

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>APRIL 5, 2018</b>	<b>LOCATION: SAN RAFAEL COMMUNITY CENTER</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Bloch, Bortel, Bedinger, Bradley, Dowling, Hagerty, Kwentus, Lamorte, Livoti, Locks, Marchese, McDonald, Monson, Saffran, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Zeller</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Boutilier, Brilliant, Gontarz-York, López</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Michele McCabe</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Thursday June 7, 2018 at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center</p>		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Vice Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of April 5, 2018 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of March 1, 2018 were approved as written.</p> <p><b>Public Hearing:</b> The Marin County Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2018-19 Update Presentation, <u><i>AAA Today</i></u></p>	
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The Chair introduced Jody Timms, Chair of the Planning Committee, who provided background information on the Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2018-2019 Update. Timms introduced Aging and Adult Services Program Manager, Jenay Cottrell who began the program, *AAA Today*. Copies of the slide presentation are available by request. The four guest speakers were: AAA Director, Lee Pullen; Chair of the Commission on Aging, Salamah Locks; Marin County Age-Friendly Project Manager, Cynthia Seymour; and Commissioner James Monson who is active in the planning of 2018 *Year of the Older Adult*.

**Public Comment:**

- AAA Planner Amy Dietz stated that the chart on page nine of the Area Plan, which reflected the increase in the older adult population using recent data from the California Department of Finance, should be removed pending further information as to the methodology of data analysis used.
- Carol Reyes, who identified herself as a devil’s advocate, was happy to hear about the *Year of the Older Adult*. She stated: “I have a lot of complaints. There are various problems which need to be addressed. I need to know who my representative is.”
- Jane Ireland, supervisor of the Behavioral Health HOPE program asked for clarification on the Dementia Care Grant. AAA Program Manager Jenay Cottrell explained that it is a pilot demonstration project, which combines a health provider with a social services agency. It is anticipated that the unique collaboration will result in a program that can be replicated. The Dementia Report, referenced in the update on pages,14-15 can be found at: [www.healthymarin.org](http://www.healthymarin.org)

Commissioner Timms made a motion to approve the 2018/2019 Update with the removal of the chart of page nine as suggested by AAA Planner Amy Dietz and asked for comments from members of the commission.

- Commissioner Lamorte corrected the date for the 2018 May Health Forum. It is Thursday May 3, 2018 not May 5, 2018.

**Vote on Area Plan 2016-2020, FY 2018-19 Update**

The Marin Commission on Aging voted unanimously to approve the Area Plan Update for FY 2018-19 with the suggested revision.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

**Reconvene and Call to Order**

Chair Locks called the meeting back to order at 11:07 a.m.

**Open Time for Public Expression:**

Linda Jackson, Program Manager for the Aging Action Initiative (AAI) reported:

- AAI reconvening on April 3 was sold out and a big success.
- AAI will be doing Detect and Connect on May 10, 2018.
- They are working on a half day *Inform and Connect* with the Faith Based Community.
- Officially we are down to just four cities/towns who need to be designated Age-Friendly.
- In the future AAI will attempt to take the Detect and Connect program statewide.
- Thanks AAI members!

**Chair's Report:** Chair Locks reported:

- Commissioners should all take a stack of flyers for the May Health Forum and post them where you distribute your Great Age copies and everywhere else you go.
- Commissioners should not forget to register for the May Health Forum. Valet parking will be provided. All registrations should be done on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/may-health-forum-hosted-by-the-commission-on-aging-tickets-43953980539>.
- Commissioner Gontarz-York will not be back to the Commission until the beginning of May.
- Commissioners should wear their name tags at the May Health Forum to identify yourself as a member of Commission. There is time allotted for attendees to meet their Commissioner and make connections.

**Vice-Chair Report:** Vice-Chair Marchese: No report

**Action Items:**

1. Housing Report Approval  
After an approval motion was made, McDonald commented that it is important to know how the report can be updated and amended. Marchese remarked that the report is a

draft in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. He anticipates that the report will be changed frequently. We are working on sophistication of advocacy and outreach needs as the process goes on. Hagerty remarked that all requests for revisions should go to him.

#### Public Comment on Action Item 1

- Carol Reyes remarked about the need for a Human rights component of the Housing Report.
- Linda Jackson, coauthor remarked that this report was greatly researched. She would like a positive vote on this motion.

#### Vote on Action Item 1

- The Marin Commission on Aging voted to approve the Housing Report with an addition of the words “Initial Report: April 6, 2018. Will be revised periodically. Please send requests for revision to: Michael R. Hagerty, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis, [mrhagerty@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrhagerty@ucdavis.edu)”

#### 2. Approval of the Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU/JADU) Letter of Support

- Commissioners asked for clarification regarding the recipient of the letter. Marchese answered the letter is going to Community Development Directors in Marin County.

#### Public Comment on Action Item 2

- Carol Reyes remarked that the COA meetings should be videotaped so people can see what happens here.

#### Vote on Action Item 2

- The Marin Commission approved the letter of support unanimously.

#### **Nomination of Officers for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Chair Bortel made the following remarks:

- The committee consists of Commissioners Bortel, Brilliant, Bloch, Lamorte and López.

