



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2020
TIME: 6:00 to 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Fifth Floor Board Chambers, County Government Building
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District),
Maryanne Campbell (3rd District), Maria Boutell (3rd District), Luci Basor (4th
District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District)
EXCUSED: Carrie Beaton (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Rachel Bickert (5th
District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: James Russell (*County Behavioral Health Senior Client Specialist*), Sarah Leonard
(*Mental Health Client Action Network Executive Director*), Rosemary Brogan
(*Cabrillo College Women's History Professor*), Anrae Angel (*Defense Attorney and
Superior Court Judicial Candidate*), and five community members

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions
Meeting convened at 6:04 PM.
2. Review and Approve Agenda
Motion/Second: De Lany/Ritter
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review and Approve January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Motion/Second: De Lany/Ritter
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Correspondence
Commissioners reviewed current new County position descriptions.
5. Public Comment:
Anrae Angel thanked the Commission for their commitment to supporting civic engagement and political representation for women in Santa Cruz County.
6. New Business/Action Items: None
7. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
 - 7.1. Co-Chairs Report:
Ritter reported that the Board of Supervisors will be considering the Commission's recommendation that they formally support for the ERA at the February 25th meeting.
 - 7.2. Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report: Health Care Update
Staff reported that Sarah Husin is completing coursework in best practices for visual representation of data and will be reworking the update to emphasize effective data

representation. Co-Chairs appointed Husin to the SOWAG Subcommittee for the duration of the Health Care section update.

7.3. Justice and Gender Task Force Update

Cariño reported that the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support the Task Force's final recommendations. A first reading of the ordinance establishing the *Santa Cruz County Justice and Gender Commission* will happen on February 25th with a second reading in March.

7.4. Public Awareness Update: No Update

7.5. 2020 Art Wall Subcommittee Update

Co-Chairs appointed Rosemary Brogan, women's history professor for Cabrillo College, to the 2020 Art Wall Subcommittee to consult on the historical timeline for the duration of the project.

7.6. Trailblazers Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will meet on March 19th at 5:30 PM in the Board Chambers.

8. Staff Report

Staff reported that revisions to the County's *Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan* are nearing completion, and the Women's Commission will be given an opportunity to offer feedback before it is finalized.

9. Announcements

9.1. Cariño announced the "*Party with a Purpose Monarch Services Fundraiser*" on March 5, 2020.

9.2. De Lany announced the Valley Women's Club 42nd Annual General Meeting on March 22, 2020 at the Highland's Park Senior Citizens Center.

9.3. Sarmiento announced the 11th Annual International Women's Day Celebration on March 6, 2020 in Watsonville Plaza.

9.4. Ritter reminded everyone to vote on March 3, 2020.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*