



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2020
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Fifth Floor Board Chambers, County Government 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), Luci Basor (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jenny Sarmiento (4th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Sarah Husin (*Data Analysis Intern*), Christina Granados (*U.S. Census Bureau Specialist*), Dr. Gail Newel (*County Health Officer*), Sylvia Nieto (*County Victims Services Program Manager*), Kim Walker (*Santa Clara County SART Program Manager*) and seven community members

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:00 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Agenda amended to include item "7.2 Approve 2018-2019 Biennial Report"
Motion to approve as amended/Second: Cariño/Basor
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Motion/Second: De Lany/Cariño
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions and a thank you card from Evyn Simpson and the women at the Housing Matters Shelter for the 25 mini-backpack care packages that the Commission assembled and delivered to the women.
5. Public Comment: None
6. 2020 Census Participation
Christina Granados, U.S. Census Bureau Specialist, spoke on the importance of a complete and accurate census in the determining representation and allocation of resources.
Authorize letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of 2020 Census participation
Motion/Second: Cariño/Schonfield
Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business/Action Items:

7.1. Approve Equal Rights Amendment Letter to the Board of Supervisors

Commission reviewed a letter requesting the Board of Supervisors' formal support for any legislation extending the ratification deadline and incorporating the *Equal Rights Amendment* into the Constitution.

Motion/Second: De Lany/Beaton

Motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Approve the 2018-2019 Biennial Report

Commission reviewed the 2018-2019 Biennial Report to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion/Second: De Lany/Schonfield

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees

8.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

8.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report: Health Care Update

Husin reported that the report is in the second round of revisions. Next steps will include review by the subcommittee and several community experts for feedback.

8.3. Justice and Gender Task Force Update

Cariño reported that the task force's final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 28th. Commissioners will attend in support and promote the event on social media.

8.4. Public Awareness Update

Beaton reported that there have been no significant changes in social media followers or engagement. Commissioners are encouraged to continue submitting items of interest for posting.

8.5. 2020 Art Wall Subcommittee Update

Staff will contact artists who have not yet indicated which posters they are interested in working on and conduct additional outreach to the local arts community.

8.6. Trailblazers Subcommittee

Subcommittee met to develop a timeline for the awards. Nominations will open on April 1 and be due no later than May 22nd. Commission will review recommended recipients for approval at the June meeting and awards will be presented at the first Board of Supervisors meeting in August. The Subcommittee will meet again on March 19th at 5:30 PM in the Board Chambers.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that a new Commissioner was appointed for the Third District but had to decline the appointment because of unforeseen schedule conflicts.

10. Announcements

10.1. De Lany announced a *District 5 Candidates Forum* on February 6, 2020.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*