COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

LOCATION: 10 NORTH SAN PEDRO ROAD, RM 1018

PRESENT MEMBERS: Chris Asimos, Girija Brilliant, Sybil Boutilier, Ralph Marchese, Teri Dowling, Lee Pullen, Ellie Bloch

PUBLIC: Linda Jackson

EXCUSED: Francie Bedinger, Salamah Locks

ABSENT:

RECORER: Gary Lara

Next Meeting: 10 N. San Pedro Rd., Conference Room 1018 - Monday, October 22, 2018

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**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Marchese noted that Chair Locks will be returning from her two-month hiatus on October 1 and to please direct all pertinent commission matters to her.

**Agenda**

The September 24, 2018 agenda was approved as written.

**Minutes**

The July 23, 2018 minutes were approved as written.
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<td><strong>Public Comment:</strong></td>
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<td>Linda Jackson noted the two upcoming Inform &amp; Connect workshops on October 2 and November 7. The latter is for front-line staff that assist clientele age 85+. Both workshops are from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m at Homeward Bound of Marin. Lunch is provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Chair’s Report:</strong></td>
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<td>Vice Chair Marchese reported the following:</td>
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<td>1) Commissioner Boutilier will be attending the next Triple A Council of California meeting in Sacramento on September 26 and 27. Locks has prepared the report for this meeting.</td>
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<td>2) The Ross Valley Sanitary District approved a fee reduction of 80% for sewer hookup for the Victory Village project in Fairfax. This amounts to a savings of $360,000.</td>
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<td>3) Please sign up to work the Commission on Aging booth at the Marin Senior Information Fair on Wednesday, October 24. The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Director’s Report:</strong></td>
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<td>Director Pullen reported the following items:</td>
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<td>1) Age-Friendly County of Marin Update:</td>
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<td>Pullen noted there has been a good launch with the advisory committee which consists of county departmental heads, constituents, local groups and commission members. The county’s application has been sent to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the county has now</td>
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been designated as age friendly. The next step in the process is to move forward with the assessment survey.

2) C4A Annual Board Retreat:

Each year the 33 Area Agency on Aging’s come together for an annual retreat in order to plan upcoming priorities for the year. This year’s sessions focused on updating the Older Californians Act, Reframing Aging and Housing Strategies both local and wide. About 60 people attended. Ideas expressed during the housing strategies workshop will be ranked by participants to determine the top four priorities.

Another topic of discussion was the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) and expanding program capacity to allow up to 18,000 Medi-Cal people to receive board and care, since under regular Medi-Cal skilled nursing expenses are not covered. C4A-CWDA needs to determine with what housing legislation they can be successful.

3) The workshops Inform and Connect and Detect and Connect represent the annual Aging Action Initiative “academy” training.

4) Agenda item #1 under discussion items was inadvertently noted as occurring on 2/1/2019. Rather the correct date is 2/7/2019. The economic summit workshop is scheduled for February 1, 2019.

5) The Commission on Aging orientation binders will be reviewed and revised by Lee, Jenay and Gary.

**Action Items:**
None
### Discussion Items:

1. **Housing Action Coalition Workshop (February 7, 2019):**

   AAI program manager Linda Jackson noted she is working with the Housing and Transportation Committee to plan the February 7 housing workshop which will coincide with the monthly commission meeting. The topic will be accessory dwelling units (ADU’s) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU’s). This is a great way for homeowners to earn extra income. The first planning meeting will take place tomorrow. The committee thinks it’s imperative to get a focus on this topic.

2. **Commission Retreat:**

   Dowling provided an overview of the history behind retreat planning for the Commission. The last event was held in September 2016 with Dana Pepp facilitating. Dowling noted the planning process for the last event took six months. As part of the process, a survey was conducted amongst the commission to identify agenda items. Dowling has extensive notes to turn over to the lead planner for the next retreat and offered to be a member of the planning committee. Dowling also noted that it is good to hold a retreat every two years. September seems to be an ideal time of the year since new commissioners would already be on board.

   A second social event to be held in December was also discussed. Dowling noted how gracious Commissioner Bloch has been in the past by opening up her home to host such an event.

   Commissioner Brilliant noted a social gathering would be preferred since it is not overwhelming.

   Dowling felt having a retreat is important and would like this to be a discussion item for the General agenda on October 4. Marchese would also like to have the December social
Committee Reports:

Health and Nutrition: Commissioner Asimos noted the committee met last week to discuss planning the November 1 Commission meeting at Albert J. Boro Community Center (Pickleweed). The presentation will be called “Dia de los Muertos: Latino Perspectives on Death/Dying and Family Caregiving.”

Asimos would like for the committee to host its next program in the West Marin area. Jackson noted that Rancho Nicasio might be a good location since the Dance Palace has a scheduling conflict.

Legislative: Co-Chair Boutilier noted the committee recently worked on and submitted the annual policy priorities for the Board of Supervisors for the upcoming year. Boutilier asked for feedback from the executives but Director Pullen noted this would need to be agendized ahead of time in order to have a discussion.

Their next meeting is Friday, October 5.

Housing and Transportation: Commissioner Marchese noted his update was already discussed earlier in the meeting; see discussion item one, page four.

Marchese also noted that Commissioner Hagerty is working on a television program with Dick Spotswood from the Marin IJ on affordable housing. The focus will be to try and create a report that shows the housing demand and what will be needed for the next generation. The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, September 26.

Planning: Commissioner Brilliant noted the committee met earlier this month to discuss the needs
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assessment questionnaire and the best way to use the telephone survey and to limit the number of items. The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, October 3.

**New Business/Other:**

The executives had a brief discussion around the Trump administration’s new executive order that would make it extremely difficult for many immigrants to come to the United States or receive green cards if they’re deemed likely to use public benefits like SNAP (food stamps) or Medicaid.

After further discussion, Vice Chair Marchese noted it would not reflect favorably on the Commission if they take a position on this executive order. Asimos suggested offering information on the executive order and it was agreed that this would be an information item that Commissioner Boutilier would distribute during her update.

Before adjournment, Pullen noted the recruitment is in the works to replace the program coordinator position vacated by Michele McCabe and that all meetings of the commission would be staffed while this occurs.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, October 22, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - noon.