Room,
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EXCUSED: Charles Molnar (CSL Ex Officio Member)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

GUESTS: Clay Kempf (AAA/Seniors Council), John Daugherty (SCMTD/Commission on Disabilities), Jean Brocklebank (MMHC), Bill Patterson (UCSC Lifelong Learners), and 2 community members

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.

2. Roll Call and Agenda Review

3. **Approve April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes amended to include further detail on Bylaws approval and election of officers.

Motion to approve as amended/Second: McKibbin/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

Commission heard public comment on the need for cooling centers, communications with County Human Services Director Ellen Timberlake, available farmers market vouchers for seniors, an update on the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) wait list, an introduction to the Lifelong Learners of UCSC group, and a Metro update.

5. Senior Legislature Report

Staff shared a redlined version of AB797 and provided an update from Molnar indicating that the bill is no longer supported by CSL because of significant changes made by the Assemblymember.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Watsonville Senior Center Funding

Rivas reported that the Watsonville City Council defunded the Watsonville Senior Center, while continuing to fund programs that operate from the facility. Although the facility is within the city limits, many of the service recipients live in the County.

Authorize Commission Officers to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of funding all senior centers in Santa Cruz County

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion withdrawn for lack of support

Authorize Commission Officers to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing support for the continued operation of the Watsonville Senior Center

Motion/Second: Brennan/Johannessen

Ayes: Simpson, Rivas, Johannessen, Sones, Brennan, Tuosto, Fohrman, McKibbin, Childers

Nays: Lewis

Motion passed.

6.2. Joint Retreat Next Steps

Sones reported that the Volunteer Center received State grant funding for emergency preparedness response training. The IHSS Advisory Commission will lead follow-up efforts for the Joint Retreat scarcity of providers issue. Retreat next steps will be on the August agenda.

7. Strategic Action Plan Reports

Elected Official Outreach: Tuosto interviewed John Laird on Community TV. Commission reviewed the Board response to their advocacy letter for cost of living increases in CORE funding contracts. Several Commissioners had informal contact with their District Supervisors.

Community Outreach: Fohrman is auditing resource contact information in the *Seniors Resource Directory*. Commission discussed the You Are Not Alone (YANA) program. Kempf reported that AAA provides training for outreach phone calls to seniors experiencing social isolation. AAA will give the following presentations: AARP Age-Friendly Designation Efforts (August), AAA Duties and Programs (October), NPO Wage Inequities (December) and 2019 Needs Assessment Results (February).

Senior Housing: Tuosto reported that he is researching the impact of developer buyouts on County affordable housing stock and will advocate to the Planning Commission on behalf of seniors.

Transportation: Lewis did not attend the last E&D TAC Advisory Committee meeting but continues to monitor and report sidewalk safety issues. Lewis discouraged the use of scooters as an affordable transportation option.

Media Outreach: Media announcements are ongoing. Lewis reported that Commission contact information is out of date on the County webpage.

Public Guardian: Commission reviewed the April 16th Board of Supervisors agenda item approving a five-position staffing expansion for the Public Guardian's office, and County Health Services' Operational Plan Objective #79 which targets an increase of four new Public Guardian probate referrals per month by June 2021.

8. District Reports and Announcements

8.1. **Authorize Sones to write letter of thanks to Mike McConnell, Adult Services Division Director** and invite him to present on recent developments in County Adult Services, including the new TLC program.

Motion/Second: Rivas/Sones

Motion passed unanimously.

8.2. AARP Age Friendly Community Designation

Johannessen requested that a discussion of Commission participation in efforts to achieve AARP Age-Friendly Community designation for Santa Cruz County be added to the August agenda.

8.3. Simpson shared information on the upcoming *Preventing Scams* presentation (by County Assistant District Attorney, Douglas Allen) which will be hosted by *Village Santa Cruz*.

8.4. Simpson shared information on a Village Santa Cruz County Mending Bee to be held on August 22nd at the Aptos Library from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

9. Staff Report

9.1. The MAH has meeting space available for \$50/hour, (not including a tour of the senior isolation exhibit) for either the August or October meetings. A self-guided tour for up to 30 people is available for an additional \$30.

