



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010
PRESENT: Michael Lewis (*1st District*), Jeana De La Torre (*2nd District*), Clyde Lawrence (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5th District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Charles Molnar (CSL)
STAFF: Britt Harmssen, *EEO Officer*, Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*
GUESTS: John Daugherty (*SCMTA*), Ellen Buckingham, Patty Talbot (*AAA*)

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:41

1. Roll Call and Agenda Review
2. Approval of June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Motion/Second: Lewis/De La Torre
Motion passed unanimously
3. Oral Communications and Announcements
 - 3.1. Daugherty discussed the potential repeal of Proposition 6 and the anticipated \$2.5M impact on Santa Cruz Metro funding.
 - 3.2. Buckingham advised the Commission that the Scotts Valley ADA Commission has vacancies.
 - 3.3. McKibbin advised the Commission that the annual Seniors Guide is now featured in the Good Times.
 - 3.4. Childers advised the Commission that the 10th Anniversary Aging Young Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday November 10, 2018 at the Coconut Grove. County staff will update the brochure and make copies available for distribution.
4. Senior Legislature Report
Commission reviewed the September 2018 CSL Bills Status Report and detailed information on proposed legislation SP4 (Dental Insurance) and SP10 (Mandated Reporting of Financial Elder Abuse).
5. Seniors Council Update
 - 5.1. Talbot updated the Commission on Area Agency on Aging (AAA) activities, including the completion of three new infographics, a recent presentation on Age Friendly Communities, and the AAA's role in County CORE funding.
 - 5.2. Talbot and Sones updated the Commission on "No One to Talk To: Stories of Seniors and Social Isolation", an exhibit by C3 at the Museum of Arts and History, scheduled

for April 5 – September 22, 2019. The exhibit will propose a blueprint for best practices in response to this complex issue. The Commission discussed coping mechanisms and potential interventions.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Letter: *State Funding for Senior Nutrition Programs*

Letter was deemed unnecessary as funding has since been obtained.

6.2. Rental Bikes and Scooters

Lewis updated the Commission on community concerns about sidewalk safety as it relates to the new Jump Bike program. Commission discussed concerns, potential interventions and benefits of the program. Commission reviewed correspondence from Chairperson Friend regarding the Commission's sidewalk safety recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

6.3. Review *2019 Meeting Schedule*

Commissioners reviewed the schedule. McKibbin requested that Commissioners calendar and prioritize regular Commission meetings going forward and urged subcommittees to meet regularly during months without regular meetings.

7. 2018 Work Plan Reports

None

8. Solution Summit Workgroup Reports

8.1. Aging in Place Workgroup

Sones reported on the need for a current list of homecare agencies including both nonprofit organizations and businesses. McKibbin updated the Commission on Simpson's outreach efforts to the Villages. Sones will share the Aging in Place infographic with local officials. Commission reviewed new infographics and discussed food insecurity in Santa Cruz County seniors.

9. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

9.1. Lewis cautioned the Commission about an organization posting on Nextdoor claiming to connect at-risk youth with seniors needing assistance in their homes.

9.2. Commission discussed scheduling a joint retreat with the Commission on Disabilities and the IHSS Advisory Commission to discuss areas of common interest. County staff will follow up with further information at the next meeting.

10. Staff Report

10.1. Staff will work with McKibbin to revise the Focus Area Action Plan. Staff will follow up on the status of the complaint submitted to the Grand Jury for consideration.

11. Adjournment at 2:22 PM