



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (5th District)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: Tom Haid (1st District), Enda Brennan (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:35 PM.
2. **Motion to Approve February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
Minutes revised to correct a typographical error.
Motion to approve minutes as amended.
Motion/Second: Taylor/ McKibbin
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Election of Officers
Motion to Re-Elect Chair Childers and Vice Chair Rivas
Motion/Second: Sones/Taylor
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 at the next meeting.
Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.
Motion/Second: Johannessen/Rivas
Motion passed unanimously.
5. District Reports:
 - 5.1. District 1:
Taylor reported on topics covered at recent AAA Advisory Council meetings, including seniors in care homes, progress on the Master Plan on Aging implementation, State funding received for

seniors' programs, and Community Bridges' having been selected to provide the senior nutrition program.

5.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported that he serves as President of Santa Cruz County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services and encourage Commissioners to attend the Senior Citizens Legal Services Fundraiser Gala at the Cocoanut Grove on May 13th. Rivas reported the Watsonville Senior Center and the Meals on Wheels program are going well. Rivas plans to meet with Watsonville's Mayor to discuss programs for seniors.

5.3. District 3:

Sones reported that Elderday is open and providing most in-center services for anyone comfortable coming back and bringing in new participants. Sones serves on the IHSS Commission and reminded Commissioners that the pandemic has exacerbated the lack of available IHSS caregivers in Santa Cruz County. Although wages have been increased significantly, housing remains unaffordable at that wage. The County has exerted considerable efforts to attract and retain caregivers. Commissioners are encouraged to consider creative ways to support caregiver recruitment.

5.4. District 4: No Report

5.5. District 5:

Childers reported that Meals on Wheels is serving lunches out of the volunteer center rather than the Live Oak Senior Center. McKibbin and Childers plan to celebrate a local luminary's 99th birthday in Santa Cruz.

6. Senior Legislature Report:

Staff will connect with Clay Kempf to see if a new CSL appointee has been selected. Commission reviewed legislation impacting the senior community and discussed the difficulty getting DME.

7. Staff Report: No Report

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*