



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Remote meeting

PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jennifer Murray (2nd District), Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Karina Moreno (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)

EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (2nd District),

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)

GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM.

Commission welcomed new District 3 Commissioner, Jennifer Smith.

2. Approve January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Cariño/Moreno

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence: None

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider 2020-2021 Biennial Report

Commission amended the report to revise goals and recommendations. Changes included rewording goals related to community recognition, unhoused women, political participation and adding goals related to menstrual equity and COVID-19 recovery.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Biennial Report as amended.

Motion/Second: Ritter/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2. Consider Commission Subcommittee Membership

Commission dissolved the COVID-19 Response Ad Hoc Subcommittee and combined the Art Wall and Trailblazers Ad Hoc Subcommittees into the Community Recognition Ad Hoc Subcommittees. Co-Chairs made the following appointments: Bickert (Executive Committee and the Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee), Murray (Social Media and Homelessness Ad Hoc Subcommittees), Smith (Community Recognition), Moreno (Policy/Legislation, Black Lives Matter/Anti-Racism, and Political Participation/Civic Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittees).

- 5.3. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361
Motion/Second: Ritter/Murray
Motion passed unanimously.
- 5.4. Consider 2022 Trailblazers Event Strategy
Commission discussed possibly partnering with WILDR to host a virtual event. The Community Recognition Ad Hoc Subcommittee will bring a proposal to the March meeting.
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report
 - 6.2. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:
 - 6.2.1. *Political Participation SOWAG Report* Update: No Report
 - 6.2.2. *WILDR Partnership Update*
Next forum will be held on March 3, 2022. Commission will lend their name to the event. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. County Counsel has approved this partnership as long as the forums are open to everyone, and the Commission does not support any individual campaigns.
 - 6.3. Social Media Subcommittee Update: No Report
7. Staff Report
Staff reported that Personnel has collected 20% of possible responses in the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey. Formally setting aside funds to support Commission activities is not something Personnel is in a position to consider at this time. Personnel will continue to support these activities informally, budget permitting, on a case-by-case basis as they have done in the past. Commissions provided for under the County Code do not have supporting budgets as they are advisory bodies. Fundraising and grant mechanisms have been the historical process for meeting fiscal needs. County Counsel has indicated that Commission bylaws can be updated to allow fundraising and grant-related activities. Commissioners are encouraged to share suggested links for the new resource page on the Commission website.
8. Announcements:
Murray announced that Supervisor Friend and his staff are looking into promoting menstrual equity implementation. The expectation is that the Commission will see some official movement towards menstrual equity in County facilities in the future, whether it comes from Supervisor Friend's office or from the CAO's office.
9. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*