



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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*), Katie Limas (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Carol Childers (*5th District*), Roger Wapner (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: Dena Taylor (*1st District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*),

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)

GUESTS: Peter Hueblein (*Community Educator*), Philip Geiger (*Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association*), Zachary Johnson (*Administrative Services Officer, Seniors Council*), and Karina Aragon (*County HSD Program Manager*). No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:30 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as written.

Motion/Second: Wapner/Johannessen

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Alzheimer's Association Presentation

Heublein and Geiger provided an overview of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their impact on the community, including the different types of dementia, risk factors and populations disproportionately affected, and common warning signs of Alzheimer's disease. They emphasized the importance of early detection and discussed current treatment options and preventive measures, including physical and cognitive exercise, nutrition, and monitoring overall health. They also highlighted resources available to individuals experiencing cognitive impairment and their families, including a free mobile app for individuals newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's and their care partners. The presentation concluded with information about fundraising and other opportunities to support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's, including advocacy for the **Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act**, pending legislation that would expand Medicare coverage for blood-based early-detection testing for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Rivas left the meeting resulting in a loss of quorum. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*