



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM
LOCATION: United Way, 4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola CA 95010
PRESENT: Suzanne Doty (*Chair - 1st District*), Antonio Rivas (*2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Katie Limas (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Carol Childers (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Dena Taylor (*1st District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Alicia Rodriguez (*3rd District*),
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. **Motion to Approve August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
Minutes revised to correct an error.
Motion to approve minutes as amended.
Motion/Second: Rivas/Childers
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. **Consider Participation Opportunities in Future Caregiver Resource Fairs**
Commission discussed options for helping to facilitate an event that provides senior resources. Ideally, an ad hoc subcommittee would be established during the December meeting with a view to approaching senior centers to determine if they would be interested in organizing and hosting a Senior Resource Fair in May 2025 to celebrate *Older Americans Month*. Topic will be placed on the December agenda.
5. District Reports
 - 5.1. District 1: No Report
 - 5.2. District 2
Johannessen reminded Commissioners that the Solutions Summit will be held on Wednesday, October 16. Rivas shared highlights from the second annual Senior Prom which included awards for Older Adult Services Volunteer of the Year (Renee Waide), and Older Adult Services Organization of the Year (Senior Legal Services), and Older Adult Services Lifetime Achievement (Irma Quintero).
 - 5.3. District 3: No Report

5.4. District 4

Fohrman shared her concerns regarding the proposed draft of the 2050 Watsonville City Plan which include affordable housing developments at both the airport, agricultural land, and some privately-owned land. Additionally, it seems that although traffic impact reports are included, they appear not be included in infrastructure considerations, though sewer and water infrastructure were considered in the planning.

5.5. District 5

Childers shared concerns about weather-related issues with the winter coming.

6. Senior Legislature Report

Rivas will go to Sacramento to advocate for legislation protecting senior centers throughout the state. On October 25th the CSL will select the top ten policies to prioritize in their advocacy efforts. The Commission will consider support for these ten priorities at the December meeting.

7. Staff Report:

Staff confirmed that Eva Holt-Rusmore will be invited to a future meeting to share information about compiling a “Senior Wellness Index” on the DataShareSCC health information website and is communicating with Alicia Morales on APS out-of-County SNF placement policy.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Emerging Matters and Commissioner Announcements:

Fohrman will forward additional information about County data collection to staff for further research. Childers encouraged Commissioners to attend a meeting at the Silver Spur to announce redevelopment plans for the property. Rivas alerted Commissioners to the presence of a measure on the ballot that, if passed, will allow for the Live Oak Senior Center property to be redeveloped.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*