

Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 18, 2020

TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM LOCATION: Remote meeting

PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel

Schonfield (2nd District), Maryanne Campbell (3rd District), Maria Boutell (3rd

District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)

EXCUSED: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Luci Basor (4th District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th

District),

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator), Sarah Husin (Research Intern)

GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:01 PM.

Commission welcomed Rachel Bickert representing the Fifth District.

2. Review and Approve February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes amended to correct attendance and adjust Monarch Services fundraiser date.

Motion/Second: Beaton/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously as amended.

3. Correspondence

None.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. COVID-19 and Unsheltered Women in Santa Cruz County

Staff summarized the County's COVID-19 Homeless response, including establishing the Shelter & Care Task Force, providing additional emergency shelters, and preparing for quarantine housing in the event that residents experiencing homelessness test positive for the Coronavirus. As of May 7, 2020, there have been no confirmed cases in the homeless population. The Latino community is disproportionately impacting the Latino community, who represent 33% of the population but account for 57% of known cases. The Commission will explore opportunities to support community partners who are providing outreach, community education and resources to women and girl agricultural workers.

Motion to hold a Special Meeting in July to address ongoing projects.

Motion/Second: De Lany/Schonfield

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair established the ad hoc *COVID-19 Response Subcommittee* and appointed Beaton, Cariño, Bickert and Sarmiento.

Chair appointed Cariño and Bickert to the Policy & Legislation Subcommittee

5.2. Commission Response to the Black Lives Matter Movement

Commission discussed advocacy opportunities. Topic pended until the July meeting.

Chair established the ad hoc *Black Lives Matter Movement/Anti-Racism Response Subcommittee* and appointed Schonfield, Boutell, Campbell, Sarmiento and Basor.

5.3. Election of Officers

Motion to Re-Elect Co-Chairs Ritter and Cariño

Motion/Second: De Lany/Beaton

Aye: Beaton, Schonfield, Campbell, Maria Boutell, De Lany, Bickert

Abstain: Cariño

5.4. Commission Project Priorities and Updates

• Status of Women and Girls Report (SOWAG) Update

Husin reported that work continues apace, and a draft may be ready as soon as the July meeting.

• 2020 Women's Suffrage Art Wall

Staff is researching options for a hybrid virtual/in-person exhibit and collecting first drafts for our next meeting.

2020 Trailblazers Ceremony

Motion to cancel the 2020 Trailblazers and plan for the 2021 Trailblazers

Motion/Second: De Lany/Schonfield

Motion passed unanimously

6. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO Plan has been completely updated and submitted to Personnel leadership for approval. The next step will include feedback from County departments and EEO Commissions. Staff will email the new organization chart with new subcommittees/members

7. Announcements

- 7.1. De Lany announced that the Boulder Creek Fourth of July Parade will be held virtually.
- 7.2. Bickert announced that the State Senators Office can provide support for residents that are experiencing difficulty getting their EDD benefits. She will share FAQ via email.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, Commissions Coordinator