



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Tom Haid (*1st District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)

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

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)

GUESTS: Supervisor Manu Koenig (*District 1*), John Daugherty (*Commission on Disabilities Commissioner*), Britt Bassoni (*Seniors Council Director of Programs and Special Projects*), Patty Talbot (*AAA/Seniors Council Administrator*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:41 PM.

Commission welcomed District 1 Commissioner Tom Haid.

2. Motion to Approve February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Sones/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Patty Talbot reported that the Area Agency on Aging Board reviewed and approved the draft annual update to the 2024 Area Plan on Aging. Developing a framework for safe reopening of seniors programs, particularly dining programs, continues to be a priority. Bassoni announced the upcoming virtual launch event for the Master Plan on Aging which will happen in May 2021.

4. Senior Legislature Report:

Commission reviewed and discussed the April 13, 2021 CSL Legislature report and discussed AB-14 the Internet for All Act of 2021.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. District 1 Supervisor Manu Koenig

Koenig reported that 87% of County residents over the age of 65 have been vaccinated, as have 75% of County farmworkers. The County is expected to be in the yellow tier soon and the County will be at 50% capacity. Koenig recently toured Senior Network Services and will be convening representatives from the Live Oak Senior Center and representatives from the Live Oak School District to discuss the transition of that property to teacher housing. Koenig is committed to finding a solution that continues to provide a commercial kitchen for the Meals on Wheels program. The Board will send a letter of support for State Assembly 1061 (preventing mobilehome park owners from charging residents a surcharge for water). Supervisor Koenig is working with local stakeholders on legislation closing a loophole in mobilehome park law related

to inherited properties. Sones reported that 100% of Elderday Adult Daycare staff and participants have been vaccinated. Childers reported that the social isolation remains a primary concern for seniors in the wake of the pandemic and the CZU Lightning Complex wildfires.

5.2. Election of Officers

Motion to re-elect Chair Childers and Vice Chair Rivas

Motion: Sones/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

5.3. Commendation for Former Metro Liaison John Daugherty

Childers read a letter congratulating former Metro liaison John Daugherty on his retirement and presented him with a certificate of commendation for his many years of service on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz County. Daugherty thanked the Commission.

6. District Reports:

6.1. District 1: No Report

6.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported that he has been appointed to the AAA Advisory Board as an at-large member and will liaise with the Advisory Board on behalf of the Commission.

6.3. District 3: Brennan reported that Koenig will be the keynote speaker at a Grey Bears event in August. Sones encouraged Commissioners to attend the Master Plan on Aging virtual launch event.

6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported that homebound seniors and people with disabilities have not yet received their vaccinations. The County is developing a process for a Santa Cruz Medical Corps vaccine strike team to administer vaccines to these residents. Koenig gave a brief update on the reopening status of schools and confirmed that the vaccine clinic at the fairground will continue indefinitely. Rivas reported the Watsonville Senior Center is contacting seniors to facilitate scheduling them for vaccines. Rivas would like to invite the new Director, Katie Nunez, to speak to the Commission on center reopening status and other related topics.

6.5. District 5:

Childers reported residents in District 5 are eager for senior centers to reopen. In the interim, the number of people served by Meals on Wheels continues to grow, as does the impact of social isolation, and the recent evacuations.

7. Staff Report: No Report

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*