

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	APRIL 6, 2017	LOCATION: SAN RAFAEL COMMUNITY CENTER
<p>PRESENT: Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, López, Marchese, Mitchell, Monson, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Asimos, Bedinger, Brilliant</p> <p>VACANT: District 2, District 5, City of Tiburon</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Michele McCabe</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2017 Healthy Aging Symposium</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order: Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.</p> <p>Public Hearing: The Marin County Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2017-18 Update</p> <p>Public Hearing Call to Order: Chair Dowling welcomed the group and called the public hearing to order at 10:11 a.m.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Jody Timms, Chair of the Planning Committee who provided background information on the Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2017-2018 Update. Timms introduced Aging and Adult Services Staff: Lee Pullen, Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Amy Dietz, Program Coordinator, who presented the plan. Copies of the slide presentation are available by request.</p>	
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Commissioner Timms asked for questions and comments from the public. These are noted as follows:

- Lenore McDonald from the Center for Elders' Independence questioned whether there were things listed in Area Plan 2017/2018 Update that were not yet achieved and/ or had not made sufficient progress and what, if anything, the AAA planned to do to address these.
- Pati Stoliar, Chair of Age-Friendly Corte Madera requested information as to what Marin County was doing to further a county-wide age-friendly movement.
- Erin McAuliff, the planner for senior transportation and mobility at Marin Transit expressed gratitude that the MCCOA Housing and Transportation Committee offered continued support and outreach around travel training programs and had included an objective pertaining to a new initiative for volunteer driving programs in the County.
- Linda Jackson, program director of the Aging Action Initiative expressed that the survey results from the 2015 Older Adult Needs Assessment were impressive and were used to inform the Area Plan 2017/2018 Update. She felt that the four goals were strong and that the AAA and the MCCOA play a pivotal role in the programs they are involved in. Jackson looks forward to seeing the implementation of the Area Plan 2017/2018 Update.

Commissioner Timms made a motion to approve the 2017/2018 Update and asked for comments from members of the commission.

- Commissioner Bortel questioned Pg. 17 of the Area Plan 2017/2018 Update regarding dementia. He expressed that it only referred to support for the custodial approach and that it did not contain anything regarding the support or recognition of new research

around approaches to forestalling the onset of Alzheimer's disease, specifically the work being conducted by the Buck Institute for Research on Aging.

- Commissioner Boutilier expressed that she was pleased with how the Area Plan 2017/2018 Update had developed over the year, specifically that it included additional information beyond how the County was spending Older Americans Act monies. Some examples were the age-friendly movement and other grass roots efforts to change and support the way aging is viewed in the community. Boutilier further stated that the Area Plan 2017/2018 Update goes beyond mentioning services and support and that she is pleased with the integrative approaches mentioned.
- Commissioner Bloch also thanked the AAA Director and all AAA staff for helping and guiding the Legislative Committee.

Vote on Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2017-18 Update

The Marin Commission on Aging voted unanimously to approve the Area Plan Update for FY 2017-18.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Reconvene and Call to Order

Chair Dowling called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda of April 6, 2017 was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of March 2, 2017 were approved.

Open Time for Public Expression: None

Chair's Report: Chair Dowling:

- Welcomed Michael Hagerty, a retired professor at UC Davis who specialized in quality of life issues. Commissioner Hagerty is especially interested in senior housing.
- Conveyed a warm farewell to Judi Kirshbaum who retired recently from the commission.
- Congratulated Commissioner York for her appointment on the Mental Health Services Advisory Board.
- Proposed the Sunshine fund be reactivated and that commissioners be asked to donate \$5 which will be spent on cards, flowers or other tokens of the commission's esteem.
- Requested commissioners to do the following:
 1. Sign up to attend the Healthy Aging Symposium on May 4, 2017.
 2. Contribute to the scholarship fund for the symposium if you are able.
 3. Sign up to volunteer at the symposium.
- Thanked the Director Pullen and HHS Director Dr. Colfax for helping make sure the behavioral health needs of older adults are represented.

Vice-Chair Report: Vice-Chair Locks brought two Marin activities to the attention of the commission:

- The Novato Theatre Production of "Company" in which staff Amy Dietz appears through April 16th.
- The Marin Sewer Band free concert on May 16, 2017 at the Marin Center. FAST team Maria Gregoriev is a member.

Action Items: None

Committee Reports:

Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos was absent. There was no report. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 18, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 10 North San Pedro Road Room 1018.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- Travel and mobility training is being arranged for May/June with Whistlestop for the Housing and Transportation committee.
- Committee member, Sue Beittel is also working with the Chair to arrange SMART Train training as well.

Nominating Committee: Chair Bortel made the following remarks:

- The committee consisted of himself and Commissioners Brilliant and Bloch.
- The proposed slate for 2017-2018 consists of the following:
 1. Proposed Chair - Salamah Locks
 2. Proposed Vice Chair - Ralph Marchese
 3. Proposed Secretary - Francie Bedinger
- Bortel asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.
- Vote will take place at the June 1st General meeting.

Legislative Task Force: Co-Chair Boutilier reported on the following:

- Diana López has joined the task force.
- The task force is reviewing bills that focus on older adults.
- There is a letter circulating around Congress to authorize the Older American Act programs at the authorized level. Jared Huffman has already signed it.
- The CHIP program is scheduled to be cut.

Chair Bloch reported:

- The Task Force has worked on two letters already with three more pending. These will not count toward the seven bills they will also support because they deal with the policy matters already authorized.

Planning: Chair Timms reported the following:

- The committee met on March 23rd where they reviewed, edited and approved the 2017-2018 Area Plan Update.
- Members will attend an Age-Friendly Network meeting in the East Bay on April 17, 2017.

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

- Jim Monson using the media tools will present directly after this meeting adjourns.
- There will be another spokesperson training on May 23, 2017

Editorial Board: N/A

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

- There were no bids on the Dementia Friendly Request for Proposal. The matter is being studied and he will get back to the commission with more information.
- The September 7th General Commission meeting will be held jointly with the California Commission on Aging (CCOA). Additional information will be announced at a later date.

Commissioner Updates:

- Zeller reported she will present Live Long, Live Well Marin to the Town Council in Corte Madera on May 2, 2017.
- López reported that HICAP needs funding support.
- Boutilier reported Sausalito Age-Friendly is working with the general plan group so that Age-Friendly Sausalito will be represented.
- AAI convening was a good way for a large group to come to consensus.
- Locks reported that Age-Friendly San Rafael is going forward and that they will definitely put San Rafael on the map.
- Dowling reported that Ross is honoring all its nominees for boards and commissions.
- York asked that every commissioner who has not taken the media spokesperson training to please call Gary Lara and sign up. The next training session is scheduled for May 23, 2017. York also reported the attendance at the new program in Novato was not good for the first session but that Commissioner Locks exhausted everyone who was there.
- Mitchell reported he hopes the new Belvedere City Manager will assist him in getting more action for seniors in Belvedere.
- Bloch reported there will be an open house at the Romberg Center on April 23, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Silverman reported that he, Bloch and Turner are talking about how unincorporated Marin can be age-friendly.
- Timms reported Victory Village will be back to the Fairfax Town Council in June. She also invited people to the Fairfax festival and parade on June 10th and 11th.
- Bortel reported Tiburon Village took a bus full of seniors to see the presentation on Rosie

the Riveter. Bortel also reported the commission seat to represent the Town of Tiburon is still vacant.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday June 1, 2017 at the Marin Valley Mobile Country Club in Novato.