



# County of Santa Cruz

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## SENIORS COMMISSION

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Lynn McKibbin, CHAIR -- Carol Childers, CHAIR

### Seniors Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 12:30 PM

United Way of Santa Cruz County

4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Present: Michael Lewis (District 1); Lynne Simpson (District 1); Clyde Lawrence (District 2); Jeana De La Torre (District 2); Lois Sones (District 3); Lou Tuosto (District 4); Carol Childers (District 5); Lynn McKibbin (District 5)

Absent: Fred Martinez (District 4)

Excused: Charles Molnar (Ex Officio, CSL)

Staff: Britt Harmssen (Santa Cruz County EEO Officer)

Guests: A. John Daugherty, Jr (Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair); Gus Ceballos (Companion for Life Program and Seniors Council); Elizabeth Hutton (Senior Network Services)

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Meeting convened at 12:30 PM

1) Roll Call, Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

Approve 4/17/18 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second Lewis/Childers. Motion approved unanimously.

2) Written Communications: None

3) Oral Communications and Announcements (Items Not on the Agenda)

*The Commission may listen, ask questions for clarification, refer the matter to staff, or add the matter to the agenda for a future meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes in duration.*

a) John Daugherty, Jr., Accessible Services Coordinator for Santa Cruz Metro, shared various transportation updates including availability of "Headways" publication (with master schedule) in large print, and bus routes proposed to be eliminated due to low ridership (Route 77 to Pajaro, 34/33 Lompico, and South Felton). Public may comment at the August Metro Board of Directors meeting. Commissioners discussed Metro Board membership, as well as the impact of route eliminations on seniors with transportation challenges. McKibbin has applied to serve on Metro Board Advisory Committee.

4) Shared Housing Program Presentation - Presentation tabled to 1:30 PM

5) Budget Conference Committee

a) De La Torre reported that senior nutrition programs did not receive the \$17M General Fund increase requested in State funding. Commissioners discussed concerns about the Budget Conference Committee's decision and the recent budget revisions' impact on seniors with

mobility and transportation challenges. Commissioners will draft a letter to Senator Monning. Ceballos distributed the Seniors Council Report.

Motion to approve budget funding letter to address Senator Monning with copy to Board.

Motion/Second Tuosto/Simpson. Motion approved unanimously.

6) 2018 Work Plan Reports

a) Public Guardianship Report:

McKibbin is preparing a complaint to the Grand Jury calling for an investigation into the status of cognitive impairment safety nets in Santa Cruz County. County staff to assist with clerical support.

b) Outreach/Advisory Board Meetings Report:

i) Regional Transportation Commissions Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (RTC E&D/TAC): De La Torre is familiarizing herself with committee issues. Tuosto has been approached to serve as an alternate to Supervisor Caput.

c) Simpson will contact Village Santa Cruz to request a brief presentation for the next meeting.

7) Solution Summit Workgroup Reports

a) Seniors Council Update: Cabello provided an update.

b) Aging in Place: Sones reported that the workgroup created an infographic to highlight policy issues related to aging in place. Commissioners discussed how the County Planning Commission's streamlined ADU permitting process will make it easier for retired homeowners to develop another income stream and remain in their homes and integrated with the community.

8) Shared Housing Presentation

Elizabeth Hutton (Senior Network Services) presented an overview of the Shared Housing Program which supports aging in place. Tuosto discussed universal design principles. Tuosto to draft a letter to the Board regarding the use of universal design principles in new construction. Staff will share Seniors Council contact information with Commissioners.

9) Commissioner Reports and Announcements

a) Childers reported that the Board of Supervisors approved \$85K for the Meals on Wheels Program.

b) Lewis reported on a proposed housing development in Capitola which would yield 60 units of affordable housing when complete. Two additional health clinics as well as a small retail plaza are also proposed.

c) Lewis expressed concern regarding recent youth-oriented changes in local libraries and their impact on seniors and community members utilizing libraries as locations for quiet study and research. The downtown branch relocation is in process.

10) Staff Report - None

11) Adjournment at 2:30 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for 12: 30 PM Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the United Way of Santa Cruz.

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