**COMMITTEE:** Housing & Transportation  
**DATE:** October 19, 2016  
**LOCATION:** 20 N. SAN PEDRO RD., POINT REYES ROOM

**PRESENT:** Ralph Marchese, Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Suellen Lamorte, Beth Livoti, Jon Gaffney, Joanna Huitt, Leslie Klor, Tom Roberts, Terry Scussel, Carla Condon, Michael Haggerty

**ABSENT:** Patti Mangels, Lois Riddick, Sue Beittel, Kathleen Clark, Vera Gertler, Rachael Ginis, Larry Meredith, Tricia Smith, Pat Wall

**RECORER:** Michele McCabe, Staff

**NEXT MEETING:** November 2016 Date TBA  (Tentative 11-16-16) 20 North San Pedro Road, Point Reyes Room

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<td><strong>Call to Order:</strong> The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Marchese.</td>
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<td><strong>Approval of Agenda:</strong> The agenda was approved as written.</td>
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<td><strong>Approval of Minutes:</strong> The minutes from July 20, 2016 were approved as written.</td>
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<td><strong>Open Time For Public Expression:</strong> Leslie Klor from Episcopal Senior Communities spoke about the Shared Housing Program.</td>
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Chair’s Report: Chair Marchese facilitated a discussion on the following topics:

- On Saturday November 12th, the Aging Action Initiative’s Economic Security workgroup will host its next workshop at Dominican University. The program is entitled “A Place Called Home: Making the Most of the One You Have or Finding One You Can Afford.” This is a workshop that explores options to leverage home ownership through shared housing arrangements or financial instruments and provides information about affordable housing options throughout the county. Call 415-473-2980 or visit www.moneymattersmarin.org.

- The latest edition of Choices for Living has been released and a copy was distributed to each committee member. Bortel went over the publication briefly. The most current version can be found on the website at https://www.marinhhs.org/sites/default/files/choices_for_living_2017-2018.pdf.

- The Chair segued into the next topic by directing people to review the Marin demographics on page four of the Choices for Living guide. Marchese noted “What is missing is where and how are the seniors living? There is no data regarding where Marin’s seniors are living and at what level. There is no strategic document which narrows down what we have and what we need.”

- Following that theme, the January Commission meeting this committee is responsible for is entitled “Housing Options.” After a spirited discussion, the group decided to have a panel of housing experts each provide a 10 minute presentation. Chair will invite Klor from Shared Housing, Leelee Thomas from County of Marin Planning, Head of Marin Housing Authority, Lewis Jordan, and perhaps some from the Ombudsman to talk about long-term care housing. The need for data and how to get it was discussed at length. Tom Roberts remarked that it would be a good idea to get ahold of a copy of the Housing Plan the County of Marin submitted to the State. Chair will follow up on that.

- There was a motion for this committee to meet six times per year instead of four. There was a lot of discussion and the committee unanimously voted to extend meetings to six per year.
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Given the August break for the Commission on Aging, the meetings will be held in November, January, March, May, July and September. A tentative date was set for November 16th. This committee would like Ms. Thomas to come to the next meeting to help finalize the program for January.

**Green and Healthy Home Initiative:** Commissioner Boutilier reported on the Green and Healthy Home Initiative which is gearing up to go live in Marin County. They are going to do a pilot program in the next few months. It is a collaboration between Marin Clean Energy, Marin Housing, Health and Human Services and others which will target low income families and seniors. More information can be found at [http://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/](http://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/). Boutilier will keep the committee informed on the process.

**Mobility Management and Updates on Measure B Programs:** Jon Gaffney provided updates on both Mobility Management and the Measure B programs. Highlights include:

- Joanna Huitt from Whistlestop was introduced. She is the supervisor of the travel ambassadors.
- The next Mobility Consortium Meeting will be on Tuesday November 8th at 10:00 a.m.
- Marin Transit will be putting out the 3rd edition of their newsletter
- Catch a Ride is still going and Marin Transit is still looking for an accessible cab.
- Member asked about the Prop B gap grants. Gaffney reported that they are in the middle of restructuring.

**Marin Access:** Tom Roberts reported:

- Last fiscal year (July 2015-June 2016) they had a big technology push with the scheduling department that allowed 95% of all people to call just one time to book a ride, have their pick-up time confirmed on the spot, and be done. Previously, everyone called to make a reservation request and we made some 400 call back phone calls the night before giving people their actual ride times. This was a big improvement.

- This year, they are having a big push on training in communication skills, telephone technology and increased staffing. The result has been a dramatic reduction in folks waiting in the queue or
**Housing and Transportation Committee Objectives:** Chair asked staff to review the objectives for this fiscal year and progress made to date. There is one objective for housing and one for transportation. 2a “The Marin County COA, Housing and Transportation Committee will encourage use of fixed route public transportation for at least two community meetings or facilitated outings. Commissioners may elect to go out with Jon Gaffney and assist with travel trainings. They have until June 30, 2017 to complete this goal.

The second goal, 4a states the committee will collaborate with community partners including Episcopal Senior Communities to promote housing knowledge through:

- Distribution of Printed Materials e.g. Choices for Living
- Great Age article – Bortel has written an article on shared housing for the winter edition.
- At least two community presentations (including a commission meeting) - the January COA meeting will be on housing options. The second presentation is still to be determined.

Staff reminded committee that although they have the next eight months to complete these objectives, they will have to come up with objectives in January 2017 for FY 17-18.

**Next Meeting:** November 2016 (Tentative 11-16-16 at 1:30 p.m.)

**Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.