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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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