



# Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County  
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

PRESENT: Michael Lewis (1<sup>st</sup> District), Lynne Simpson (1<sup>st</sup> District), Clyde Lawrence (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Lois Sones (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Enda Brennan (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Patricia Fohrman (4<sup>th</sup> District), Lynn McKibbin (Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District), Carol Childers (Vice Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District), Charles Molnar (CSL Ex Officio Member)

EXCUSED: Louis J. Tuosto (4<sup>th</sup> District)

STAFF: Britt Harmssen (County EEO Officer), Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

GUESTS: Douglas Allen (Assistant District Attorney), Shandra Handley (Paralegal, Office of the District Attorney), Jeanne Allen (Senior Network Services), John Daugherty (SCMTD), Jean Brocklebank (MMHC)

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.
2. Roll Call and Agenda Review  
Cybercrimes and Senior Scams presentation to precede Public Comments and Announcements on the agenda. The Commission welcomed new Commissioner, Enda Brennan.
3. Approve December 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Removed reference to Lewis attending future Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee meetings.  
Motion/Second: Lewis/Childers  
Motion passed unanimously as amended.
4. Presentation: Cybercrimes and Senior Scams  
Allen reported on computer crimes and scams targeting seniors, including tips for prevention.  
Discussion of potential Commission action was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Public Comment and Announcements  
Daugherty shared the updated *Guide to Specialized Transportation Services*. Metro will be accepting applications for a *Marketing and Customer Services Director* through February 25<sup>th</sup>.
6. Senior Legislature Report  
Legislation (AB-797) will be introduced to the State Assembly this month that requires wire transfer companies to be mandated reporters in cases of suspected elder abuse.
7. New Business/Action Items
  - 7.1. Review/Revise 2019 Strategic Action Plan  
Commission removed redundancies to streamline action plan activities and focus areas.
  - 7.2. Review and Approve Revised Seniors Commission Bylaws  
Item was tabled until the next meeting pending completion of internal County review.
8. Work Plan Activity Reports

## 8.1. Elected Officials Outreach and Advocacy

- 8.1.1. Childers met with Supervisor McPherson and reported that the crosswalk on Hwy 9 in front of Highlands Park will receive grant-funded safety improvements (e.g. lights) and advocated for the County Parks Department to evaluate Seniors' Center restrooms for ADA-compliance.
- 8.1.2. McKibbin reported a scam targeting seniors to Supervisor McPherson and nominated the Seniors Center Executive Director, Pattie Maxine, for SLV Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year in 2018.
- 8.1.3. Commissioners reported using the email template created by Staff to structure in-person District reports.

## 8.2. Community Outreach/Advocacy/Resources

- 8.2.1. Lewis attended the ED & TAC Advisory Committee and the scheduled Pedestrian Safety Subgroup but the meeting had been canceled.
- 8.2.2. Lewis shared information about upcoming Commission meetings on the community information website that he maintains.
- 8.2.3. Fohrman represented the Commission at the February AAA meeting. Commission discussed the revision and distribution process for the Senior Network Services' *Senior's Resource Guide*.

## 8.3. Senior Housing and Age-In-Place Issues

- 8.3.1. Simpson encouraged Commissioners to inform community members in their districts of available Villages scholarships.
- 8.3.2. Sones reported that more local cities are becoming interested in being designated "Age-Friendly" cities by the AARP.
- 8.3.3. Sones reported that Solution Summit work groups may be consolidated in future.

## 8.4. Transportation

Lewis is monitoring sidewalk safety issues related to Jump Bikes.

## 8.5. Media Outreach

Lewis is drafting a proposed media plan to publicize upcoming meetings for increased public participation. Commissioners are encouraged to get agenda item requests to the Chair early.

## 8.6. Public Guardianship

The Grand Jury has not yet contacted McKibbin regarding the Commission's 2018 complaint. Sones reported on a community member in need of conservatorship that was recently involved in a fatal accident. Discussion of potential Commission action in response was tabled until the next meeting.

## 9. Staff Report

- 9.1. Commission reviewed proposed format for the Joint Retreat. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 9.2. The Watsonville County building is available as an alternate Commission meeting site.
- 9.3. The Bylaws will be ready for Commission review and approval at the next meeting, pending completion of internal County review.

## 10. District Reports and Announcements - None

## 11. Adjournment : Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*