

County of Santa Cruz



SENIORS COMMISSION

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SENIORS COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 1:30 pm

Regional Transportation Commission Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Present: Clyde Lawrence (District 2), Lynne Simpson (District 1), Jeana De la Torre (District 2), Carol Childers (District 5), Lou Tuosto (District 4), Michael Lewis (District 1), Al Walters (District 3), Lois Sones (District 3), Charles Molnar (Ex Officio, CSL)

Excused: Lynn McKibbin (District 5)

Absent: None

Staff: Aimee Mangan, Coordinator

Guests: John Daugherty, Jean Brocklebank

Meeting was convened at 1:33pm

1. Agenda Review
 - a.) Motion to add Reports section to the Agenda to include Commissioner, Staff and other reports.
Motion/ Second: Lewis/ None. Motion failed.
 - b.) Motion to add Roll Call to the Agenda.
Motion/ Second: Lewis/ Walters.
Ayes: Lawrence, Childers, Lewis, Walters (4)
Nays: Sones (1)
Abstain: Simpson, De la Torre (2)
 - c.) Lewis reviewed the purpose and intent of meeting agendas and minutes, including Oral Communications and Commissioners' Reports.
2. Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2017 meeting
Motion/ Second: De la Torre/ Lawrence.
Ayes: Lawrence, Childers, Lewis, Walters, De la Torre (5)
Nays: None (0)
Abstain: Sones, Simpson (2)
3. CSL Report: Charles Molnar
 - a.) Molnar reviewed the bills that CSL proposed in their last session and provided an overview of some existing bills.
 - i.) Commissioners requested that Financial Elder Abuse Reporting be added to the December Agenda.
 - ii.) Commissioners will meet with their Supervisor to advocate for amending the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act.
4. Written Communications
None.
5. Oral Communications and Announcements

- a.) Brocklebank offered suggestions to help Commission meetings run more efficiently.
- b.) Discussed public participation and moving Oral Communications to the end of the Agenda.
 - i.) Commissions Coordinator will send Robert's Rules of Order and Commission Bylaws to Commissioners.
- c.) Daugherty provided an overview of Metro and Metro ParaCruz services, including increased staffing at the Watsonville Transit Center Customer Service Information Booth. Metro schedules were distributed.
- d.) Daugherty invited the Seniors Commission to attend the upcoming Commission on Disabilities KUDOS Awards Event on October 21st.

6. Bylaw Amendments

- a.) Meeting time and place
 - i.) Commission seeks to change their meeting time and location to increase participation. Commissions Coordinator will look for a mid-county meeting location that is available from 12 – 2pm.
 - ii.) Lewis shared proposed bylaw amendments which will be distributed to Commissioners before the next meeting.

7. Seniors Brochure

- a.) Sample brochures were reviewed. Lawrence will create a new draft based on Commission input.

8. Public Guardian Conservatorships

- a.) Sub-committee formed to study conservatorships within Santa Cruz County. Motion/ Second: Lewis/ Sones. Passed unanimously. Sub-committee members include Sones, Walters and Simpson.

9. Commissioners' Reports

- a.) District 1: No report.
- b.) District 2:
 - i.) Family Service Agency of the Central Coast offers counseling to older adults in their home.
- c.) District 3: No report.
- d.) District 4:
 - i.) Medicare.gov is the official U.S. government website that Seniors can use during the annual open enrollment period to apply for Medicare or change plans.
- e.) District 5: No report.

10. Retreat Follow Up

Postponed until December.

11. Holiday Party

- a.) Commissions Coordinator will send out doodle poll.

12. Adjournment at 3:37 pm

Next Seniors Commission meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017 at the Regional Transportation Commission Offices (1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

Submitted:
Aimee Mangan
Commission Coordinator