- The proposed slate for 2018-2019 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.
- The vote will take place at the June 7, Commission on Aging meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

Health and Nutrition: Chair Asimos was absent. Silverman reported:

- The next meeting will be in May. Specifics to be decided soon.
- Two presentations are in the works for 18-19. The topics are: caregiving and intergenerational approaches to helping folks with dementia.

Housing and Transportation: Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- All recommendations for changes to the Housing Report will be taken back to the Housing and Transportation Committee.
- We must have a way to step up the planning before advocacy.
- AAI will assist in putting things into action.
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Point Reyes Room at 20 North San Pedro Road.

Legislative Task Force: Co-Chair Bloch reported:

- 16 people signed up to go to the Senior Rally in Sacramento on May 8, 2018. Please let Bloch know if you want to go because the bus is filling up fast. The bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. from 10 North San Pedro Road and returns between 4 and 6 p.m.
- AB 2132 (Levine) re: Waiving permit fees for accessible repairs for disabled seniors will have the first hearing on April 11, 2018. Bloch will be there to testify for Boutilier who is out of town.
- SB 827 (Weiner): A very complicated bill with two definite sides. It would allow town/city councils to be over-ruled for some affordable housing projects. Some cities and towns have gone on record to oppose it. Care and caution are called for by Commissioners.

- Bloch thanked and sent kudos to Linda Jackson for the wonderful AAI convening.
- The next meeting will be on Friday April 20, 2018 at 10 North San Pedro in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room.

Planning: Chair Timms reported the following:

- The committee last met on March 23, 2018 to approve the plan update.
- She will be stepping down as Committee Chair but will still be on the committee.
- The next meeting will be on May 23, 2018 to begin discussions on the needs assessment.

**Editorial Board: N/A**

**Age-Friendly:** Timms reported:

- The group met this morning before the COA meeting as usual.
- They are going to have a second meeting most months devoted to brainstorming.
- The first brainstorming meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. Some possible issues include: How to keep task forces? How to get started? etc. They are also considering a drop box for sharing.

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

- He will be going to the N4A Aging Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day on April 18-19, 2018. He is attending with several county delegations including Sonoma and San Francisco. They will have the opportunity of meeting with staff from the offices of Senator Harris, Senator Feinstein, Representative Huffman, and Representative Pelosi.
- Congress said no to cuts to Older American Act funding. In fact, we are getting a slight increase and HICAP is saved.
- The revisions to the COA Bylaws will go to the Board of Supervisors on April 24, 2018.
- On Monday April 16, 2018, Pullen and Social Service Director, Kari Beuerman will meet with the new Behavioral Health Director. They will also request a follow-up with the Commission on Aging in the future.

**New Business**

- Bortel reported that the Senior Fair has a new theme for 2018, *Connecting Communities*.

After many years the fair is getting ready to announce a new Fair Manager.

- Bortel proposed a COA certificate of commendation for the new senior housing collaborative in Larkspur. He will write up his proposal and send it to the Executive Committee for their meeting on April 23, 2018. He hopes it can get on the agenda for the June 7, 2018 meeting as an action item.
- Chair Locks reminded “District” Commissioners to speak during the public comment time at Board of Supervisors meetings.

**Commissioner Updates:**

Monson: Commended staff for the new microphone covers which eliminate unnecessary feedback.

LaMorte: San Anselmo is very interested in becoming Age-Friendly.

Zeller: The Intergenerational plan for Corte Madera is moving ahead.

Tims: Fairfax Age-Friendly continues to work with their two identified goals: tiny homes and sidewalk repair. They had 19 people come to their monthly forum to hear about emergency response. Next month the topic will be End of Life Planning.

McDonald: PG&E is coming to check the pipeline in Bret Harte. Age-Friendly San Rafael is planning focus groups in the near future for their strategic plan.

Bloch: We are in the middle of the Passover, so that is why I brought apple cake to share. At the AAI convening she spoke with people from the YWCA to celebrate the women of the COA at the “Women’s Hall of Fame” event.

Marchese: The June primary elections are coming up and we are trying to get the age-friendly housing plan in front of the town council.

Locks: Meeting with the San Rafael Town Council about the May Health Forum. She urged other

Commissioners to do the same.

Kwentus: Thanked Lee and Gary for their help with a presentation to the town councils of Belvedere and Tiburon on Age-Friendly.

Silverman: The Marin Coalition luncheon talk on Fall Prevention got coverage in the Marin Independent Journal (IJ).

Turner: The Margerita Johnson Senior Center received a \$3,000 grant.

Hagerty: York will take vacation for another month. She is doing well and there will be a memorial service for her husband in June. The Housing Report will be sent out before this Monday. Please give it to your town or supervisor before there is a lot of publicity about it.

Livoti: Margaret Todd had a great 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Novato Villages has begun a culture club group.

Saffran: Echoed Bortel's comments on Larkspur Senior Housing for the Homeless. There will be room for 12 homeless older adults after the renovations are completed.

Dowling: Thanked Bloch for the apple cake. She thanked Linda Jackson for the brilliant AAI reconvening which was focused on aging equity. Lots of younger people were in the audience. Dowling encouraged Commissioners to attend these events in the future. She complimented staff for the Area Plan Update presentation which was the most entertaining in memory.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

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