



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2020
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Maryanne Campbell (3rd District), Maria Boutell (3rd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District)
ABSENT: Laurel Schonfield (2nd District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Sarah Husin (*Data Visualization Intern*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:06 PM.

Motion to approve agenda as written

Motion/Second: De Lany/Campbell

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Sarmiento/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence: None

4. Public Comment: None

5. Continuing Business/Action Items:

5.1. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG): 2020 Health Care Update

Husin presented the key findings and recommendations from the *SOWAG 2020 Health Care Update*. Commission is concerned about the impact the Dignity/Dominican merger will have on the availability of reproductive healthcare and family planning services for low-income Santa Cruz County women. Chairs will meet with Supervisor-Elect Koenig to discuss his position on advancing the interests of women. Commission acknowledged Husin for her excellent work on this report.

Motion to approve the Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG): 2020 Health Care Update

Motion/Second: De Lany/Sarmiento

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2. Support for Women Farmworkers

Commission discussed how the Commission can support women farmworkers going forward. Interested Commissioners will send donated items and funds to Beaton and Cariño for assembly.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report

Cariño expressed appreciation on behalf of the Chairs and the Commission for Staff effort's on the 2020 Suffrage Art Wall and Timeline and surprised Staff with a gift certificate to Bookshop Santa Cruz. Staff was properly flummoxed. Commission also expressed appreciation for the beautiful artwork that artists Emily Aranda, Janet Allinger Jan Carter, Ria Devine, Priscilla Martinez, and Jasmine Simone contributed to the exhibit; the expertise and insight of local women's historian, Rosemary Brogan; and the virtual exhibit tour created by local photographer, Jennifer Wills.

6.2. 2020 Suffrage Art Wall Subcommittee Update: No Report

6.3. Public Awareness Subcommittee: No Report

7. Staff Report:

The EEO/CC Plan is being updated with year-end workforce data and should be available for review sometime in January.

8. Announcements

Commission celebrated the election of a woman of color to the Vice Presidency. The Women's March which has been postponed for health and safety reasons. Commission will continue to monitor the status of the Equal Rights Amendment. Sarmiento encouraged Commissioners to advocate for more Latino representation at the State level, in particular following the progress of two Latina candidates.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*