



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

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Date: September 20, 2018
Location: Corralitos Women's Club, 33 Browns Valley Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076
Present: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jillian Ritter (1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laura Cross (Co-Chair, 2nd District), Carole McPherson (3rd District), M. Miller (3rd District), Luci Basor (4th District), Ari Parker (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Margaret Barr (5th District)
Excused: None
Staff: Britt Harmssen (EEO Officer), Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator)

Meeting was convened at 6:29 PM

- 1.0 Roll Call/ Introductions
- 2.0 Agenda Review – Additions, Deletions
Approve addition of item “Dominican-Dignity Merger” to New Business
Motion/Second: Cross/De Lany
Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.0 Review and Approve *June 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes*
Motion/Second: Ritter/Parker
Motion passed unanimously with corrections.
- 4.0 Correspondence
- 5.0 Oral Communications
- 6.0 Staff Report
Board of Supervisors requested additional non-substantive changes to County Code 2.80 which will be resubmitted for Board approval on 9/25. Both County Gender Sensitivity training module and revised County EEO Plan are nearing completion. County Family Responsibilities Discrimination training module is complete. County lactation is complete.
- 7.0 Reports from Officers and Standing Subcommittees
 - 7.1 Co-Chairs Report
 - 7.1.1 Annual Retreat:
Cariño summarized retreat activities including reviewing achievements and challenges, updating the organizational chart (including a new subcommittee), tallying capacities, setting guidelines and determining next year's goals.
 - 7.2 Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
 - 7.2.1 Healthcare Section: Data Subcommittee:
De Lany met with Staff to discuss project scope, field mentoring orientation, intern application refinements and recruitment process. Commission will be represented at the CSUMB Career Fair in November. Commission discussed potential collaboration with both San Mateo Women's Commission and Santa Clara Women's Commission. Barr and Beaton will attend future meetings regarding this project.
 - 7.3 Justice and Gender Task Force
No report. Cariño will forward her meeting notes to the Commission.

- 7.4 Public Awareness Updates
Beaton encouraged Commissioners to submit photos of their activities in the community for posting on social media, including new Instagram account. Barr informed the group of the Women and Leadership forum on 10/14. Staff discussed their participation in a women's leadership organization.
- 8.0 Unfinished Business
 - 8.1 Town Hall Regarding Homelessness with Susan Green
Item postponed until 2019
- 9.0 New Business
 - 9.1 Dominican-Dignity Health Merger
Commission discussed the proposed Dominican-Dignity Health merger and its potential impact on women's reproductive health in Santa Cruz County.
 - 9.2 Co-Chair and Executive Member Elections
Approve Ritter as Co-Chair
Motion/Second: Parker/Cariño
Motion passed unanimously.
Approve Barr as Executive Member
Motion/Second: De Lany/Parker
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 9.3 Trailblazer Awards Expansion
Commission discussed improvements/expansions to the Trailblazer awards including hosting an awards luncheon, refining nomination criteria, offering guidelines and structure for submissions, and potentially adding new award categories. Commissioners will review previous Trailblazer materials for discussion at next meeting.
 - 9.4 Commission Website Updates
Staff will update the events page to include most recent Trailblazer awardees with photos, early notice of 2019 awards and links to Commission Facebook and Instagram accounts. Beaton will update Trailblazer logo, and Commission Logo.
 - 9.5 SB 826 Statement to Santa Cruz Sentinel
Ritter updated the Commission on Senate Bill 826 which would establish quotas for female members of organization boards. Ritter was interviewed by the Santa Cruz Sentinel on the topic.
- 10.0 Announcements
Cariño announced the Commission to the Salud y Cariños silent auction fundraiser on 10/6 from 5-9 PM at the Community Foundation. McPherson announced recent changes in voting procedures to make voting easier and more secure. Parker announced a forum in Watsonville City Hall on 10/3 at 5:30 PM. Santa Cruz County candidates for 4th District Supervisor and Watsonville City Council candidates will be present.
- 11.0 Adjournment at 7:58 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **6:30 PM on Thursday, October 18** at the Santa Cruz County Building, Coastlines Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, Commissions Coordinator