



County of Santa Cruz

SENIORS COMMISSION

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Lynn McKibbin, CHAIR -- Carol Childers, CHAIR

Seniors Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 12:30 p.m.
United Way of Santa Cruz County
4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Present: Lynn McKibbin (District 5); Carol Childers (District 5); Lois Sones (District 3); Fred Martinez (District 4); Lou Tuosto (District 4); Michael Lewis (District 1); Lynne Simpson (District 1); Jeana De La Torre (District 2); Clyde Lawrence (District 2);
Absent: Charles Molnar (Ex Officio, CSL)
Staff: Britt Harmssen, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer
Guests: Jean Brocklebank, MMHC Commissioner; Doris Duncanson; Jessica Bukowinski, Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County

Meeting was convened at 12:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call, Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approve the December 2017 meeting minutes with "McKibbon" changed to "McKibbin."
Motion/Second: Lewis/Sones. Passed unanimously.
2. Written Communications
3. Oral communications and announcements- for any 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. Brocklebank reported on the Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission activities, including the recent dismissal of the Pinto Lake litigation against the County which challenged the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and a Hearing Officer administrative decision in favor of the mobilehome park residents. She advised that, of the mobile homes within District 1, 942 are designated as seniors housing.
4. Village Santa Cruz Presentation- Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County
 - A. Bukowinski shared information regarding a grass-roots, non-profit, member driven community and aging-in-place organization which provides a low-cost, support network for seniors with the objective of enabling seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible and remain actively engaged within their community.
5. 2018 Work Plan Reports

- A. Outreach and Advocacy with Elected Officials
 - 1. McKibbin reported that the HICAP/Funding for Seniors Programs and SP-7 letters of support from the Commission were distributed to local legislators and the Board of Supervisors.
 - 2. De la Torre commented that food insecurities should be elevated in importance on the Commission's work plan.
 - 3. Simpson suggested adding "letters to the editor" to the media work plan.
- B. Outreach in the Community
 - 1. Lewis reported that he will be attending the Regional Transportation Commission's pedestrian safety working group and will provide a sidewalk safety presentation to the Commission at their next meeting.
 - 2. Sones reported that the IHSS Advocacy Commission is pursuing joint commission meetings with other commissions relating to seniors' issues. May was identified as a possible month to hold such a meeting. Lewis will be in attendance.
 - 3. Tuosto reported that he will reach out to the Workforce Investment Board to obtain updated statistics on the senior population.
 - 4. De la Torre will reach out to the Mental Health Advisory Board.
- C. Senior Housing
 - 1. Childers reported that the Sheriff's Office program "You Are Not Alone" is currently on hiatus, but that home safety checks offered by the Sheriff's Office continue to be an available and valuable resource for seniors.
- D. Transportation
 - 1. Lewis is attending the E&D TAC Meeting at the Regional Transportation Commission Office regarding pedestrian safety.
- E. Media
 - 1. De la Torre recommended performing outreach to local newspapers, bulletins and announcements, including the "Coastlines" segment of the Santa Cruz Sentinel.
 - 2. McKibbin will perform outreach to the "Good Times" column.
 - 3. Tuosto suggested developing a banner or link to other news outlets.
 - 4. Lawrence volunteered to connect with local media contacts.
- F. Public Guardianship
 - 1. Sones plans to meet next month with Mike McConnell (Division Director of Social Services), McKibbin, and Childers regarding public guardianship issues and will make a recommendation to the Commission based on the information obtained from this meeting.

6. Solution Summit Workgroup Reports

- A. Sones reported on the Age in Place Work Group activities, including creation of a draft information sheet defining sources of support, the concept behind age in place laws, and the County's perspective with the eventual

goal of developing an Age in Place Plan to submit to the Board of Supervisors and Capitola City Council.

B. McKibbin requested that this item be addressed under “Work Plan Reports” for future agendas.

7. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

A. Lewis reported that there is a false perception of safety on sidewalks, and walking is an important means of transportation, mobility, and exercise. Fifty-seven percent of local government jurisdictions have some form of regulations on the use of bicycles on sidewalks, including the City of Capitola which prohibits bicycles on sidewalks. In the City of Santa Cruz, there is a restriction on cycling on sidewalks in front of commercial and apartment buildings. Santa Cruz County does not have any applicable regulations.

B. Approve the formation of a sub-committee on issue.

Motion/Second: McKibbin/De la Torre. Passed Unanimously.

C. Simpson and Lewis will serve on the sub-committee, which will report under “Work Plan Reports” on future agendas.

8. Seniors Brochure

A. Photograph of the Commission to be taken following the meeting and added to the updated brochure.

9. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

A. Childers reported that David Brown, CAO Analyst, visited the Senior Center in San Lorenzo Valley to disseminate the Strategic Plan Survey.

B. Sones reported that Community Bridges purchased La Manzana building and is in the process of moving and consolidating programs.

10. Staff Report

A. Commissions Coordinator recruitment update was provided.

11. Adjournment at 2:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the United Way of Santa Cruz beginning at 12:30pm.

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Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 12:30 p.m.
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Present: Lynn McKibbin (District 5); Carol Childers (District 5); Lois Sones (District 3); Lou Tuosto (District 4); Michael Lewis (District 1); Lynne Simpson (District 1); Jeana De La Torre (District 2); Charles Molnar (Ex Officio, CSL)

Absent: Fred Martinez (District 4); Clyde Lawrence (District 2);

Staff: Britt Harmssen, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer
Marisela Nuñez, Extra-Help Commissions Coordinator

Guests: A. John Daugherty, Jr, Commission on Disabilities Commissioner.; Patty Talbott, Seniors Council; C. Stoney Brook, Human Services Commissioner; Jean Brocklebank, Mobile and Manufactured Home Commission Commissioner;

Meeting was convened at 12:36 p.m.

1. Roll Call, Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes
2. Written Communications
 - A. A flyer for a "meet the candidates" event was distributed in order to provide a possible venue for commissioners to raise awareness of senior issues.
3. Oral communications and announcements- for any 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. shared updates on transportation including the fares for fixed rides and pass holders, and circulated a master schedule for transportation, included in a "Headways" publication.
4. Human Services Commission Presentation (15 minutes)
 - A. Stoney Brook provided highlights on peer/companion and housing resources that intersect the veteran, senior and transitional-age populations. Resources can be accessed via the Veterans court and the Monterey Veteran Services Day, held every Wednesday from 9:00am-12:00pm.
5. Election of Officers
 - A. Approve re-election of Lynn McKibbin and Carol Childers as Chairs to the commission. Motion/Second: Sones/Simpson.
Ayes: 5 Abstain: 2 Motion Passed.

6. 2018 Work Plan Reports
 - A. Sidewalk Safety Presentation (30 minutes)
 1. Approval to send report to Board of Supervisors for review.
Motion/Second: Sones/McKibbin.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 1 Motion Passed.
 - B. Public Guardian Report
 1. Approval to send report to Board of Supervisors for review.
Motion/Second: McKibbin/Simpson. Passed unanimously.
 - C. Funding Priorities Discussion
 1. De La Torre will report commission's discussions on the lack of sufficient knowledge of county and municipal priorities, especially as related to budgets. Commission will support the priorities of the Senior Council.
7. Solution Summit Workgroup Reports
 - A. Sones reported that the aging in place workgroup is creating an infographic to highlight policy issues related to aging in place support.
 - B. McKibbin requested monthly updates regarding the senior council issues. Patty will coordinate with commissions staff to distribute to commissioners.
8. Seniors Brochure Update
 - A. Britt Harmssen updated the Senior's Commission brochure for commissioners to utilize and distribute as appropriate.
9. Commissioner Reports and Announcements
 - A. Lewis reported that applications to join a Measure D oversight committee are due June 1st. More information can be found on the county Measure D website.
 - B. Lewis reported that community members are providing feedback regarding ongoing and future developments near Capitola road and Highway 17. Developments include 60 affordable housing units.
 - C. Patty Talbott shared the status of the change in ownership of the nearby community annex, which houses the Live Oak Senior center, Alzheimers group meeting space, meals on wheels and senior network.
10. Staff Report
 - A. Marisela will be joining Britt at future commission meetings during her training as the Extra-Help Commissions Coordinator. Marisela can be reached via the commissions phone line (831) 454-2772.
11. Adjournment at 2:27 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the United Way of Santa Cruz beginning at 12:30pm.

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Seniors Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 12:30 PM

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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)

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

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From: Commissions
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Commissions
Subject: Seniors Commission Meeting Cancellation

Notice of Meeting Cancellation

The regular meeting of the Senior's Commission scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018 has been canceled.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 12:30 P.M.
- United Way of Santa Cruz County Office
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106
Capitola, CA 95010.

For further information or questions, please contact the Commissions Office at (831) 454-2772.

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
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 (*1st District*), Jeana De La Torre (*2nd District*), Clyde Lawrence (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5th District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Charles Molnar (CSL)
STAFF: Britt Harmssen, *EEO Officer*, Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*
GUESTS: John Daugherty (*SCMTA*), Ellen Buckingham, Patty Talbot (*AAA*)

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:41

1. Roll Call and Agenda Review
2. Approval of June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Motion/Second: Lewis/De La Torre
Motion passed unanimously
3. Oral Communications and Announcements
 - 3.1. Daugherty discussed the potential repeal of Proposition 6 and the anticipated \$2.5M impact on Santa Cruz Metro funding.
 - 3.2. Buckingham advised the Commission that the Scotts Valley ADA Commission has vacancies.
 - 3.3. McKibbin advised the Commission that the annual Seniors Guide is now featured in the Good Times.
 - 3.4. Childers advised the Commission that the 10th Anniversary Aging Young Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday November 10, 2018 at the Cocomanut Grove. County staff will update the brochure and make copies available for distribution.
4. Senior Legislature Report
Commission reviewed the September 2018 CSL Bills Status Report and detailed information on proposed legislation SP4 (Dental Insurance) and SP10 (Mandated Reporting of Financial Elder Abuse).
5. Seniors Council Update
 - 5.1. Talbot updated the Commission on Area Agency on Aging (AAA) activities, including the completion of three new infographics, a recent presentation on Age Friendly Communities, and the AAA's role in County CORE funding.
 - 5.2. Talbot and Sones updated the Commission on "No One to Talk To: Stories of Seniors and Social Isolation", an exhibit by C3 at the Museum of Arts and History, scheduled

for April 5 – September 22, 2019. The exhibit will propose a blueprint for best practices in response to this complex issue. The Commission discussed coping mechanisms and potential interventions.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Letter: *State Funding for Senior Nutrition Programs*

Letter was deemed unnecessary as funding has since been obtained.

