



# Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Lynne Simpson (1<sup>st</sup> District), Mark Johannessen (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Lois Sones (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Enda Brennan (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Patricia Fohrman (4<sup>th</sup> District), Carol Childers (Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District), Lynn McKibbin (5<sup>th</sup> District)

EXCUSED: Michael Lewis (1<sup>st</sup> District), Charles Molnar (CSL Ex Officio Member)

ABSENT: Louis J. Tuosto (4<sup>th</sup> District), Antonio Rivas (Vice Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> District)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator), Mitsuno Baurmeister (County EEO Officer)

GUESTS: Patty Talbot (Seniors Council Administrator), John Daugherty (Santa Cruz Metro Liaison), Britt Bassoni, (Seniors Council Director of Programs and Special Projects)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.

2. Approve October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Sones/Simpson

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comment:

Daugherty reported on the Metro's new Splash Pass program, recent route suspensions, and his upcoming retirement from Metro. Commission consider advocacy and commendation opportunities during the February 2021 meeting.

4. Senior Legislature Report: No Report

5. New Business/Action Items:

Commission will discuss the COVID-19 vaccinations for seniors at the February meeting.

6. District Reports:

6.1. District 1:

Simpson reported that Supervisor-elect Koenig is meeting with District 1 Commissioners to discuss potential reappointments.

6.2. District 2: No Report

6.3. District 3:

Sones reported that the IHSS Commission is also discussing the COVID-19 vaccination as well as the need to address PPE/disease prevention protocols for IHSS providers who visit multiple clients. Commission will monitor the situation with a view to advocating where appropriate.

6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported that COVID-19 prevention information is emailed to IHSS providers regularly, but trainings are difficult to schedule without impacting clients.

6.5. District 5:

McKibbin reported that debris flow response preparations are underway. Additionally, seniors in District 5 are concerned about the onset of colder weather with PG&E still not having been restored in many places. Childers reported that promoting emergency preparedness is a key concern, especially for either evacuation in advance of debris flow, or having supplies if debris flow isolates residents temporarily.

7. Staff Report:

Staff reported that confirmed positive COVID-19 cases for Santa Cruz County seniors (65+) represent 11% of the total known cases, with senior women being slightly more impacted than their male counterparts. Talbot confirmed the extreme difficulty involved in identifying how many are residents in long-term care and skilled nursing facilities have tested positive. The only source for this data is the State website.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*