



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, April 18, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting **scent-free** and **smoke-free**.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment
Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.
4. Administration of the Oath of Office
5. New and Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. Officer Elections
 - 5.2. Live Oak Senior Center Update
6. District Reports
 - 6.1. District 1
 - 6.2. District 2
 - 6.3. District 3
 - 6.4. District 4
 - 6.5. District 5
7. Senior Legislature Report
8. Staff Report
9. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: June 20, 2023 at 12:30 PM, United Way, Capitola

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (*1st District*), Suzanne Doty (*1st District*), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: Lois Sones (*3rd District*)

ABSENT: Enda Brennan (*3rd District*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)

GUESTS: Alicia Morales (*Social Services Division Director*), Clay Kempf (*AAA/Seniors Council*), Zachary Johnson (*Seniors Council Administrative Officer*) and 1 member of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.

Motion to add action item to the agenda to consider taking a position on the proposed demolition of the Live Oak Senior Center building.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Doty

Motion passed unanimously.

Fohrman left the meeting.

2. Motion to Approve December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as amended.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Johannessen

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Public Guardian Advocacy Opportunities

Morales summarized the Public Guardian's conservatorship programs including the State-mandated "LPS" or mental health conservatorship/involuntary commitment (funded by behavioral health) and probate conservatorship (not mandated and unfunded beyond funding provided for by the County's general fund). Thirty percent of all County residents and 29% of the unhoused population are seniors potentially requiring probate conservatorship at some point.

Morales summarized the Governor's mandated Community Assistance and Recovery Empowerment Court (CARE Court) program to provide compelled housing and other services for individuals who otherwise would not accept them. Referral criteria is significantly lower than that required for conservatorship, making this pilot program controversial. If unsuccessful, the program can refer individuals for LPS conservatorship despite the variance in criteria. Additionally, while legal provisions are funded, services are not and there could be financial sanctions for the County if the program is unsuccessfully implemented which could potentially bankrupt the County. The Board of Supervisors is very aware of these concerns.

Morales suggested advocating for increased assisted living waivers, affordable, accessible senior housing, healthy aging in place supports, increased County funding for probate conservatorship, and prioritizing older adults and people with disabilities for available Federal HUD housing.

4.2. CORE funding Advocacy Opportunities

Commission reviewed 2022 CORE funding decisions for programs serving seniors for this 3-year funding cycle concluding in 2025. County CORE funding staff will be invited to advise them on the process. They will consider requesting development of a detailed analysis of historical CORE funding decisions, including baseline comparisons across services for different populations and direct service allocations relative to other kinds of allocations (e.g., funding for studies, etc.)

4.3. Consider Commission Response to the Proposed Demolition of the Live Oak Senior Center Building

The Live Oak School Board has requested that agencies vacate by June 30th despite the absence of either development plans or funding. The School Board will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Motion authorizing the Chair to read a formal statement during public comment at the Live Oak School Board meeting advocating for their continued exploration of alternatives to eviction.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor attended two Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council meetings. Doty advocated with a Commissioner on the Housing Advisory Commission and made an announcement at her mobilehome park. Taylor and Doty met to discuss other potential opportunities for advocacy, including assembling a list of senior newsletters.

5.2. District 2:

Johannessen provided an update on the Master Plan on Aging (MPA) community needs assessment and encouraged Commissioners to attend an informational hearing on the MPA. Rivas will attend the new Watsonville City Senior Advisory Board meetings and provided an update on Watsonville flood recovery efforts.

5.3. District 3: No Report

5.4. District 4: No Report

5.5. District 5:

McKibbin praised articles on senior volunteerism in two public retiree association newsletters. Childers reported on District 5 storm recovery efforts. and praised volunteer firefighters, LiftLine, METRO ParaCruz, Valley Churches United, and Mountain Community Resource Center for all their support during the ongoing crisis.

6. Senior Legislature Report: No Report

7. Staff Report:

Staff reported that in-person meeting will resume at the United Way in April when an oath of office will be administered to all Commissioners.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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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***
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* Unless noted otherwise below

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.

2023 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 21, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 18, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
June 20, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
August 15, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
October 17, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
December 19, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way

Public Participation

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