6.2. Rental Bikes and Scooters

Lewis updated the Commission on community concerns about sidewalk safety as it relates to the new Jump Bike program. Commission discussed concerns, potential interventions and benefits of the program. Commission reviewed correspondence from Chairperson Friend regarding the Commission's sidewalk safety recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

6.3. Review *2019 Meeting Schedule*

Commissioners reviewed the schedule. McKibbin requested that Commissioners calendar and prioritize regular Commission meetings going forward and urged subcommittees to meet regularly during months without regular meetings.

7. 2018 Work Plan Reports

None

8. Solution Summit Workgroup Reports

8.1. Aging in Place Workgroup

Sones reported on the need for a current list of homecare agencies including both nonprofit organizations and businesses. McKibbin updated the Commission on Simpson's outreach efforts to the Villages. Sones will share the Aging in Place infographic with local officials. Commission reviewed new infographics and discussed food insecurity in Santa Cruz County seniors.

9. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

9.1. Lewis cautioned the Commission about an organization posting on Nextdoor claiming to connect at-risk youth with seniors needing assistance in their homes.

9.2. Commission discussed scheduling a joint retreat with the Commission on Disabilities and the IHSS Advisory Commission to discuss areas of common interest. County staff will follow up with further information at the next meeting.

10. Staff Report

10.1. Staff will work with McKibbin to revise the Focus Area Action Plan. Staff will follow up on the status of the complaint submitted to the Grand Jury for consideration.

11. Adjournment at 2:22 PM



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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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 (*1st District*), Lynne Simpson (*1st District*), Jeana De La Torre (*2nd District*), Clyde Lawrence (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4th District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5th District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5th District*)

EXCUSED: Charles Molnar, *CSL Ex Officio Member*

STAFF: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*

GUESTS: Dukh Niwaran Whipp (*Village Santa Cruz County*), Jean Brocklebank (*MMHC*)

Call to Order: Meeting Convened at 12:33 PM

1. Roll Call and Agenda Review

Work Plan updates and Solution Summit Workgroup updates will be incorporated into Commissioner reports. Introduction of new Commissioner Fohrman.

2. Approve October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Oral Communications and Announcements

Whipp reported on the Village Santa Cruz County scholarship program, changes to the organization's name and publicity efforts. Brocklebank reported on AB3066 and its impact on Santa Cruz County seniors.

4. Senior Legislature Report

Commission reviewed the CSL top legislative priorities for 2019. Tuosto met with Representative Panetta to advocate for additional legislation reducing penalties for seniors who enroll late in Medicare Part D. He will follow up with Molnar to discuss same.

5. Seniors Council Update

No update.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Review and Approve *2018 Focus Area Action Plan* format

Commission reviewed and updated the *2018 Focus Area Action Plan*.

Approve *2018 Focus Area Action Plan* format.

Motion/Second: Lewis/Simpson

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Review and Approve *District Report Email Template*

Commission reviewed and discussed the *District Report Email Template*

Approve *District Report Email Template*

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

- 7.1. Sones reported that Aging-in-Place Workgroup efforts are ongoing. Sones reported on the IHSS Advisory Commission's *Home Safe Grant* and the *Transforming Lives with Care Unit* (TLC), which support adults with cognitive impairment issues who are not being case managed in other programs.
- 7.2. Simpson reported on her meeting with Village Santa Cruz County and the importance of the scholarship program for seniors unable to pay membership fees. Commission discussed funding and administrative support for the organization.
- 7.3. Lewis reported on the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee's five-year plan, including improvements to local roadways and improved facilities for seniors. There are no current vacancies.
- 7.4. De la Torre reported on the Museum of Art & History's call for artwork from senior artists and shared a flier for distribution. De la Torre confirmed that the La Selva Beach Village group has improved their responsiveness to local seniors' issues.
- 7.5. Lawrence will update the group photo for the 2019 brochure. Staff will email the artwork to the Commission and send brochures when available.
- 7.6. Childers attended the IHSS Advisory Commission and plans to apply for membership. Childers and McKibbin will work with Staff to create advocacy toolkits.
- 7.7. Tuosto encouraged Commissioners to consider membership on the Seniors Council and other boards with overlapping issues. Commission discussed a renewed focus on increasing public participation in 2019 through increased publicity.

8. Staff Report

Staff outlined the proposed format for the May 6, 2019 Joint Retreat with the Commission on Disabilities and the IHSS Advisory Commission. Commission discussed potential agenda items and concerns.

Authorize County Staff to proceed with proposed Joint Retreat planning.

Motion/Second: Lewis/De la Torre

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM