



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 19, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Remote meeting

PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jennifer Murray (2nd), Maryanne Campbell, (3rd District) Maria Boutell (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)

EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Sheila De Lany (5th District)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)

GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:02 PM.

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second: Ritter/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve June 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Cariño/Quiroz-Carter

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed County position descriptions and information on a Statewide Women's Recovery Response Survey.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Trailblazers Event Proposal

Commission postponed event until March of 2022 because of recent surge in Delta variant cases.

5.2. Consider participating in Women's Political Participation Forum Event

Commission reviewed a sponsorship proposal from a local non-partisan grassroots organization regarding a local forum fostering political engagement from women representing diverse communities. No financial commitment is required for sponsorship.

Motion to sponsor and participate in the October 2021 Diverse Representation Forum

Motion/Second: Ritter/Sarmiento

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report

Ritter updated the Commission on the County's re-activating the mask requirement in the wake of a recent surge in Delta variant cases. Quiroz-Carter had no report.

6.2. *Ad Hoc 2021 Trailblazers Awards Subcommittee Report*

Campbell advised the Commission that awards for the 2022 Trailblazers Awards will be purchased from Brink's Awards & Signs in Santa Cruz.

6.3. *Ad Hoc Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update*

Bickert reported that the subcommittee will meet to discuss forum sponsorship. Ritter appointed Murray to the subcommittee.

6.4. *Ad Hoc Economic Justice Subcommittee Update:*

Commission discussed postponing SOWAG Economic Justice section update and prioritizing the SOWAG Political Participation section update to align with the Commission's current focus on political participation and civic engagement.

Motion to postpone the Economic Justice section update and prioritize the Political Participation section update

Motion/Second: Bickert/Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5. *Ad Hoc Public Awareness Subcommittee Update*

Ritter will contact former Commissioner Beaton for access to the Instagram account.

7. Staff Report

Staff reported that Personnel hopes to resume regular in-office hours in mid-September to align with the County's official re-opening. Commission is now a member of the *National Associations of Commissions for Women*, though the Association of California Commissions on the Status of Women is still not allowing new memberships.

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*