



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2019
TIME: 6:30 to 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Coastlines Conference Room, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz County Building
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Carole McPherson (3rd District), M. Miller (3rd District), Luci Basor (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Margaret Barr (5th District)
EXCUSED: Ari Parker (4th District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Britt Harmssen (*EEO Officer*), Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Arielle Miller (*Homeless Services Center*), Carol Fuller (*Reproductive Rights Network of Santa Cruz County, Democratic Women's Club of Santa Cruz County*)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:36 PM.
Commission welcomed 2nd District Commissioner Laurel Schonfield.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Commission amended agenda to read "Status of Women and Girls".
Motion to approve agenda as amended/Second: De Lany/Ritter
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve *November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes*
Motion/Second: De Lany/Schonfield
Ayes: Ritter, Beaton, Schonfield, McPherson, Miller, Basor, De Lany, Barr
Abstain: Cariño
Motion passed.
4. Correspondence
5. Public Comment: None
6. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
Commission discussed alternate meeting sites and dates for 2019. De Lany and Barr will research venues in north Santa Cruz County for the August 15th meeting. Live Oak Resource Center is being considered for the April 18th meeting.
 - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
 - 6.2.1. Health Care Section: Data Subcommittee:
No candidates have interviewed for the internship to date. The selection period will close on January 28th. Commission discussed alternatives, including students from UCSC, San Jose State, Cabrillo, a private all-girls high school, and VIP participants. County staff will explore alternatives and report back at the next meeting.

6.3. Justice and Gender Task Force Update:

Cariño reported that the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve all five recommendations submitted by the Task Force at the January 15th meeting. De Lany will share the Report and Recommendations on the Valley Women's Club website. Monthly Task Force meetings will precede Commission meetings in 2019.

6.4. Trailblazers Awards Planning

The Trailblazers Awards planning is ongoing:

- Subcommittee finalized the nomination form to share on social media, the Commission's website, and via local media outlets.
- Nominations will be accepted January 18th - February 15th.
- Ritter will update the Board of Supervisors during public comments at the January 29th meeting.
- The Art Wall project celebrating Trailblazers Awardees is tentatively scheduled for installation on March 1st.
- Awards will be presented to recipients at the March 26th Supervisors' meeting, with a reception tentatively scheduled for the following weekend.
- County staff will report on the available Commission budget at the next meeting.

6.5. Public Awareness Updates

Beaton reported that the Commission's Facebook page has shown a 556% increase in the number of readers each post reached and an 800% increase in the amount of reader engagement each post generated. The Commission's Instagram account has 262 followers to date. County staff will follow up on outstanding Commissioner bio statements. Commission will take new photos at the next meeting.

7. Staff Report

Harmssen will present the County's EEO Plan to the Commission when internal County review has been completed. The County's sexual harassment training on is being updated to include new legal requirements.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business

9.1. Town Hall Planning

Schonfield joined the Town Hall Planning Subcommittee. The *Women and Homelessness Town Hall* is tentatively planned for October 2019. Commission discussed conditions at the Ross homeless encampment. Commission will invite the Santa Cruz Police Chief to present on law enforcement policies related to homelessness issues. Arielle Miller will update the Commission on current local homelessness data at the next meeting.

10. Announcements

Commissioners discussed Santa Cruz law enforcement participation in the Martin Luther King March. Commissioners agreed that the holiday party was a success. Commissioners discussed the January 19th Women's Reproductive Rights Breakfast which will be followed by the Women's March rally at the County Building.

11. Adjournment at 7:53 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*