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Agenda

Chair Monson invited Ana Bagtas to give an update on the Healthy Aging Symposium planning process. Ana went through the agenda with the group. Public Health Officer Matt Willis, MD, MPH will give the keynote address entitled “Living in an Age-Friendly Marin.” Matt’s speech will really be a call to action to embrace the 8 pillars of an “age friendly” city: respect and social inclusion, social participation, housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, community support and health services, communication and information, civic participation and employment. There will be a panel discussion on “Strategies for an Age-Friendly Marin County” Teri Dowling will moderate. The panel members include: Linda Davis the Chief Executive Officer at the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership, Nancy McPherson, and Interim State Director for AARP California and Kevin Wright Marin Senior Open Space Planner. Ellie Bloch volunteered to supply flowers for the tables.

Minutes

Chair Monson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. once a quorum was obtained.
The February 23, 2015 minutes were approved as written
The March 23, 2015 meeting notes were reviewed and no errors found.

Public Comment

None

Chair’s Report
Chair Monson reported on the following items:

- He attended the Marin League of Women Voters Gala Dinner on April 15th. State Senator Mike McGuire was the speaker. Supervisors Rice and Sears were also present at the Gala.
- The Retreat Task Force had a successful meeting which he attended. Jim will write up the notes and send them out to the Commission. It was recommended that every new Commissioner be assigned a mentor when they begin their term.
- The chair wanted to acknowledge Program Manager Ana Bagtas and staff member Gary Lara for all their hard work planning the Healthy Aging Symposium.

Director’s Report
Lee Pullen, Aging and Adult Services Director, provided the following report:

- Chair Monson and Lee just submitted an article that they wrote for the Marin Voice section of the I.J. It is hoped that the article will be published in May for Older Americans month. Lee will send a copy to the Commissioners if published. This article is part of the current media campaign to promote the work of Marin County Aging and Adult Services and the Commission on Aging.
- Lee attended the n4a policy briefing in Washington D.C. earlier this month. He was part of a six person delegation from California. He and four other Area Agency Aging (AAA) directors from Sonoma, San Francisco, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Riverside counties attended the policy briefing and had meetings with staff of their Members of Congress. Lee was pleased and remains optimistic about the
reauthorization of the Older American’s Act as well as the Elder Justice Act.

- The presentation of the Area Plan Update 15-16 has been scheduled at the Board of Supervisors May 5, 2015. As always, the exact time is uncertain. The Director urged commissioners to attend and noted that they can use the public comment time afterwards to speak on important items like: Age Friendly, The Aging Action Initiative, The Healthy Aging Symposium and other matters important to the Commission. Lee will send out a reminder to the entire Commission. Monson, Block, Locks, and Dowling will attend.

**Action Item:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

a. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Schedule of COA Presentations was discussed.
Since the disbanding of the Public Information Committee, the Executive Board Members remain responsible for identifying the monthly topics and speakers. The first half of the year was discussed:

- There is no meeting in August
- State Senator Mike McGuire will speak in October
- HICAP presentation will be in November
- The remaining months that need to be planned are July, September and December.

After discussion the following topics/speakers were identified as possible leads:

1. Given the recent devastation in Nepal, it may be time for Get Ready Marin to do a presentation. Commissioner Dowling will follow up on that suggestion. The July meeting is in Marin City.
2. Stan Green, former Commission member and retired financial expert is a possibility for September. Lee will follow up with Stan.
3. Group wondered if Representative Jared Huffman would speak at the Redwoods in December. He will follow up on that as well.
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b. Legislative Priorities
Ellie Bloch, co-chair of the Legislative Task Force presented the final recommendations for support and advocacy. There was discussion regarding HR 1578, The Social Security Commission Act and that was taken off the list. The recommendations were approved by unanimous vote and are attached at the end of these minutes. Lee will send those recommendations to the County Administrators office for input. Both the Executive Committee and Legislative Task Force will be notified when something is received.

Committee Reports

• **Health and Nutrition**: Commissioner Asimos noted that Theresa Tooker will be the main speaker at the June Commission meeting and that toolkits will be distributed.

• **Housing and Transportation**: Commissioner Bortel was absent and there was no report.

• **Legislative Task Force**: Commissioner Bloch reminded the committee about Legislative Day in Sacramento on May 6th. She also thanked staff member Michele McCabe for doing a good job with keeping the Legislative process on target this year.

• **Planning Committee**: Commissioners Timms and Boutilier were absent so there was no report.

New Business

The commission table for the Healthy Aging Symposium was briefly discussed. Questions are to be directed to Ana Bagtas and Gary Lara.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am. The next meeting is Monday June 22, 2015 at 9:00 am.
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