



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Michael Lewis (1st District), Lynne Simpson (1st District), Mark Johannessen (2nd District), Antonio Rivas (Vice Chair - 2nd District), Lois Sones (3rd District), Enda Brennan (3rd District), Patricia Fohrman (4th District), Lynn McKibbin (5th District)

EXCUSED: Carol Childers (Chair - 5th District), Charles Molnar (CSL Ex Officio Member)

ABSENT: Louis J. Tuosto (4th District)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

GUESTS: John Daugherty (Commission on Disabilities Commissioner)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.

2. Motion to Approve December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Johannessen/Sones

Ayes: Simpson, Johannessen, Rivas, Sones, Brennan, Fohrman, McKibbin

Abstained: Lewis

Motion passed.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Senior Legislature Report:

Commission reviewed and discussed the February 11, 2021 CSL Legislature report.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. COVID-19 Vaccinations for Seniors

Commission discussed the County vaccination distribution plan. Because the supply is limited, vaccines are being distributed to seniors in broad age categories prioritized by risk. Currently more seniors are requesting vaccinations than available supply. County vaccination webpage has specific information about registering for vaccination by provider. Fohrman expressed concern about demographic information requested during registration.

5.2. SCMTD Accessible Services Coordinator Services – Advocacy and Commendation

Commission reviewed a letter from the *Commission on Disabilities* to the SCMTD advocating for continued provision of full-time accessible services coordination. In addition to recognizing Daugherty for his years of service to the senior and disabilities communities at the April meeting, Commissioners may advocate with their district supervisors for a Board of Supervisors proclamation commending Daugherty.

Motion authorizing Chair to draft a letter and certificate acknowledging Daugherty for his service.

Motion/Second: Simpson/Brennan

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion authorizing Chair to send a letter to the advocating for provision of full-time accessible services coordination.

Motion/Second: Johannessen/Brennan

Motion passed unanimously.

6. District Reports:

6.1. District 1:

Lewis reported that an affordable housing project in District 1 has been temporarily stalled to address a soil contamination issue. Simpson related her experience obtaining a Covid-19 vaccination.

6.2. District 2:

Rivas reported that he will be advocating for better vaccination options for people with disabilities who are not able to leave home.

6.3. District 3:

Sones reported that San Diego County provides emergency medical technicians to vaccinate people unable to leave home. Staff will share concern with the County vaccine coordinator and possible solutions.

6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported that physical therapists are also training to provide vaccinations during their regular visits.

6.5. District 5:

McKibbin reported power and internet shut-offs in District 5. There was no debris flow in the district during the most recent storm.

7. Staff Report:

Staff reported that seniors (60+) accounted for 159 of the 168 confirmed positive COVID-19 deaths and provided a link to the County webpage. Commissioners are encouraged to prepare for officer elections during the April meeting. Supervisor Koenig will be invited to the meeting, as will Clay Kempf to present on the recently published Master Plan on Aging.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*