9.2. Commission Bylaws are scheduled to be reviewed on the consent agenda for the June 25th Board of Supervisors meeting.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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2. Approval of *June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment:
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4. Senior Legislature Report
5. *AARP Age-Friendly City Designation - AAA Efforts, Clay Kempf (Executive Director)*
6. New Business/Action Items
 - 6.1. Cooling Centers
7. Strategic Action Plan Reports
 - 7.1. Focus #1: Elected Officials Outreach & Advocacy
 - 7.2. Focus #2: Community Outreach, Advocacy & Resources
 - 7.3. Focus #3: Senior Housing and Age in Place Issues
 - 7.4. Focus #4: Transportation
 - 7.5. Focus #5: Media Outreach
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GUESTS: Clay Kempf (*AAA/Seniors Council*), Patty Talbot (*AAA/Seniors Council*), John Daugherty (*SCMTD/Commission on Disabilities*), Jean Brocklebank (*Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:30 PM. Commission revised language to specify that public comment is for members of the public only and includes items not on the agenda.

Authorize adding an agenda item regarding Sidewalk Safety and Shared Mobility Devices

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

3.1. Daugherty reported on SCMTD's fixed-route bus driver shortage, text alert service for route cancelations, proposed fare waivers for riders with vision impairment, and Daugherty's commendation for 30 years of service.

3.2. Talbot announced the Area Agency on Aging senior (over sixty) bilingual survey online and in hard copy. It is conducted every four years and addresses a variety of issues impacting seniors.

4. Senior Legislature Report: No Report

5. AARP Age-Friendly City Designation

Kempf gave an overview of Santa Cruz County's efforts to achieve AARP Age-Friendly designation. AARP monitors 8 domains impacting quality of life for seniors and assigns a livability score. The County Board of Supervisors recently voted to adopt the Seniors Council's proposed plan to become an Age-Friendly Community. Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville cities will meet to discuss next steps. A County-wide working group will decide on domains, although cities can further customize with activities that better meet their needs. Commission discussed the "digital divide" and the 2020 Census survey process. Census representatives will present at the October meeting.

Authorize Commission leadership to send letter of acknowledgement to the Board of Supervisors

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Simpson

Motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Cooling Centers

Lewis reported on cooling centers to address heat waves in Santa Cruz County. The County works cooperatively with local agencies and organizations on providing cooling centers as needed but no contracts are in place. Commissioners suggested developing a list of cooling centers for each district to make available on their website. Commission also discussed the availability of transportation to cooling centers and home cooling strategies. The Seniors Council will also promote awareness.

6.2. Sidewalk Safety and Shared Mobility Devices

Lewis reported on Jump bikes and sidewalk safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Authorize Childers to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the potential impact of Jump bikes on sidewalk and intersection safety for seniors and people with disabilities.

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Strategic Action Plan Reports

7.1. Focus #1: Elected Officials Outreach & Advocacy: Lewis met with Supervisor Leopold to discuss sidewalk safety. Commissioners updated their Supervisors. Tuosto is scheduled to interview Representative Panetta in September regarding issues that impact seniors.

7.2. Focus #2: Community Outreach, Advocacy & Resources:

Simpson worked with Twin Lakes Church to host a successful anti-scramming presentation by Douglas Allen. McKibbin will facilitate hosting the same presentation at the SLV Senior Center. Childers reported that ADA accessible facilities being installed at the SLV Senior Center. Fohrman continues to monitor the status of the Watsonville Senior Center. Lewis continues to promote Commission meetings via his website.

7.3. Focus #3: Local Services, Programs and Agencies

Childers reported that Whitney Barnes (County Adult Protective Services) presented on scam prevention to Ben Lomond seniors, and Meals on Wheels staff. Lewis reported that the E&D TAC ad hoc intersection subcommittee to review intersection design issues that could impact pedestrian safety. Childers reported on the difficulty implementing safety measures on Hwy 9 because it involves State rather than local agencies. Villages Santa Cruz has membership scholarships and offers free transportation to members.

Authorize County Staff and Sones to draft proclamation acknowledging Michael McConnell

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Simpson

Motion passed unanimously.

7.4. Focus #4: Issues that Impact Seniors: No Report

8. District Reports and Announcements: None

9. Staff Report

9.1. Harmssen will be leaving the County to pursue a career opportunity at UCLA.

9.2. Commission Bylaws were approved at the June 25th Board of Supervisors meeting.

9.3. E&D TAC has vacancies.

9.4. IHSS Advisory Group will follow-up on *Scarcity of Providers*, and Commission on Disabilities may select *Emergency Preparedness*, leaving *Transportation* as a potential Seniors project.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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3. 2020 Census - Tory Del Favero (US Census Bureau) & Joseph Watkins (Community Action Board)
4. Association of Watsonville Area Seniors (AWAS) Watsonville Senior Center Report - Clay Kempf (AAA Executive Director and AWAS Board Member)
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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County

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PRESENT: Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: Michael Lewis (*1st District*), Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)

GUESTS: Tory Del Favero (*US Census Bureau*), Clay Kempf (*AAA/Seniors Council*), Patty Talbot (*AAA/Seniors Council*), Patty Small (*Volunteer Center Program Manager*), John Daugherty (*SCMTD/Commission on Disabilities*) and one community member

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:31 PM.

2. Public Comment:

Daugherty reported on SCMTD's new Headways master bus schedule, the public hearing for the proposed fare waiver, new driver hiring and training, and the PG&E planned outage's impact on Metro.

3. 2020 Census

Tory Del Favero (*US Census Bureau Specialist*) gave an overview of outreach efforts for the 2020 Census including census confidentiality and the importance of a complete and accurate count. Commission discussed seniors' perceived safety with door-to-door enumerators, and the impact of accurate reporting on funding, representation and districting.

Authorize Commission leadership to send letter to the Board of Supervisors supporting 2020 Census participation efforts.

Motion/Second: Brennan/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Association of Watsonville Area Seniors (AWAS) Watsonville Senior Center Report

Clay Kempf, AWAS Board member, reported on AWAS and the Watsonville Senior Center. The City will manage the Senior Center as of November 1, 2019 and has hired additional staff and allocated funds to support the transition and ongoing management. Commission discussed imminent changes to the Live Oak Meals on Wheels facility in 2020.

5. California for All Emergency Preparedness Campaign

Patty Small (*Volunteer Center Program Manager*) gave an overview of a new State-funded Volunteer Center project, *Get Ready/Esten Listo Santa Cruz County – California for All*, an emergency preparedness information campaign targeting 5K seniors, 5K low-income families, and 1500 individuals in mental health community. They will be working with a State-developed curriculum that has been customized for each of the three target audiences. The information will be delivered in group settings, via trusted members of these communities or one-on-one online.

6. **Approve August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Fohrman

Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Senior Legislature Report:**

Kempf reported on the *Master Plan on Aging Committee* process and progress. Commission discussed the anticipated increase in funding required to serve an aging population.

8. **New Business/Action Items:** None

9. **Strategic Action Plan Reports**

9.1. **Focus #1: Elected Officials Outreach & Advocacy:** Commissioners updated their Supervisors.

9.2. **Focus #2: Community Outreach, Advocacy & Resources:**

McKibbin facilitated two anti-scamming presentations (SLV Senior Center and the Association of Retired Public Employees) and assisted an SLV senior with reporting a scam. Rivas reported on the AARP website Scam Map Tool and invited the Commission to the new County Mental Health Facility open house in Watsonville. Fohrman reported on the County's *Community Traffic Safety Coalition* efforts to increase street safety and safe wheelchair charging stations.

9.3. **Focus #3: Local Services, Programs and Agencies**

Sones invited Commissioners to attend the IHSS Advisory Commission for a presentation by HomeBridge, a San Francisco agency that provides IHSS caregiver management services to people unable to manage their caregivers. Kempf reported that the AAA priorities and plans for Age-Friendly designation are expected to be in place for the entire County by 2020.

9.4. **Focus #4: Issues that Impact Seniors:** The Sidewalk Safety recommendation letter was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors on 9/24/2019, who also reviewed and approved the proposed Shared Mobility RFP at the same meeting. Public Works will return to the Board with a recommendation for award of contracts. **Chair appointed Brennan to the Sidewalk Safety Subcommittee.** The Solutions Summit Loneliness and Isolation workgroup is ongoing. All other Summit workgroups have fulfilled their functions and been dissolved.

10. **District Reports and Announcements:**

10.1. Fohrman reported that International Code Commission (ICC) will be considering whether or not there is a need for international building regulation for sustainable "cobb" housing, including seismic and fire safety standards. This may expand local ADU affordable construction options.

10.2. Childers reported on an impressive new accessible housing development at 708 Water Street.

10.3. McKibbin reported that the State Property Tax Postponement program has been reactivated allowing eligible homeowners to postpone payment of property taxes on a primary residence, if they meet certain criteria. There may also be a similar County program in place to defer property taxes.

