COMMITTEE: GENERAL	FEBRUARY 1, 2018	LOCATION: WHISTLESTOP SAN RAFAEL
PRESENT: Asimos, Bedinger, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Dowling, Hagerty, Kwentus, Locks, Marchese, McDonald, Monson Saffran, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller  EXCUSED: López, Bradley, Brilliant, Lamorte, Livoti, Gontarz-York		
RECORDER: Michele McCabe		
NEXT MEETING: March 1, 2018 at Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato		
MINUTE SUMMARY		ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Call to Order:		
Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.		
Approval of Agenda:		
The agenda of February 1, 2018 was approved.		
Approval of the Minutes:		
The minutes of January 4, 2018 were approved.		

# **Open Time for Public Expression:**

• Supervisor Katie Rice thanked the Commission for all their hard work and advocacy.

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

- Year of the Older Adult: The Commission thanked Supervisor Rice, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, for launching the Year of the Older Adult.
- Advocacy is our goal. Advocacy happens also in little ways.
- We have a small committee working on a May event. Locks will keep everyone posted.

## Vice-Chair Report: Vice-Chair Marchese reported the following:

- Marin Board of Supervisor meetings are very well attended by the Commissioners.
   Marchese thanked Supervisor Rice (who was attending this meeting) for her help and support.
- Marchese noted to stay tuned for more information on ballot initiatives for Measures A and B.

Action Items: No action items.

# **Committee Reports:**

Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos reported the following items:

- The next meeting will be held in March. Date and time will be announced.
- The Committee's goals and objectives were finalized at the last meeting.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese reported the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- Letter distributed in support of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory
  Dwelling Units (JADUs) was passed by the Housing and Transportation Committee. The
  next step is for the letter to be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their next meeting
  on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Draft Housing report has gone out to the local planning directors for comment.

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

 Bloch will be back in Sacramento next week "walking the halls" looking for sponsors for CSL top 10 proposals. This year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two-year cycle so she expects most of the Legislators have their full slots already.

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

• The next meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning: Chair Timms reported the following:

- At the last meeting, they discussed the Area Plan outline. The Committee also reviewed the draft report to the Marin Board of Supervisors (BOS).
- Timms thanked the BOS for funding and supporting the Age-Friendly movement in Marin and thanked the AAA Director as well.
- The next meeting will be announced soon. She hopes everyone has their objectives in because they were due yesterday.

Editorial Board: N/A

The Public Information and Engagement Task Force (PIE): No report

# Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Dowling reported the following:

- The Aging and Disability Resource Institute will be an innovative model for Older Adults and the Disabled Community to work together. Commissioners Dowling, Monson and AAA Director Lee Pullen are on the Steering Committee and are working on 2018 goals.
- Monson reported that Whistlestop has signed up to work with Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL) and the County of Marin on the Aging and Disability Resource Institute.

#### **Public Comment: Linda Jackson:**

- The Canal Alliance conducts workshops for people who hire immigrants. It is important for employers to know their rights and responsibilities.
- Housing for the homeless is getting a boost with Homeward Bound's renovation of the former convent on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church in Larkspur.
- The Year of the Older Adult: This effort will highlight events throughout 2018. The Aging
  Action Initiative (AAI) keeps a calendar of these events. Please let them know about your
  activities. A logo is also available for use. The initiative wants to promote what everyone
  is doing in their community.

## Age Friendly Update: Timms reported the following:

- Timms invited the Executive Director of Marin Villages, Lisa Brinkmann, to come to this
  morning's meeting of the Age-Friendly Steering Committee. It's a natural collaboration
  between Age-Friendly and Marin Villages.
- She will assist in a presentation to the Marin County Council of Mayors and

Councilmembers on February 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Corte Madera Community Center.

- San Rafael Age-Friendly will present their Age-Friendly certificate at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the San Rafael City Council.
- Timms is doing a monthly social service navigation session at the Fairfax Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. She has also been invited to do a session in Corte Madera.

**Aging and Adult Service Report:** Lee Pullen, Area Agency on Aging Director reported on the following items:

• The Marin Long-Term Care Ombudsman works with staff and volunteers who are assisting residents in long-term care facilities.

Former staff member Meredith Burrell has retired. There will soon be an open recruitment for a Social Worker I to replace her.

- The Clinic and Community Dementia Care Coordination RFP was released on January 23, 2018. This demonstration project will run from April 1, 2018 June 30, 2019. The amount of funding is \$125,0000 for the demonstration period. The bidders conference is tomorrow, Friday February 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- Capitol Day is Thursday February 22, 2018 in Sacramento. This is the day where California Area Agency on Aging Directors and members of their advisory council will meet in Sacramento.

## **Commissioner Updates:**

Boutilier (City of Sausalito) announced there will be a workshop regarding Home Sharing on February 22, 2018 at Sausalito City Hall.

Hagerty (District 5) reported that the Draft Senior Housing Report was approved by the Housing and Transportation Committee at the January 31, 2018 meeting. The report will now go to the Executive Committee then onto the full Commission for review.

López (District 1) reported they will be working with staff of the San Rafael City Council to launch Age-Friendly San Rafael on February 20, 2018.

Saffran (City of Larkspur) spoke about the good work of Homeward Bound that a non-profit is doing at the newly remodeled St. Patrick's Convent in Larkspur.

Timms (Fairfax) urged people to consider Sparkpoint as a speaker on financial planning.

McDonald (District 2) reminded Commissioners to continue to appear at the BOS meetings.

Monson (District 4) reported he will be helping on the San Geronimo Valley Community Center program monitoring later this month.

Bortel (CSL) reminded people to "check the CSL box" on the CA income tax form. He also invited Commissioners to come to the Paratransit Coordinating Committee meeting. October 24<sup>th</sup> is the day for the 2018 Marin Senior Information Fair. They are looking for a new coordinator as the former one retired.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 1, 2018 at the Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato.