COMMITTEE: Housing & Transportation  
DATE: January 18, 2017  
LOCATION: 20 N. SAN PEDRO RD., POINT REYES ROOM

PRESENT: Ralph Marchese, Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Suellen Lamorte, Pat Wall (community), Beverly Wendell (community), Joanna Hewitt (Whistlestop), Leslie Klor (Episcopal Senior Communities), Erin McAuliff (Marin Transit), Richard Cohn (community), Terry Scussel (Transportation consulting), Michael Haggerty (Age-Friendly Novato), Linda (last name unknown)

ABSENT: Beth Livoti, Patti Mangels, Lois Riddick, Sue Beittel, Kathleen Clark, Vera Gertler, Rachael Ginis, Larry Meredith, Tricia Smith,

RECORER: Amy Dietz, Staff

NEXT MEETING: TBA

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Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Marchese.

Approval of Agenda:
The January 19, 2017 agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes from October 19, 2016 minutes were approved as written.
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### Open Time For Public Expression:

All those present introduced themselves.

Erin McAuliff of Marin Transit announced Jon Gaffney is now employed with Golden Gate Transit.

### Chair’s Report:

- Chair Marchese informed the group that a letter in support of the Fairfax Victory Village was drafted and sent on behalf of the commission. Initially, residents and commissioners were asked to attend a Planning Commission at the Fairfax Women’s Building on Thursday January 19, 2017 in support of the senior housing project, Victory Village. The agenda has changed and community support is no longer necessary at this meeting.
- Chair Marchese recommended developing a refined process in which those who wish to be involved in matters pertaining to housing and transportation issues within Marin County be informed.
- Chair Marchese reported that he recently returned from Southern California where he met with a senior housing developer. He is set to determine what levers are appropriate to push as a committee, given their task to advocate and articulate issues in the community. He recommended that those interested in development come to the committee for options and recommendations.
  - Pat Wall, former AAA staff, reported that in the past developers did come to the Housing and Transportation Committee for feedback. Also, the Housing and Transportation Committee drafted a “white paper,” which went to the Board of Supervisors, stating that the commission could draft specific letters of support without approval. Chair Marchese asked for further information after the meeting adjourned.
- Chair Marchese recently met with Supervisor Kate Sears to discuss appropriate levels of action for the committee. He recommended reaching out and collaborating with organizations with

If members of the committee wish to send an email or letter to the Fairfax Planning Commission, they are to email Amy Dietz for appropriate contact info.
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<td>• Recommendation: Conduct training for commissioners on how to be an appropriate and active advocate.</td>
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### January 5th Meeting Debrief:

• Chair Marchese asked for feedback regarding the January Commission on Aging presentation and announced the PowerPoint was available for distribution.
• General feedback: very informative, good speaker, audience engaged, need to disseminate information out to the public in other areas.
• One opinion, “informative but inadequate.” More information is needed about subsidized housing units, etc.
• Other feedback included that initial discussion had proposed a panel of speakers as opposed to one representative. Recommendation made to conduct a similar topic commission meeting next year with a panel of speakers.

### Status of Housing and Transportation Objectives FY 16/17:

• Outstanding item: one additional training needed on fixed route public transportation.
• Leslie Klor will report on community meetings re: housing options at the next meeting.

### Housing and Transportation Objectives FY 17/18:

• Dietz reminded committee that at least one objective should address one of the top six items of concern as identified in the Older Adult Community Wide Needs Assessment: Falls, Dementia/Cognition, Financial Security, Feeling Isolated/Depressed, End of Life Planning, and Elder Abuse.
• Dietz explained the definition of and how to form SMART Objectives.
• The committee voted to modify one existing objective and created a new one for FY 17/18:
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<td>o Goal #2 Objective (new): In partnership with community organizations, including Marin Transit, the Housing and Transportation committee will educate the community regarding volunteer driver programs and opportunities through a Great Age newsletter article, local electronic newsletters, and at least one community presentation. <em>(Addresses Feeling Lonely/ Isolated)</em></td>
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<td>o Goal 4 Objective (revised): The MCCOA Housing and Transportation Committee will collaborate with community partners, including Episcopal Senior Communities and the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative among others, to promote housing knowledge through distribution of updated printed material to at least two community meetings or presentations; a Great Age article and a presentation at a Marin Commission on Aging Meeting. <em>(Address feeling lonely/ isolated)</em></td>
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**Marin Access**

- Recently hired a travel navigator that will be going into the community to offer assistance
- There is a new volunteer driver resource center.
- There is a proposal to increase incentives for Catch a Ride.
- Marin Access is working with MCIL and MCC to pursue federal grants.

**Update on Measure B Program Progress:**

- Gap grants will be issued in March 2017.

**Green and Healthy Housing Rollout:**

- Commissioner Boutilier gave a brief history of the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative. It is for both owners and renters.
- There is a pilot program underway, which is a collaboration between Marin Clean Energy, Marin Housing, Health and Human Services and others which will target low income families and
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<td>seniors. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/">http://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/</a>. Boutilier will keep the committee informed on the process.</td>
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<td>• There was a question posed as to whether one had to be a citizen to take part in the program. Commissioner Boutilier responded that she does not believe this to be the case.</td>
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**Staff Report – Updated Meetings and Times:**

• Staff member McCabe will send the committee their updated schedule for the year.

**Next Steps:**

• Move transportation to the front of the agenda.
• Include a standing item on the agenda for “community presentations,” in which members can report on presentations given.

**Adjourn**

• The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.