11. **Staff Report**

The Commission on Disabilities invited the Seniors Commission and the IHSS Advisory Commission to a series of guest speaker presentations on local emergency preparedness services for people with disabilities. Mitsuno Baurmeister joined the County as the new County EEO Officer.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*



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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/and Agenda Review
2. Approval of *October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. Nonprofit Wage Equality Campaign, Karen Delaney (*Santa Cruz Volunteer Center Executive Director*)
5. Senior Legislature Report
6. New Business/Action Items
 - 6.1. Approve Biennial Report
 - 6.2. Approve Letter Supporting Board of Supervisors Age-Friendly Cities Decision
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STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)

GUESTS: Karen Delaney (*Santa Cruz Volunteer Center and the Human Care Alliance*), Jean Brocklebank (*Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.

Motion to revise agenda adding consideration of H.R. 2719 Elder Abuse Stamp Support

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Simpson

Ayes: Simpson, Johannessen, Sones, Brennan, Tuosto, Fohrman, Childers, and McKibbin

Nays: Lewis

Motion passed.

2. Approve October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes as amended

Minutes were amended to clarify that Public Works will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on award of contracts for the shared mobility RFP.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Fohrman

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Brocklebank reported on a new County ordinance that regulates mobilehome park closures to protect affordable housing stock in Santa Cruz County. County EEO Officer, Mitsuno Baurmeister, introduced herself.

4. Non-Profit Wage Equality Campaign

Karen Delaney (Co-Chair of the *Human Care Alliance's (HCA) Wage Equity Campaign and Santa Cruz Volunteer Center Executive Director*) presented the results of a recent survey exploring compensation in more than 101 community-based non-profits, as compared to non-profits in other areas, and for-profits. Sixteen percent of the organizations surveyed provided services to seniors. Santa Cruz non-profits experienced a decrease in funding during the recession that did not bounce back with the rest of the economy. The HCA will share this information with the Board of Supervisors in 2020.

5. Senior Legislature Report

Commission reviewed California Senior Legislature legislative priorities for 2020.

6. New Business/Action Items:

6.1. Approve Biennial Report as amended

Commission authorized Staff to amend report to include items discussed during this meeting.

Motion/Second: Lewis/Brennan

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. AARP Age-Friendly Community Designation Update

Commission pended letter of support until Johannessen has been formally invited to join the AAA age-friendly designation committee, representing the Commission.

6.3. H.R. 2719 Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp

Staff will work with Johannessen to draft a letter advocating for District Attorney Jeffrey Rosell to send letter of support to bill sponsor Peter King, and Representative Jimmy Panetta.

Authorize Johannessen/Childers to send advocacy letter regarding H.R. 2719

Motion/Second: Johannessen/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously

7. Strategic Action Plan Reports

7.1. Focus #1: Elected Officials Outreach & Advocacy: Commissioners updated their Supervisors.

Tuosto advocated on behalf of seniors' programs with Representative Panetta at a local event.

7.2. Focus #2: Community Outreach, Advocacy & Resources:

Fohrman represented the Commission at the Seniors Council Luncheon.

7.3. Focus #3: Local Services, Programs and Agencies

Childers reported on Community Bridges' ongoing search for a professional kitchen space for the Meals on Wheels meal preparation and storage. They will launch a capital campaign to fund their move and any needed upgrades to equipment/space. Johannessen attended an AARP community roundtable on the topic of livability.

7.4. Focus #4: Issues that Impact Seniors:

Simpson is researching emergency preparedness for seniors and will join the Commission on Disability Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee. The Solutions Summit Loneliness and Isolation workgroup is ongoing. All other Summit workgroups have fulfilled their functions and been dissolved. Fohrman was appointed as an alternate on the E&D TAC. Lewis reported on E&D TAC activities and reporting process for path of travel hazards.

8. Announcements:

8.1. Lois will request to fill a vacant seat on the IHSS Advisory Commission, and Fohrman will apply to be fill Lois' seat as representative from the Seniors Commission

8.2. Childers reported that the Watsonville Senior Center management transition has been very successful, including the addition of new activities that bring in new seniors. The City of Watsonville has been very responsive to requests.

8.3. Commission will forgo presentation handouts wherever possible in an effort to save paper.

9. Staff Report

Staff will invite representatives from the *My House, My Home* program, County HSD/HSA on senior isolation interventions, and County Parks & Rec on senior playgrounds and senior programs.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*