

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>JUNE 1, 2017</b>	<b>LOCATION: MARIN VALLEY MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB, NOVATO</b>
<b>PRESENT:</b> Asimos, Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Brilliant, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Hagerty, Kwentus, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, López, Marchese, McDonald, Mitchell, Monson, Timms, Zeller		
<b>EXCUSED:</b> Boutilier, Silverman, Turner		
<b>VACANT:</b> City of Larkspur		
<b>RECORDER:</b> Michele McCabe		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> July 7, 2017 at Alma Via, San Rafael		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair Dowling called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of June 1, 2017 was approved.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of April 6, 2017 were approved.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> Lee Pullen, Director of the AAA introduced Jane Ireland, the new supervisor for the Hope Program.</p>	
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**Chair's Report:** Chair Dowling reported the following items:

- Thanked Commissioners Chris Asimos and Marianne Gontarz-York for a great presentation.
- Introduced new Commissioners Lenore McDonald (District 2) and Kathleen Sue Kwentus (City of Tiburon).
- Announced the new commissioner orientation will be held on June 15, 2017 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Reminded the Commission that June 15<sup>th</sup> is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and urged them to attend the presentation at the Congregation Rodef Sholom from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
- Reported the Aging Action Initiative held a ½ day retreat for the AAI Steering Committee and invited guests. There will be another ½ day retreat for AAI Steering Committee members.
- Thanked Ana Bagtas, AAA Program Manager for all her hard work in the last ten years and gave her a gift on behalf of the Commission.
- Announced this was her last meeting as Chair of the Commission. Dowling made the following remarks: “This has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your chair for the last two years. The time has flown by fast and I’ve loved working with the staff and this wonderful group. I look forward to continuing to serve as a Commissioner and supporter of our new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.”

**Vice-Chair Report:** Vice-Chair Locks urged Commissioners and those present to attend the WEAAD presentation on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Items:** Election of Officers:

- Commissioner Allan Bortel on behalf of the Nominating Committee named the proposed slate of officers for 2017-2018: Salamah Locks: President, Ralph Marchese: Vice President and Francie Bedinger: Secretary
- There were no nominations from the floor.
- The vote was taken and the above officers appointed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports:**

Health and Nutrition: Chris Asimos reported the following items:

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 6, 2017.
- Remarkd she was very happy with this meeting's attendance.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- Travel and Mobility Training was held on Tuesday May 23, 2017. It was successful and a good time was had by all participants.
- Mobility Travel Training will be held as soon as the SMART train can accommodate us.
- Committee member Michael Hagerty has volunteered to conduct a study on where seniors are living in Marin and what kind of housing is available to them.

Legislative Task Force: Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- There will be no Legislative Task Force meeting on June 2, 2017.
- The next meeting will be on Friday July 7, 2017.
- The funding bill for CSL is moving slowly.

Planning: Chair Timms reported the following:

- The next meeting will be on July 18, 2017.
- There are only have three members currently on this committee; please consider joining the Planning Committee.
- Invited the Commission to join her in attending the Fairfax Parade on June 10<sup>th</sup>

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

- Members are needed on this committee.
- The Editorial Board needs members as well.

**Editorial Board: N/A**

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

- Welcomed the new commissioners
- Thanked Chair Teri Dowling for her service during the last two years as Chair of the Commission on Aging
- Remarked The Redwoods will hold a 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on June 25, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Reported the Senior Community Service Employment Program and HICAP are in jeopardy of being defunded

**Commissioner Updates:**

Bedinger: reported being excited about being elected Secretary and invited people to the Fairfax Festival

López: reported on her program monitoring experience, the Novato Health Fair and HICAP

Monson: reported about the Senior Rally Day in Sacramento and the wonderful energy at that event

Bloch: thanked Teri Dowling for her service as Chair of the Commission

Livoti: spoke about her work at Novato Independent Elders

Hagerty: reported on age-friendly and what a wonderful resource it is

Lamorte: reported on the Travel and Mobility Training

Mitchell: spoke about his meeting with the Belvedere City Manager

Gontarz-York: urged people to support Novato Age-Friendly

Zeller: reported she has been appointed for three more years to serve as the Commissioner for the Town of Corte Madera	
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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday July 6, 2017 at Alma Via in San Rafael.

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