



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, February 16, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: (646) 749-3129
United States (Toll Free): (877) 568-4106
Access Code: 592-644-933

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. Senior Legislature Report
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. COVID-19 Vaccinations for Seniors
 - 5.2. SCMTD Accessibility Services Coordinator - Advocacy and Commendation
6. District Reports
 - 6.1. District 1
 - 6.2. District 2
 - 6.3. District 3
 - 6.4. District 4
 - 6.5. District 5
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: April 20, 2021 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM, (Remote Meeting)

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

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

EXCUSED: Michael Lewis (*1st District*), Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)

ABSENT: Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd 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*



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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February 11, 2021

Santa Cruz Metro Transit District Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Provision of *Accessible Services Coordinator* Position Services

Dear Chair Rotkin and Members of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to express the *Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities'* concerns regarding provision of services historically provided by SCMTD staff in the *Accessible Services Coordinator* position.

As you are aware, Metro's former *Accessible Services Coordinator*, John Daugherty, retired as of December 31, 2020 and, to the best of our knowledge, the position has neither been filled, nor opened for recruitment. To date, initial efforts to contact Metro staff providing accessible services coordination in the absence of a designated *Accessible Services Coordinator* have been unsuccessful.

The accessibility of Metro services determines the accessibility of our entire community by providing access to jobs, shopping, entertainment, social and political events for seniors and people with disabilities, particularly the most economically vulnerable members of these communities. Maintaining a full-time *Accessible Services Coordinator* position is crucial to the overall accessibility of Metro services and thereby the community.

Metro's *Accessible Services Coordinator* functions as a liaison between riders with disabilities who depend upon Metro services and the SCMTD staff responsible for the creation and implementation of public policy related to accessible public transit services. In addition to facilitating communications between the disability community and Metro leadership, the coordinator also helps to familiarize new users with Metro services and programs designed to promote access to public transit for people with disabilities. Since the *Accessible Services Coordinator* position was established, the Commission has consistently advocated for it to remain a full-time position in order to ensure proactive, responsive accessibility in all of Metro's services and programs.

Today we once again advocate for Metro to maintain a full-time *Accessible Services Coordinator* position and to prioritize recruitment efforts with a view to filling the position as soon as is practicable. We further request that you prioritize the provision of *Accessible Services Coordinator* services to the senior and disabilities communities in the interim and publicly communicate how members of these communities can access such services until the position can be filled.

We appreciate your consideration on behalf of the disability community in Santa Cruz County.

Respectfully,

David Molina

Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair

cc: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission
Santa Cruz County IHSS Commission



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Tuesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County**unless held remotely**
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.sccseniors.org as soon as information becomes available.

2021 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 16, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 20, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
June 15, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 17, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 19, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 21, 2021	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined