



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting Cancellation

The regular Commission on Disabilities meeting scheduled for January 9, 2025 has been canceled for lack of quorum.

There will be no Commission meeting in January 2025.

The **next regularly scheduled meeting** is scheduled for:

DAY: Thursday, February 13, 2025
TIME: 12:30 – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor, Redwood Room
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For further information please contact the Commissions Office at (831) 454-2772.



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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2025
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

****As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting *scent-free* and *smoke-free*.****

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *November 14, 2024 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1. County Disaster Preparedness and Relief Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities – Elizabeth Lynch-Byrd (*HSD Disability Access and Functional Coordinator*)
 - 6.2. Consider Draft 2023-2024 Commission on Disabilities Biennial Report
 - 6.3. Establish Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee
 - 6.4. Establish Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report – Gutierrez Baeza
 - 7.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update
8. Commission Priority Reports
 - 8.1. Accessibility Awareness Report
 - 8.2. Accessible Recreation Report
 - 8.3. Commission History Project Report
 - 8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Priority Report
 - 8.5. Legislative Priorities Report
 - 8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report
 - 8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report
9. Announcements/Emerging Matters
10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2024
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair - 1st District*), Camille Summers (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*Co-Chair - 3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), David Molina (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:38 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Review

4. Approve August 8, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New/Continuing Business:

6.1. Strategic Action Planning

Commission reviewed the current Strategic Action Plan and discussed opportunities for collaborative efforts with other advisory bodies. A joint meeting with the E&D/TAC, Metro advisory committee (MAC) the RTC, Seniors Commission and the IHSS Commission to discuss affordable, accessible, transportation. Other topics such as affordable accessible housing and food accessibility for people with disabilities were also discussed. Various formats (retreat/brainstorming session, town hall, forum/panel format, guest speaker event, etc.)

Motion to establish an ad hoc Collaborative Activities Subcommittee authorized to develop and implement an activity for the Commission to collaborate with community partners to address an issue of importance.

Motion/Second: Molina/Summers

Motion passed unanimously.

Taylor appointed Daugherty, Gutierrez Baeza, Levinson, and Molina and Taylor to the subcommittee.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:

Gutierrez Baeza plans to attend the next meeting in November or, if unavailable, Commission will send an alternate.

8. Commission Priority Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Adaptive Recreation Priority Report: No Report

8.3. Commission History Subcommittee Report: No Report

8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Report: No Report

8.5. Legislative Priority Report: No Report

8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report:

Staff reported sending information to Suzanne Ise (*Principal Planner*) from Beyond Access Consulting regarding an upcoming five-day virtual training course to review information covered on the examination to become a Certified Access Specialist (CASP) in the State of California.

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: :

Staff reported that the METRO's Accessibility Coordinator who was tentatively scheduled to present to the Commission is no longer with the METRO. Once the position has been filled, they will reschedule the speaker's visit.

9. Staff Report

Staff provided a copy of the Commission's memo itemizing their EEO/CR Plan feedback and announced that Molina will be making a presentation to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Disability Employment Awareness Month.

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Daugherty reported that, during a first reading, all seven Santa Cruz City Councilmembers recently voted to remove the exception in the State's rent control statute that would have allowed the St. George to raise rents beyond the allowable limit. Should it be approved during the required second reading, it would take effect before the rent increase at the St. George was scheduled to take place. Daugherty will provide an update at the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*