

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	FEBRUARY 13, 2014	LOCATION: THE TAMALPAIS, GREENBRAE
<p>PRESENT: Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Gertler, Kemp, Kirshbaum, Livoti, Monson, Peters-Janover, Robbins, Smith, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Asimos, Gontarz-York, Locks</p> <p>VACANT: District 2</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Michele McCabe</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2014 at Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Presentation: Future Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing for Older Adults Speakers: Joe O’Hehir, CEO Whistlestop and Andrea Osgood, Eden Housing</p> <p>Call to Order Chair Monson called the meeting to order at 11:17a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The February 13, 2014 agenda was approved as submitted.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved as written.</p>	

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<p>Open Time for Public Expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dee Stuever from San Rafael wanted to thank the Commission for the presentation. He has written a book entitled “Who is Going to Take Care of Me?” Mr. Stuever expressed that isolation is a big issue in Marin. He was informed of the Information and Assistance line at 457-4636 (INFO). <p>Chair’s Report: Monson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He’s delighted to see former members of the Commission attending today’s meeting. In District 5, Marianne Gontarz-York was just appointed to fill Donna Bjorn’s term. He is sad to report Commissioner Bjorn is ill and undergoing treatment. Due to an Aging and Adult Services staff family emergency, the Great Age newsletter production will be delayed by two weeks. Health and Nutrition and Housing and Transportation committee groups are attempting to finalize their Area Plan objectives. This has been a challenge since their last meetings didn’t have quorums. Healthy Aging Symposium planning is underway. The theme is “Mind, Body and Soul.” <p>Vice-Chair Report: No Report</p> <p>Action Item: None</p> <p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos was absent. Carol Zeller reported for Chair Asimos. The last meeting did not have a quorum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is Thursday, March 20th at 1:30p.m. <p>Housing and Transportation: Chair Bortel reported:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is April 16, 2014 at 1:30p.m. • Meetings are only four times per year. • An extra meeting will be called this month to deal with the Area Plan objectives for Fiscal Year 2014-15. <p>Legislative Task Force: Chair Bloch reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is Friday, February 14th at 9:30a.m. She missed last month's meeting due to a CSL meeting in Sacramento. • Only two CSL bills have been picked up with a deadline of February 21, 2014. One of those pieces of legislation is line 402 on the State tax return which allows donations to the CSL. The other bill concerns Geriatric Health Care. • Vera Gertler was named Belvedere Citizen of the Year. • Line 400 TAC, Line 401 Alzheimer's, Line 402 CSL; must raise \$250,000 to stay on the form. <p>Planning: Chair Timms reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is Wednesday, February 19th at the Redwoods from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. in their conference room. Judi Kirshbaum will chair the meeting in Chair Jody Timm's absence. • The Planning Committee hopes to have their objectives for review after their next meeting. <p>Editorial Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Director's Report: Lee Pullen, Director for the Area Agency on Aging reported:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's great to see former commissioners attending the meeting. • Urged commissioners to get their objectives in and the Area Plan processing going. • There needs to be a quorum at every meeting before action or voting can take place. • Please complete the Advisory Council Profile Survey; either the hard copy or survey monkey. It is only necessary to complete one of the two formats not both. • Federal Budget incurred a 7% cut last year. The Appropriations Committee will return to pre-sequester funding for SCSEP and nutrition. • Chair Monson, Commissioners Chris Asimos, Allan Bortel and AAA Director Lee Pullen will be meeting with the Mental Health Substance Use Service Director, Dr. Suzanne Tavano on February 14, 2014 as a follow-up to the October 2013 MHSA letter of recommendation. <p><i>Commission Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedinger (District 2); good discussion, Health and Nutrition Committee wants to meet more often. This item will be on their agenda at their next meeting. Great Age was very well received at Bennet House in Fairfax. • Bortel (CSL and City of Tiburon); Catch a Ride has 1,000 seniors registered now. There is a cap at 1,300 - 1,400 a month. Paratransit Coordinating Council Committee is also on Citizens Oversight Committee. Measure A and Measure B money is flowing in. On June 30th he is stepping down from representing Tiburon. He also wants to bring support of Affordable Housing at Whistlestop to the next Executive Committee meeting. • Boutilier (City of Sausalito); working on Sausalito survey. They have received about 1,100 responses. • Brilliant (City of Mill Valley); Disaster Coalition will be meeting on Wednesday, February 19th. • Dowling (City of Ross); thanked Chair Monson and Aging and Adult Services' Program Manager Ana Bagtas for the Commission on Aging's achievement summary. This will be a useful tool to help the commission report back to their appointing bodies. • Kemp (District 1); spoke about disaster preparedness. She has also been invited to speak to Marin retired employees in April. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livoti (City of Novato); Marin Village starting in Novato. Three people are leading the steering committee with 18 people interested. The group will meet on Wednesdays in Novato at Margaret Todd Senior Center. Dial-a-Ride will be available on those Wednesdays for participants needing transportation assistance to the meeting. Another upcoming meeting is a “Blind Vision” session on February 19th. AARP tax preparation will be available in March. Register begins on February 24, 2014 at www.aarp.org. • Locks (City of San Rafael); attended Commissioner Donna Robbin’s organizational seminar at Bel Marin Keys in Novato. • Robbins (District 4); distribution of Great Age needs to be changed. We need to come up with a new plan. This should be addressed through the Executive Committee and Editorial Board. • Smith (District 3); spoke about the Village Network Conference and peer support for Village development. Marin Housing’s wait list is open in Sausalito Supervisor Sears is working out the new traffic light at Tamalpais Junction. • Timms (City of Fairfax); spoke at Fairfax Town Council. She is working with the Town Clerk in Fairfax to have a link called “Information for Seniors.” • Turner (District 3); Marin City Seniors went to San Francisco for Mission Possible Senior Centers. Education Outreach will conduct a video workshop for older adults. <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:22p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting is Thursday, March 13, 2014 at Margaret Todd Senior Center Novato</p>	