

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE	MARCH 26, 2018	LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018
PRESENT MEMBERS: Chris Asimos, Ellie Bloch, Sybil Boutilier, Teri Dowling, Salamah Locks, Ralph Marchese, OTHER COMMISSIONERS: Michael Hagerty PUBLIC: STAFF: Jenay Cottrell		
EXCUSED: Jody Timms, Marianne York, Francie Bedinger, Lee Pullen ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Michele McCabe		
Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, April 23, 2018		

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<p><u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>Chair Locks called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>The March 26, 2018 agenda was approved as written.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The January 22, 2018 minutes were approved as written. There were no minutes to approve for the</p>	

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February 26 meeting since a quorum was not established.

Public Comment:

None

Chair's Report:

Chair Locks reported the following:

1) *Engage at Every Age!*, May Health Event

- The flyer advertising the event has gone out.
- Site has been approved by the planning committee.
- The food has been approved.

Vice Chair Marchese remarked:

- The target number of participants is 175.
- We need to get bodies there.

Dowling reported:

- She and Joe O'Hehir attended a meeting with Health and Human Services Director, Grant Colfax and County of Marin Administrator, Matthew Hymel. The purpose of the meeting was to negotiate \$50,000 in funding to publicize the "Year of the Older Adult" campaign. They are now waiting for a decision on their request.

2) Executive Committee Objectives: FY 17-18, FY 18-19:

Following several months of discussion, it was noted that each objective for 17-18 were

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supposed to be briefly revised and continued for FY 18-19 at the February meeting; however, there was no quorum. Since the Area Plan Update was approved by the Planning Committee on March 23, 2018, the objectives for the Executive Committee did not make it into plan in time. A discussion resulted in several motions proposed and then tabled until the Committee came to consensus on the following plan.

- Typically, after the public comments, the commissioners have a chance to comment.
- Dowling will explain how the Executive Committee came to have no objectives in the plan.
- She will remark that the Executive Committee voted to renew the 17-18 objectives with minor revisions and that she plans to make a motion after the public hearing and before the vote.
- After the motion to approve the plan is made, Dowling plans to amend the motion as follows:

“I move to approve the 18-19 Area Plan Update with the following revisions:

Objective 2.d will be revised and continued for 2018-2019 as follows: By September 30, 2018, the MCCOA Executive Committee will take responsibility for working with the Commission’s committees to determine the topic and locations for the monthly Commission meetings from July 2018 – June 2019.

Objective 3.m. will be revised and continued for 2018-2019 as follows: At the October 2018 and March 2019 MCCOA Executive Committee meetings, committee chairs will provide an update on progress towards meeting their 2018-19 objectives.

Objective 4f will be revised and continued for 2018-2019 as follows: By April 2019, the MCCOA Executive Committee will survey commissioners to determine if they were able to make a presentation about the work of the Marin Commission on Aging to their appointing town/city/supervisor and to assess what worked and what is needed by commissioners to support future presentations.

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The Executive Committee approved this course of action unanimously.

Director’s Report:

Aging Program Manager, Jenay Cottrell reported on the following items:

The Director is at the American Society on Aging Conference this week in San Francisco.

- 1) Bylaws Committee Update: Committee has approved the changes to the bylaws.
- 2) Area Plan Annual Update – April 5: The format for the presentation is different this year. The Planning Committee reviewed, revised and approved the Area Plan Update at the March 23rd meeting. The Presentation will be given in a talk show format. The name of the show is “AAA Today.” The areas to be highlighted include:
 - Age-Friendly (Program Coordinator Seymour)
 - The Year of the Older Adult (Monson)
- 3) Dementia RFP Announcement: The grant was awarded to Meritage and Jewish Family and Children’s Services. They are working on the details now which include serving the entire Marin County and accepting all forms of payment. They hope to serve at least 40-50 older adults, with at least 12 in West Marin for the first year. The start date will be May 1, 2018. The first year will be a demonstration project.

Action Items:

- 1) Approve Letter of Support for Accessory Dwelling Units:
Several cosmetic changes were made to the document. The letter was approved as revised.
(See attached)

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<p>2) Housing and Transportation Committee Housing Report (4-5-2018): The report was approved unanimously.</p> <p><u>Discussion Items:</u></p> <p>1) Chair Locks reported there is a vacancy for a Planning Committee Chairperson. Two interested people have come forward to express their interest in this position. Locks will be speaking to the two parties before making the appointment.</p> <p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <p>1) Planning: Commissioner Boutilier previously reported the Planning Committee approved the 2018-19 Area Plan Update on March 23, 2018.</p> <p>2) Health and Nutrition: Commissioner Asimos reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee will meet this afternoon (March 26, 2018). • The main point of business today is beginning the discussion on an 18-19 objective to plan an intergenerational activity project to encourage connections and reduce social isolation. • The chair reported she attended a stakeholder meeting sponsored by the Marin County Behavioral Health Committee. The Behavioral Health Department announced their commitment to older adult services and have come up with \$780,000 to spend on that commitment in 2018-2019. Asimos remarked “We are being heard. We have to keep advocating.” <p>3) Housing and Transportation: Commissioner Marchese reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 21, 2018, the Housing and Transportation Committee went on record to 	

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support Marc Levine’s AB 2132. The bill is going to be up for hearing in Sacramento on April 11, 2018. The Housing and Transportation Committee would like a letter of support to be placed on the Commission of Aging’s April 5 agenda. The vote was unanimous.

- Measure A will be coming up for renewal next year and Measure B sometime after that. The Commission must broaden their understanding of these transportation measures which greatly benefit older adults and the disabled. Advocacy on these measures is important.
- At the meeting on March 21st, AB 827 Weiner was discussed. There were strong arguments for and against this bill in the Committee and in Marin. Boutilier said the City of Sausalito is in opposition and she could not have a position contrary to her appointing body. Marchese stressed the point that it’s good to have differences of opinion but as Commissioners, we should use a lot of caution and research before a position is taken on anything like this.
- Legislative Task Force:
 - a. Co-Chair Bloch reported the legislation sponsored by the California Senior Legislature is moving forward. Only one item is a budget bill that must go through the budget process.
 - b. Co-Chair Boutilier reported the next meeting will be on Friday April 20, 2018.

New Business/Other:

There was none.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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The next meeting is Monday, April 23, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.

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To: Directors of Community Development in Marin County

Re: Education and Outreach to Older Adults regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU)

The Commission on Aging advocates for the well-being of the more than 70,000 older adults in Marin County. We strongly support the work to educate and counsel senior homeowners and others on their opportunities to add Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU) to their home. Our surveys of older adults document that many are “house-rich and cash-poor” and are worried that they won’t have the income to stay in their homes. The counseling helps solve that problem, and produces more affordable housing that Marin County so badly needs.

State and local governments agree that developing more ADUs is an important step to making housing more affordable. The recent passage of California Senate Bill 1069 helps to simplify the application and approval process for ADUs; however, senior homeowners know very little about the ADU opportunity. The Commission on Aging would like to see funding provided to offer education, outreach and counseling to homeowners. Even though state and local governments are streamlining the permitting process, homeowners won’t benefit unless they are offered information sessions, individual site visits and costs estimates, help in getting financing, and help in screening renters.

The Commission on Aging has a strong interest in helping homeowners develop ADUs, because 53% of all owner-occupied homes in Marin County are owned by adults over age 60¹. Furthermore, the ADUs become a source of affordable housing for older adults. In summary, the Commission strongly supports organizations to conduct this outreach in Marin County.

Sincerely,

Salamah Locks, Chair

¹ American Community Survey 2016