



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola CA 95010

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Suzanne Doty (1st District), Antonio Rivas (Vice Chair - 2nd District), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District), Katie Limas (4th District), Carol Childers (Chair - 5th District),

EXCUSED: Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)

GUESTS: Kimberley Peterson (Deputy Director HSD) and 1 member of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.

Motion to amend the agenda adding two time-sensitive action items to the agenda including a presentation on CORE funding from Peterson and consideration of proposed CSL legislation.

Motion/Second: Childers/Doty

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve August 15 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Doty

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Sones arrived.

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.5. Live Oak Senior Center Update

Commission reviewed a letter sent by Supervisor Koenig to the Live Oak School District (LOSD). The Commission will continue to monitor the situation and advocate where appropriate.

4.6. County CORE Funding Overview

Peterson provided an overview of the CORE (Collective of Results and Evidence-Based Practices) funding process including how funding was allocated to programs serving seniors during the summer of 2022. Funding for seniors was reportedly increased by more than \$250K compared to the prior cycle. Funds were carved out of the CORE process to pay for the administrative costs of running the Area Agency on Aging and senior home meal delivery programs were removed from the competitive application process to automatically be funded at the large tier level.

Commission expressed a need for a more effective community engagement strategy.

Commissioners plan to attend upcoming community engagement meetings. The Draft RFP will be presented to the Board in spring of 2024 and open for applications in summer 2024.

4.7. California Senior Legislature Proposed Legislation

Rivas provided a summary of the CSL's proposed bills that will be presented in Sacramento.

Childers established the Ad Hoc Executive Subcommittee to review the proposed bills and select those that they recommend the Commission advocate on behalf of. **Members include Childers, Doty, Taylor and Johannessen.**

Motion authorizing the Subcommittee to identify legislative priorities and advocate for them on behalf of the Commission.

Motion/Second: Childers/Doty

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor expressed her disappointment in the LOSD's response to her advocacy letter and suggested that the Commission invite a representative from the Mid-County Senior Center to speak to the commission. Doty reported asking for Supervisor Koenig's support for a proposed questionnaire that the Commission could send to all the County Senior Centers.

5.2. District 2:

Rivas reported that the Watsonville Senior Center's "Senior Prom" was very successful. Elected officials made proclamations, Elderday and Sones were recognized, youth assisted with set-up and the event was well-attended. Johannessen provided an update on the Senior Needs Assessment. The survey is now closed, and results should be available before the end of the year. The next step will be a Solutions Summit held in May 2024 to address the needs identified by the survey. The AAA will host a 2024 candidate forum with a focus on issues impacting seniors.

5.3. District 3:

Rivas reported that the new Elderday Watsonville location grand reopening celebration was well attended and encouraged Commissioners to visit the beautiful facility.

5.4. District 4:

Limas and Fohrmann attended a very successful and interesting Commissioners appreciation wine soiree hosted by Supervisor Hernandez and learned about upcoming events in District 4. Recent storms resulted in flooding at Bay Village senior community. Additionally, recent flooding at Corralitos Creek has changed the creek's course and there are now jurisdictional issues around who has responsibility to address issues related to the creek.

5.5. District 5:

Childers reported that roads in District 5 continue to be reopened as recovery is ongoing.

6. Senior Legislature Report: No Report

7. Staff Report: No Report

8. Emerging Matters and Commissioner Announcements:

Staff will share information on the link to the County's Emergency Action Plan so that Commissioners can offer community feedback.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*