



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2019
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Watsonville County Building, Training Room 104
18 W. Beach Street, Watsonville, CA 95076
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Margaret Barr (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), M. Miller (3rd District), Luci Basor (4th District),
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Sarah Husin (*Data Analysis Intern*), Annette Melendrez (*Pajaro Valley Shelter Program Manager*), Erika Cortes (Youth Homeless Response Team), Angie Moreno (South County Housing Collaborative Coordinator) and two community members

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Motion/Second: Sarmiento/Schonfield
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve *October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes*
Motion/Second: De Lany/Sarmiento
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions and a resignation letter from former Commissioner Carole McPherson.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report
 - 6.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report: Health Care Update
Husin reported that she has extended her internship, most data collection has been completed and the first draft of the report is being reviewed/revise.
 - 6.3. Justice and Gender Task Force Update
Cariño reported that the final meeting of the task force was well attended. During December there will be breakout meetings, with final recommendations submitted to the Board of Supervisors in January 2020. There is discussion that it will transition into a County Commission (a restructured Domestic Violence Commission).

6.4. Public Awareness Update

Beaton reported that speaker series events have been posted. There is an increase of followers on Facebook and no update on Instagram.

6.5. 2020 Art Wall Subcommittee Update

Staff contacted Whitney Ford-Terry (Exhibition Catalyst, Museum of Art & History) to invite her to consult with the subcommittee on exhibit design. A press release calling for artists is ready to be published, and Ann Osterman (Santa Cruz Arts Council) is reviewing a draft of the project proposal before final submission to the screening committee for consideration.

6.6. Trailblazers Subcommittee

A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to review/revise 2019 forms. Trailblazers is scheduled for August 2020 and the subcommittee hopes to hold an awards event off-site after the Board of Supervisors' presentation. Staff is working with a local woman experiencing homelessness to draft a nomination.

7. New Business: None

8. Staff Report

Staff reported that Bylaws are due for revision in 2020. Mitsuno Baurmeister is incorporating current data into the County *Equal Employment Opportunity & Cultural Competence Plan* and will include the Commission in the review process when it is ready.

9. Announcements

9.1. Barr announced that she is working with Monterey representative, Whitney Stewart-Gravel on the Women's History Alliance 2020 Suffrage project promoting suffrage celebration events in the region. Although Barr will have resigned from the Commission effective December 31, 2019, she will continue to consult with the 2020 Suffrage Art Wall Project Subcommittee. The Commission proposed local suffrage celebration events including a march, a film festival, a speakers bureau, and discussed the importance of educating young women on the relevancy of suffrage history.

9.2. Sarmiento announced that the Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz County Community Coalition to Overcome Racism (SCCCOR), the Community Action Board, Save Our Shores, Barrios Unidos, and Community Bridges collaborated on a flier emphasizing the importance of 2020 Census participation. Staff will invite 2020 Census representatives to the January meeting.

9.3. Sarmiento encouraged Commissioners to attend and promote SCCCOR films and trainings addressing racism; white culture, privilege and bias; and (de)colonialism.

9.4. Sarmiento invited Commissioners to attend Watsonville celebrations of International Women's Day celebrations on March 8, 2020. More information will be forthcoming.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*