

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>MARCH 1, 2018</b>	<b>LOCATION: MARGARET TODD CENTER, NOVATO</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Asimos, Bloch, Boutilier, Bradley, Brilliant, Gontarz York, Hagerty, Livoti, Locks, López, McDonald, Monson, Silverman, Timms</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Bedinger, Bortel, Dowling, Kwentus, Lamorte, Marchese, Saffran, Turner, Zeller</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Michele McCabe</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> April 5, 2018 at the San Rafael Community Center, San Rafael</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of March 1, 2018 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of February 1, 2018 were approved as written.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> Marilyn McConnell from Marin Medical Equipment Recyclers spoke about the work of that non-profit. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.marinMER.org">www.marinMER.org</a>.</p>	
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**Chair's Report:** Chair Locks reported that:

- She is passing around photos of the following:
  1. *The Year of the Older Adult* launch at the Marin Board of Supervisors.
  2. The Age-Friendly presentation at the San Rafael City Council meeting.
- She needs feedback from the Commission on topics and possible locations for the next fiscal year presentations.
- She reminded people that she has a sheet of contact information for each member of the Marin Board of Supervisors and for the United States Congress. She distributed the list a few months ago.

**Vice-Chair Report:** Vice-Chair Marchese was not present. No report.

**Action Item:** Bylaws Revisions

The AAA Director, Lee Pullen reported that:

- He met with the Bylaws committee and changes were suggested. Each Commissioner got the revised bylaws in the COA meeting packet. The changes are highlighted in yellow.
- After that went out, he received changes proposed from other Commissioners. They are as follows:

Commissioner Timms proposed:

1. Section 3-A -Planning Committee
  - a. Change "objectives should be finished by first of February instead of March."
2. Section 5: Ad Hoc Committees
  - a. Add "Ad Hoc committee is limited to durations of six months."

Commissioner Boutilier:

1. Section 5-A – Legislative Committee
  - a. Move from the Ad Hoc section of the document to the Committee section and rename as "3d."
2. Add the following sentence at the end of the Legislative Committee description to read:
  - a. "This committee provides recommendations for older adult policy priorities to the Board of Supervisors as input into the Marin County's Policy Platform on an annual basis."

### 3. Article XVI – Public Statements

- a. Add the following sentence at the end of that paragraph to read:  
“However, a Commissioner can advocate for a policy or Legislative Measure that has been preapproved by the Commission as a policy priority of the Commission.”

- After discussion, and a suggestion to add language from Robert’s Rules of Order to the By-laws, the later changes were approved by consensus **except** for Section 5: Ad Hoc Committees. The following was not approved: “Ad Hoc committee is limited to durations of six months”.
- Brilliant made a motion to accept the proposed changes by the Bylaws committee as well as the changes proposed by Boutilier and the first change proposed by Timms. Asimos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos reported the following items:

- The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Chair was asked to speak to the Triple A Council of California (TACC) regarding the Commission’s advocacy around services for older adults and the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA).
- This week Asimos participated in a review panel for the *Clinic and Community Dementia Care Coordination Request for Proposal*. All proposals were solid and worth considering.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese was absent so Hagerty reported the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
- The *Housing Report* will be reviewed by Executive Committee on March 26, 2018. It will then be put on the Commission on Aging Agenda for April 5. After the Housing Report is approved, all Commissioners will be asked to meet with their appointing bodies regarding this issue.

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

- The next meeting will be held tomorrow on Friday, March 2, 2018.
- Bloch's bill was picked up by Assemblyperson Holden (AB 2994).
- The Senior Legislature had five other proposals that were picked up for this session. Three are current bills, one is becoming a federal postage stamp, and the other is in an administration process.

Co-Chair Boutilier reported on the following:

- She has worked with Assemblyperson Mac Levine on AB2321, which authorizes counties to waive permit fees for accessibility improvements for people age 60+ or disabled.

Planning Committee: Chair Timms reported the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Friday March 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
- At the last meeting, the committee finished reviewing the objectives and reviewed the latest draft of the Area Plan Update 2018-19 narrative.
- The committee will have the final draft by March 20, 2018 for review.

Staff member Amy Dietz asked Commissioners to please fill out the demographic survey or let her know that last year's survey hasn't changed.

Editorial Board: N/A

Aging Action Initiative (AAI): Linda Jackson reported that:

- The *AAI Spring Convening* will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the Lodge in Tiburon. This is an all-day event.
- Jackson informed the Commissioners it was very important that they work with their appointing bodies in advocacy. She has some helpful information that she will send to Gary Lara so it can be forwarded on to Commissioners.

Age-Friendly Update: Jody Timms reported that:

- They did a presentation at the Marin County Council for Mayors and Council Members in Corte Madera.
- The Age-Friendly group met this morning and decided that they need to have a different

regular meeting to support each other and spend time on details. She will be contacting members to set a date.

- The American Society on Aging Summit will take place from March 26-29 in San Francisco.

Linda Jackson commented that mayors and council members meet monthly. This is especially important for the towns that have not been designated as Age-Friendly. Jackson urged members to attend meetings to educate appointing bodies regarding Age-Friendly.

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

- Welcomed Commissioner Diana Bradley from Belvedere.
- He attended Capitol Day with staff member Jenay Cottrell and Chair Locks. They also were with the AAA staff from Sonoma County. It was a productive and well attended event.
- The California Senior Legislature is working on simplifying the election procedures. It is just in time for the election in May-June.

**Commissioner Updates:**

Bloch (CSL) Save the date for the North Bay Elder Justice Summit on June 15 at The Lodge at Sonoma Renaissance Resort and Spa.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito) There will be a permit workshop on March 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sausalito Council chambers.

Bradley (City of Belvedere) She needs the information about senior housing for Belvedere.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley) Mill Valley has already been designated as Age-Friendly. There needs to be more collaboration between the Redwoods and the City of Mill Valley.

Gontarz York (District 5) The mayor of Novato has become a member of the Age-Friendly Novato Committee.

The MHSA group is busy reviewing proposals for innovative projects.

Hagerty (District 5) He has been busy connecting with Novato Rotary organizations.

Livoti (City of Novato) Margaret Todd did 277 health screenings at their recent event. The Novato Village is busy promoting use of the SMART train.

López (District 1) She is working hard on an intergenerational presentation for the next fiscal year.

McDonald (District 2) She reminded the Commissioners that the Board of Supervisors appointees are highlighting this General Commission meeting at the next Board of Supervisors meeting during the public time. Fred Silverman will report on this meeting to the Board. She also introduced her guest, Michael Harris, who serves as a consumer advocate for the Marin Housing Authority. He is the advocate for Eden Housing Warner Creek Senior Housing Complex in Novato. He has also served as a patient advocate on the Board of the Marin Community Clinic since the year 2000.

Monson (District 4) He will be attending a meeting at West Marin Senior Services next week with Cynthia Seymour in talking about Age-Friendly Marin County as a part of the *Year of the Older Adult* efforts.

Silverman (District 3) He reported that he and a group of private individuals had a fundraiser for a disabled woman so she can stay at home and avoid institutionalization. They had their 12<sup>th</sup> annual crab feed which went very well.

Timms (City of Fairfax) Fairfax had a great forum on the California Telephone Access Program from Contessa Bunn, which was followed by an iPhone class. The Steering Committee for Ross Valley Villages is planning an event for those 90 years old and above.

Larry Tucker (who missed public time) told the Commission that there a lot of connections between the Age-Friendly movement and environmental activists.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the San Rafael Community Center.