## COMMITTEE: GENERAL MARCH 2, 2017 COMMUNITY ROOM PRESENT: Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Locks, López, Marchese, Monson, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller EXCUSED: Asimos, Brilliant, Kirshbaum, Lamorte, Livoti, Mitchell VACANT: District 2, District 5, City of Tiburon RECORDER: Michele McCabe NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2017 – San Rafael Community Center

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Call to Order	
Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.	
Approval of Agenda	
The agenda of March 2, 2017 was approved.	
Approval of the Minutes	
The minutes of February 2, 2017 were approved.	
Open Time for Public Expression: None	

## Chair's Report: Dowling reported the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Marchese and his wife Maggie for the great refreshments at today's meeting.
- Noted there is a sign up sheet going around for commissioners to participate with Aging staff regarding monitoring the contracted programs. This is a great opportunity to go out with staff and see first hand the services performed by Area Agency on Aging contractors.
- Reminded commissioners to complete the ethics training. It is required upon appointment and every two years afterward.
- Asked commissioners to submit their Area Plan Demographic Form. These forms are anonymous. Gary, Administrative Assistant, is the only person who will see them.
- The rest of this year's General commission meetings are as follows:
  - 1. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the public hearing for the Area Plan Update.
  - 2. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Healthy Aging Symposium at Embassy Suites in San Rafael.
  - 3. The meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup> is being put together by Commissioners York and Asimos regarding Aging and Mental Health Issues.
- The commission will start Fiscal Year 2017-18 off in July with a meeting regarding an update on the Aging Action Initiative from Program Director Linda Jackson.
- Last night many commissioners were present to advocate for Victory Village.
- Noted that in general, the commission does a great job of advocating including: writing to the Marin I.J, walking the halls in Sacramento, the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), fall prevention, talking to legislators and providing commission programs on local television on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. Dowling commented by saying "we still have more to do but I want to thank everyone for all of their good work."

Vice-Chair Report: None

Action Items: None

## Committee Reports:

**Health and Nutrition:** Chair Asimos was absent. No report. The next meeting will be on Thursday March 16, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 10 North San Pedro Road.

**Planning:** Chair Timms reported the following:

- The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Redwoods in Mill Valley.
- The committee last met on February 15, 2017 to review all of the committee objectives including their own. The committee is looking for ways to support them.

Ad Hoc Media: Chair Gontarz-York reported on the following:

- Commissioner Mitchell should be acknowledged for his work on getting an article in the Arc newspaper.
- The task force is considering fall media campaigns on Fall Prevention and Dementia.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Marchese was invited to a conversation about permanent shelter.
- Working on getting numbers so that the "white paper" can be updated. Marchese noted this is not an easy task.

Legislative Task Force: Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- The next meeting is March 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
- The California Senior Legislature (CSL) has three proposals that were picked up and introduced as bills.

Co-Chair Boutilier reported on the following:

- Urged people to pay attention to what's happening with legislation
- Requested that people call their representatives to make their opinions known

**Editorial Board: N/A** 

Director's Report: Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported on the following:

- There is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Dementia Friendly Marin. \$10,000 is available to perform Phase 1 and to draft a plan for Phase 2, 3 and 4. Proposals are due on Monday May 13, 2017 at 12 noon.
- Attended C4A Capitol Day in Sacramento with Commissioners Bloch and Dowling. C4A attendees heard from the California Director of Finance, the new chair for the Long-Term Care Committee, and staff of the Republican caucus.

## **Commissioner Updates:**

Bedinger: Thanked everyone for coming to support Victory Village.

Boutilier: Reported she has been invited to participate in Marin Conversations in November.

Gontarz-York: Reported that seeing Ashton Applewhite at an event in San Francisco was an amazing experience.

Locks: Reported on the speakers for the Healthy Aging Symposium on May 4, 2017. Locks also spoke about the Transit Authority of Marin honoring Allan Bortel.

López: Thanked AAA Director Pullen for his time spent orienting her to the commission.

Marchese: Gave his time to Nicole Engler who missed Public Comment time during the meeting. Engler works for Technology for Life whose mission is to teach older adults about technology. The website can be found at <a href="http://technology4life.org/">http://technology4life.org/</a>.

Monson: Noted Suzanne Sadowsky from San Geronimo Community Center is retiring today. Suzane has done so much for the San Geronimo community.

Silverman: Spoke about supporting Victory Village.

Timms: Gave an update about the uphill process for Victory Village to succeed. There was lots of advocacy on both sides. Commissioner Bloch thanked Commissioner Timms for all her hard work.

Zeller: Spoke about the Corte Madera age-friendly speaker series which can be found at <a href="http://www.ci.corte-madera.ca.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=496">http://www.ci.corte-madera.ca.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=496</a>.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 6, 2017 at the San Rafael Community Center.