



# Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola CA 95010

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1<sup>st</sup> District), Suzanne Doty (1<sup>st</sup> District), Antonio Rivas (Vice Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> District), Mark Johannessen (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Lois Sones (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Patricia Fohrman (4<sup>th</sup> District), Carol Childers (Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District),

EXCUSED: Lynn McKibbin (5<sup>th</sup> District)

ABSENT: Katie Limas (4<sup>th</sup> District)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)

GUESTS: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.

2. Motion to Approve April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Doty

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Johannessen arrived.

3. Public Comment

4. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Review Strategic Action Plan and Consider Updates

Commission made the following updates to the 2023 Strategic Action Plan: added Master Plan for Aging language to 1C, added senior housing production/development to 3B, eliminated 3D, revised 4A to reflect path-of-travel safety and accessibility language, revised 4B to reflect senior mental health issues language, revised 4C to add evacuation efforts, added monitoring senior fraud prevention efforts to 4D. Commission also discussed the Senior Needs Assessment, AAA Solution Summit, London Nelson technology education for seniors, upcoming Housing Element meetings, the United Way's CORE funding grant proposal, 211 resource referral provision, and outreach opportunities to reach county seniors.

**Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Executive Subcommittee to develop implementation strategies**

Motion/Second: Doty/Rivas

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair appointed Childers, Doty, Taylor and Johannessen to the subcommittee. Subcommittee will develop implementation strategies for consideration at the next meeting.

## 5.2. Live Oak Senior Center Update Report

Childers reported that the Live Oak School District(LOSD) has given a two-year extension to the building tenants with the provision that Community Bridges will pay for repairs. The LOSD Board will finalize at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 5.3. Discuss Availability Barriers to Skilled Nursing in Santa Cruz County and Consider Commission Response Options

Staff reported that Alicia Morales referred the matter to Steve Matzie (Advocacy Inc.,) who was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict. Topic continued to a future meeting when Matzie can attend.

## 6. District Reports:

### 6.1. District 1:

Taylor and Doty reported attending a District 1 Commission appointee event where they discussed the senior center, unhoused senior women, and potentially collaborating with the Women's Commission.

### 6.2. District 2:

Rivas reported that the Watsonville Senior Center has received funding from the city council to make renovations. Rivas serves on the Senior action Committee. Johannessen shared additional detail on the County's CORE funding allocations and reported that the Santa Cruz County senior population has increased by 80% since the last census.

### 6.3. District 3:

Sones met with Supervisor Cummings and discussed the CORE funding decisions as well as unhoused seniors. The new Elderday facility is scheduled to open in September.

### 6.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported on bicycle accidents and traffic delays due to road repairs and encouraged Commissioners to submit suggestions for distribution of the upcoming senior needs assessment survey to the Master Plan for Aging Steering Committee.

### 6.5. District 5:

Childers reported that Supervisor McPherson is not planning to run for another term. Hwy 9 road repairs continue to isolate seniors and present barriers to service delivery for seniors. Volunteer firefighters have provided exceptional assistance with current road condition reports.

## 6. Senior Legislature Report:

Rivas reported that he has been appointed to be the Commission's CSL liaison to provide updates on legislation and relate Commission feedback to the CSL.

## 7. Staff Report:

Staff reported scheduling speakers for upcoming meetings to cover the following topics: the Public Defender's Office, CORE funding administration and skilled nursing availability in Santa Cruz County. Commission activities are limited to those specified in their mandate. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and promote attendance to *A Santa Cruz County Like Me* community workshops to collect community feedback on barriers to serving on County advisory bodies.

### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*