



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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*), Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Antonio Rivas (*2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5th District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5th District*)

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*