



# Women's Commission

County of  
Santa Cruz

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2018  
Location: 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Personnel Large Conference Room, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Present: Margaret Barr, Laura Cross, Theresa Cariño, Maria Barranco, Ari Parker, Carole McPherson, Luci Basor  
Absent: Marissa Fullum-Campbell, Sheila De Lany  
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer  
Marisela Nuñez, Extra-Help Commissions Coordinator

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- 1.0 Roll Call/ Introductions  
Meeting was convened at 6:38 pm
  - 2.0 Agenda Review – Additions, Deletions  
Approval of correction in spelling to McPherson's name.
  - 3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes  
Cross announced approval without objections.
  - 4.0 Correspondence: None
  - 5.0 Oral Communications- Any person may address the commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on an issue within the jurisdiction of the commission. The commission will not take action but may choose to follow up at a subsequent meeting.
  - 6.0 Staff Report
    - a) A new commissioner, Carrie Beaton, will be joining the women's commission meeting next month.
    - b) Marisela Nuñez has joined the Personnel department as Extra-Help Commissions Coordinator.
  - 7.0 Reports from Sub-committees
    - 7.1 Status on Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
      - a) Staff reported that she is working with local universities to secure an intern to support the townhall event planning.
      - b) A tentative date for the townhall is set for October 18th from 5:30-9:00pm
      - c) Staff discussed potential options for the townhall event location and will contact the Veteran's Memorial Building downtown regarding availability.
        - 7.1.1 Healthcare Section: Data Sub-committee: No report.
    - 7.2 Trailblazers Sub-committee
      - a) McPherson suggested that Janus of Santa Cruz be invited to present at a future Commission meeting and the Commission request a tour of the newly reopened Blaine Street Women's Facility.
      - b) Staff reported that the Trailblazers Awards event received outstanding feedback, was well attended, and received media attention.
      - c) Parker reported that Cross, Basor, and Barranco attended the Women's Commission Trailblazers of the Pajaro Valley event on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Watsonville Women's Club. Approximately 119 guests total attended the

event, including County Clerk Gail Pellerin who performed a swearing-in ceremony for Basor. Trailblazer Awardee Maria Campos had family from Mexico attend the event.

8.0 Continuing Items

8.1 Justice and Gender Task Force Report

a) Cariño reported on a panel presentation of the Justice and Gender Task Force. The panel included children of incarcerated parents, who identified tangible action items for systems improvement that the County and community can implement.

b) Barranco asked about the Task Force's efforts on enhancing access to mental health services.

8.2 Town Hall Meeting- Women and Homelessness Report: Discussed under 7.1.

8.3 Public Awareness Updates

a) Commissioners will share Trailblazer Awards event photos and connect members to the Facebook page.

b) Barranco posted a news article from the Pajaronian which covered the South County Trailblazers celebration in Watsonville.

9.0 Vacancies

a) Cross suggested a review of resignation guidelines for the Commission.

10.0 Announcements

a.) Cariño will be absent from the May and June meetings, and possibly, the August Commission meeting. Her organization, Salud y Carino, is being honored by the United Way as women of philanthropy.

b) Barranco announced that April is Sexual Assault awareness month and distributed pamphlets and pins to wear throughout the month.

c) Staff reported that the county-wide EEO and Cultural Competence Plan is near completion, and the Commission will be able to provide feedback before it is finalized.

d) Staff discussed legal developments in the areas of EEO and nondiscrimination and will invite feedback from the Commission on training developments.

e) Parker will research new meeting spaces for the Commission in South, Mid, and North County and requested that Meeting Spaces be added as an item on the next agenda.

f) Cross announced an upcoming Girls, Inc. of the Central Coast luncheon. McPherson will also be in attendance.

11.0 Adjournment at 7:35 pm.

The next Women's Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. at the Government Building (701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Personnel Large Conference Room, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

Submitted,  
Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer