

Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2003 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

MINUTES FOR THE
MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE CENTER
1432 ABBOTT STREET - SALINAS, CA 93901

I. Call to Order – Commissioner Foglia called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introductions/Guest Speakers

- A. Commissioners Present – Alma Almanza, Roger Baez, Kalah Bumba, Anna Foglia, James S. Gunter, Tim Meroney, Byrl Smith, Richard Smith, John Villalpando, and Tori Hannah representing Charlene Wiseman.
- B. Commissioners Absent – Merryl Carr, Bill Cornelius, Fred Crummey, Juan Garcia, and Carol A. Ryan.
- C. Commissioners Excused – Stanley Cook, Barbara Flynn, John Pinio.
- D. Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff – Tony Anchundo and Denika Dallimore.

III. Approval of the Agenda & Minutes

September 29th Minutes

Com. Bumba moved to approve the minutes. Com. Villalpando seconded the motion. Motion passed 10/0/0.

IV. Public Comments

A. Presentation by Tony Anchundo, Registrar of Voters

Mr. Anchundo stated he is responsible for all public elections held throughout Monterey County under 9 different bodies of law. He just had the recall election in October, the uniform district election in November, Measure Q in December, and is gearing up for the March primary election for 2004. He stated that the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 required

every election official to make polling places as accessible as possible to the elderly and handicapped. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 required every voting official to provide accessible polling places to all individuals regardless of disability. He stated this County is the first and the only County in the State to have an all mail ballot and stated he needs the help of groups such as this Commission to assure that an all mail ballot system is accessible to people with disabilities.

Commissioner Foglia thanked Mr. Anchundo for his presentation.

E. Tentative Speaker from "No on Measure Q" – No speaker available.

V. Appointments and Resignations

A. Resignation of Bertha Alfaro – Comm. Foglia stated receiving a resignation letter from Comm. Alfaro. Comm. Almanza suggested following the by-laws and when a commissioner misses more than 3 meetings, they should be out. Comm. Bumba agreed with Comm. Almanza and had a few questions re the by-laws. Comm. Foglia suggested having as an action item on the next agenda a request to staff to provide info on attendance and also what agency to fill those absent seats.

VI. Officer Reports

A. CHAIR – None.

B. VICE CHAIR – None.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Unmet Transportation Needs – Comm. Bumba stated there will be a hearing on 10/28/03 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers; 12/03/03 at 10:00 a.m. at the transportation agency.

B. Website – Mr. Asunsolo reported info on County budget situation and stated he was not able to connect with Kristen to work on annual report but should have something at the retreat.

C. Legislative Committee – None.

D. Public Relations Committee – None.

VIII. Old Business

A. Action Item: Approve list of meeting dates for 2004 – Comm. Almanza moved to approve and Comm. R. Smith seconded. Motion passed 10/0/0.

B. Action Item: Vote on Measure Q – Comm. Foglia stated it is unfair to take action now being that we have not heard from both sides. Comm. Bumba moved for the Commission to support Measure Q. Motion passed 8/2/0. Mr. Asunsolo then stated he will draft a letter to send to County Council asking for any legal reason why this Commission cannot support this measure.

C. Update on Facilitator for Retreat – Mr. Asunsolo stated he is contacting the person who heads the

Santa Cruz Disabilities Commission.

D. Retreat – Comm. Villalpando commented on the length of the retreat. Stated we should visit the by-laws to see if it has to be 5 hrs. long. Comm. Meroney reminded everyone the week of Nov. 24th is Thanksgiving and a short week, probably hard to take so much time away for the retreat. Comm. Foglia stated hearing from other commissioners that this Commission is not taking action and making things happen, as reflected in this past year. Comm. R. Smith stated that if retreat is shortened, not too many things will get done and then it will be a waste of time. Mr. Asunsolo suggested having the retreat January 26th instead and do elections at that time. Comm. R. Smith agreed with Mr. Asunsolo and stated this gives time to structure the retreat.

Comm. R. Smith moved to postpone the retreat to January 26, 2004 and have the Nov. 24th meeting be a regular meeting, and to set up a committee to structure the retreat. Motion seconded by Comm. Bumba and passed 10/0/0. An ad-hoc committee to structure the retreat was created and headed by Comms. Almanza, Foglia, and R. Smith.

IX. New Business

A. None.

X. Round Table Discussion/For the Good of the Commission

Comm. Meroney commented on the burnings in Fort Ord. He stated he remembered this Commission voting to do nothing last year and that he was opposed to doing nothing. He would like to place on the next agenda as an action item something from this Commission stating that we are very unhappy with the outcome of the burning in Fort Ord. Comm. Meroney will draft a letter to the Board approved by the Commission.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Comm. Foglia.