

<b>COMMITTEE: GENERAL</b>	<b>DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2018</b>	<b>LOCATION: MARIN MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB</b>
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Bloch, Boutilier, Bradley, Brilliant, Hagerty, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Monson, Silverman, Timms, Weingarten, Zeller</p> <p><b>EXCUSED:</b> Asimos, Bortel, Dowling, Livoti, Kwentus, Turner, Bedinger, Saffran</p> <p><b>VACANT:</b></p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Amy Dietz</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> January 3, 2019 at Whistlestop, 930 Tamalpais Ave, 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 11:13 a.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda</b> The agenda of December 6, 2018 was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> The minutes of November 1, 2018 were approved as written.</p>	
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**Open Time for Public Expression:**

Lilliana Orlandi, Development Associate, Agricultural Institute of Marin: Announced that the farmers market van, “The Rollin’ Root” has a route to various senior housing sites and senior centers on Thursdays. She requested that commissioners contact her if they had other areas they would recommend as stops on a Friday. She left her business card with staff member, Amy Dietz.

Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative: Thanked each member of the commission individually for being a part of the Aging Network. Thanked the Commission as an entity for their partnership.

Madeline Kellner, former Novato City Council member: Spoke about finishing two years in the Peace Corps in Guatemala; recommended this experience to other older adults.

Jean Gunn, pending Commissioner of District 5: The Novato Village will be hosting its annual holiday party. Please see her for details. The completed multigenerational mural incorporated themes of inclusion, diversity and aging.

**Chair’s Report:** Chair Locks reported on the following:

Events:

- Novato Age-Friendly Multigenerational Mural Unveiling, December 8, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Reframing Aging Exhibit at Corte Madera Library, November 3 – January.
- Novato Health and Wellness Expo at Valley Memorial Park, January 31.

The TACC (Triple A Advisory Council of California) meeting in Sacramento:

- Persons receiving SSI will now also be eligible for CalFresh. This will be implemented on June 1.
- Elder Justice Panel: a stipend of up to \$38,000 will be awarded to those wishing to become Adult Protective Services (APS) workers. There will be increased outreach in hiring and training APS social workers. The Chair was happy that more people will be trained on how to engage clients in these situations.

- Minerva Garvia from PSA 14 expressed that their Commission on Aging has difficulty in attaining a quorum at their monthly meetings. She asked that this Commission share its bylaws and best practices which are posted at the following url:  
<https://www.marinhhs.org/boards/commission-aging>.

**Vice Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Marchese reported the following:

The subcommittee for the Commissioner Retreat will take place in January. Commissioner Dowling will meet with the subcommittee to share her binder from the last retreat and lessons learned. This meeting will cover topics for the agenda, a schedule for meetings and begin the process of selecting a private facilitator (if applicable). He invited additional Commissioners to join the committee and share their opinions.

**Action Items:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Health and Nutrition: No report.

Housing and Transportation:

Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- The last meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Staff will schedule a meeting to take place in January 2019.
- The focus of the next meeting will be on housing action initiatives taking place around the county. Staff from Whistlestop and other transit agencies are putting together their plans for the coming year and share with the committee when completed.
- There will be a junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU) Fair in January at Whistlestop. This will take the place of the educational hour preceding the monthly MCCOA meeting.

Commissioner Boutilier:

- Reported that the Public Utilities Commission was reviewing requirements for Lyft and Uber to include vehicles with disability access. Financial incentives for drivers were discussed.

- Asked whether it would be appropriate to have a table at the JADU expo with information pertaining to free building permits for older adults, which was recently passed into state law.

Commissioner Hagerty:

- Announced the City of Novato would also be holding a JADU Expo on March 30. He distributed flyers and stated that he would also send electronic copies.
- Expressed appreciation for the support of the JADU Expo from the MCCOA and all age-friendly towns and cities.
- Stated that the expos would have representation and information from builders, planners and finance people.

Public Comment (Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative):

- Stated that she would send Commissioner Boutilier an email with a response to her questions as to whether it would be appropriate to share information pertaining to free building permits for seniors at the upcoming JADU expo.
- Reported that 34 groups have been invited to participate in the expos.

Legislative Committee: Co-Chair Bloch reported on the following:

- The next meeting will be tomorrow Friday, December 7, 2018; all are welcome to attend. The committee will review the top 10 proposed measures from the CSL and the draft California Community Living Act.
- She attended the BOS meeting on Tuesday, December 4 and spoke to the need for more affordable workforce housing. The Supervisors agreed.
- Expressed hope that in months ahead, C4A and the CSL would look to support associated affordable housing measures.

Planning: Chair Brilliant reported the following:

- For the January 2019 Commission meeting, the program will pose important questions about planning for aging. The format will include breaking into dyads and reporting back to the larger group.
- All committee objectives for the upcoming 2019/2020 Area Plan Update must be submitted to the Planning Committee by February 1.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Editorial Board: No report.

**Aging Action Initiative Update:** Linda Jackson reported that:

- The AAI is co-sponsoring the JADU expo happening on February 7, 2019 at Whistlestop.

**Age-Friendly Update:**

Commissioner Timms reported:

- Seven age-friendly representatives met this morning for the monthly age-friendly Marin meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 13 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on needs assessments and surveys.
- Two representatives of Marin's age-friendly cities attended an AARP regional age-friendly roundtable on Thursday, November 15 at Sonoma County's Adult & Aging Office in Santa Rosa. The focus was on affordable housing. It was an excellent opportunity for networking with others doing similar work in the north bay.
- There is a need for branding and/ or a logo for Age-Friendly Marin and town/ cities.
- There was an article about Age-Friendly in the Monday November 26, 2018 edition of the *Marin Independent Journal*.

Lee Pullen reported:

- Lori Peterson with Collaborative Consulting will be assisting in the design and distribution of surveys and the facilitation of focus groups. The primary focus will be the 60+ population, with a secondary focus being unincorporated areas. Commissioner Bloch asked whether said surveys would also be distributed to the older adult homeless population. Pullen stated that he would bring this matter to the advisory committee.
- The County Administrators Office has released a randomized survey of residents across Marin to better understand the needs of the community.
- The Age-Friendly Advisory Committee will address the desire for a logo at its next meeting.

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

- The staffing recruitment for the Senior Program Coordinator position, recently vacated by Michele McCabe, has closed. He and Jenay Cottrell are currently reviewing applications.
- Welcomed Commissioner Weingarten; he was sworn in at the start of the meeting.

- Last week he attended the C4A annual state conference. There is a draft Concept/ Working paper: The California Community Living Act. This Act would reduce service fragmentation by bringing services together into a new Department of Community Living. This would replace the current Department of Aging. The success of the Act is dependent on governor-elect Gavin Newsom's support.
- New Commission handbooks will be distributed at the close of the meeting. These were developed by Gary and Jenay.

**Commissioner Updates:**

Bloch (California Senior Legislature): There is a proposed Elder Abuse federal stamp.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito): Attended a Grant Makers in Aging and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation conference in Quebec, Canada in October. Sausalito received one of three international age-friendly awards from the World Health Organization (WHO); Porto, Portugal and Barcelona, Spain were the other two award winners. Boutilier was invited to represent the City of Sausalito at the conference where the United Nations, 17 countries and one First Nation were represented. They are currently revising Age-Friendly recommendations, which will be released next year. The City of Sausalito is currently renovating a playground to make it more age-friendly. Sausalito has thus far put in \$213,000, which has been used to purchase selected age-friendly equipment, the construction an age-friendly fitness zone, walking path, and pickleball courts. It should open in March 2019.

Bradley (City of Belvedere): No report.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley): No report.

Hagerty (District 5): No report.

Lamorte (City of San Anselmo): Has been attending San Anselmo Town Council meetings and her presence is appreciated. San Anselmo has embraced being age-friendly and made an associated announcement at their November 26 meeting.

Locks: (City of San Rafael): Attended the San Rafael City Council meeting on Monday, December 3. Voted on an ordinance for consideration for prohibiting actions considered discriminatory in renting property, e.g. excluding those with Section 8. This ordinance is modeled from that of Fairfax, Novato and San Anselmo.

López (District 1): Open enrollment for Part D and Senior Advantage plans closes tomorrow. Those who were enrolled in SCAN Health Plan have an additional 63 days of open enrollment as SCAN will no longer be available in Marin starting in 2019. At the Senior Fair, six people expressed interest in joining Age-Friendly San Rafael.

Marchese (District 4): The pilot Intergenerational Center built last year has quadrupled its membership and exceeded expectations. There are now internal debates about allocation and control of age-friendly programs, indicating increased interest across all departments. Proof of concept equals growth and success.

Monson (District 4): No report.

Silverman (District 3): Recently returned from vacation in New Zealand and highly recommended it. Mentioned that in Christ Church there was an exercise course with stations placed close together, which worked well for older adults and could possibly serve as an age-friendly model.

Timms (City of Fairfax): Age-Friendly Fairfax is currently working to allow Drake High School students to receive community service hours by assisting older adults in doing fire clearance around their homes. Received an update that the 7 Cups App, funded through the MHSA, will be rolling out in early 2019. The Age-Friendly forum in Fairfax this month will focus on handling life's ups and downs. The main speaker will be a clinical psychologist presenting on how to manage both good and dark times.

Weingarten (District 2): Attended the San Anselmo meeting Commissioner Lamorte referred to in her report. The city's age-friendly letter was approved and Commissioner Lamorte received acclaim for her work.

Zeller (City of Corte Madera): No report.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Whistlestop.