

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	JULY 6, 2017	LOCATION: ALMA VIA OF SAN RAFAEL
<p>PRESENT: Asimos, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Gontarz-York, Hagerty, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, López, Marchese, Mitchell, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Bedinger, Kwentus, Monson, McDonald</p> <p>VACANT: City of Larkspur</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Michele McCabe</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2017 with the California Commission on Aging at Embassy Suites, San Rafael</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order: Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11: 21 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of July 6, 2017 was approved.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of June 1, 2017 were approved.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: There was no public expression.</p>	
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Chair's Report: Chair Locks spoke about her expectations, objectives and wishes for fiscal year 2017-2018:

- Everyone has a place at the table.
- Advocacy for seniors is the primary purpose of the Commission on Aging (COA).
- Communication and Accountability are important. Here are some additional items to consider:
 1. Does your appointing body (Mayor, Town Council and Board of Supervisors) know who you are?
 2. Regular attendance at meetings and speaking during public time about the activities of the COA is important. Since these are all public meetings, others will become more familiar with the work of the Commission on Aging.
 3. Besides communication and accountability, the Commission must develop better focus and more experience with public relations.
- Chair Locks hopes that by June 30, 2018, every town or city in Marin will have an application in to the World Health Organization to designate their town or city Age Friendly, including the unincorporated areas of the County.
- There will be a public hearing on Tuesday July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 20 North San Pedro Road in the Point Reyes Room regarding the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2017-18 through FY 2019-20. The Commission has written a recommendation letter to MHSA Program Coordinator Kasey Clarke that can be found at the following url: [Recommendations for Addressing Mental Health Needs of Marin County Older Adults in the MHSA 3-Year Integrated Plan](#). Commissioners plan to testify at the hearing. Locks urged everyone to attend.

Vice-Chair Report: Vice-Chair Marchese did not report.

Election of the Nominating Committee:

The following Commissioners volunteered and were appointed to the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee by unanimous vote:

- Allan Bortel
- Girija Brilliant
- Ellie Bloch
- Suellen Lamorte

- Diana López

Action Items: None

Committee Reports:

Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos reported the following items:

- The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
- The committee is busy planning for the January 4, 2018 General meeting. The topic will be dementia and cognitive abilities.

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.
- The Committee will be prioritizing their activities for 2017-2018.
- Housing is critical. Commissioner Hagerty is working on compiling the data to identify specific needs.
- Advocacy is the primary objective in both housing and transportation.
- COA needs to work with the Aging Action Initiative and collaborate on services making sure there is no duplication of services.

Legislative Task Force: Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017.
- Bloch distributed the updated list of bills.
- There will be a town hall this Saturday July 8, 2017 at Redwood High School sponsored by State Senator Michael McGuire. Bloch will find out the time of this event and notify everyone.

Planning: Chair Timms reported the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 18, 2017.
- Chair announced they finally have a new Commissioner for this committee, Lenore McDonald.
- Age Friendly and the COA had tables at the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

event on June 15, 2017 at Temple Rodef Sholom.

- The 21st World Conference of International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) will be held in San Francisco from July 23rd – 27th. Additional information is available at the following url: <https://www.iagg2017.org>.

Ad Hoc Task Force: Chair Gontarz-York reported on the following:

- Distributed the Public Information and Media Policy. The Commissioners had some suggestions that York will incorporate and will review with the task force at their next meeting. A revised draft will be redistributed in the near future.

Editorial Board: N/A

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

- Congratulated Chair Locks on her appointment as Chair of the COA.
- California Commission on Aging (CCOA) will hold their monthly two day meeting in Marin County on September 7th and 8th. All meeting sessions are open to the public. There is a planning group working on the COA portion of the agenda. The event will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel. More details will be available later.
- Thanked everyone who was involved with the WEAAD event planning. Commissioner Bloch represented the COA.
- Age Friendly moves on. Pullen believes that sustainability in years two and three will be the issue.

Commissioner Updates:

Asimos: Reported San Rafael Village has about 50 volunteers. Transportation and Rides appears to be the most frequent request.

Bloch: Announced there will be a new Assisted Living Facility in Hamilton. Details to come.

Bortel: Asked people to save the date of October 25, 2017 for the Marin Senior Information Fair. The theme is "Music, Music, Music."

Boutilier: Will be giving a report to the Sausalito City Council on July 25, 2017.

Brilliant: Noted her reappointment with the City of Mill Valley will take place on July 10, 2017.

Gontarz York: Commented that anyone who hasn't watched "Grace and Frankie" is missing out!

Hagerty: Agreed the sustainability of Age Friendly Novato will be an issue. Hagerty is advocating for fair multi-generational housing in Novato.

Lamorte: Ross Valley Village is moving right along.

Livoti: Hosting a volunteer party for Novato Village in August.

Locks: Working on Age Friendly San Rafael.

López: Excited about the new media policy.

Marchese: Age Friendly Corte Madera is wrapping up their strategic plan. Marchese would like to see how Age Friendly and the Villages can work together.

Mitchell: Met with the new Belvedere City Manager who is very interested in senior issues.

Silverman: COA, AAI and Villages are all doing good work but need to collaborate in order to avoid duplicating efforts.

Timms: Victory Village was a victory for Fairfax. Commissioners Timms and Bedinger had an information table at this two day event at the Fairfax Festival and spoke to a lot of people.

Turner: The renovations have started in Marin City. The Greenhouse is up. There will most likely be a kick-off in December.

Zeller: The last speaker series in Corte Madera went well. They are planning 2018 speaker series now.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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