

COMMITTEE: Housing & Transportation	DATE: June 19, 2019	LOCATION: 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael, Connection Center Rm 40-109
PRESENT: Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Michael Hagerty, Suellen Lamorte, Ralph Marchese, Jim Monson, Woody Weingarten, Rhea Brown (Community), Johanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative), Ron Brown (Community), Mandy Reyes (Aging and Adult Services Senior Program Coordinator)		
ABSENT: Boutilier, Bradley, Saffran		
RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Senior Program Coordinator		
NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 20 N San Pedro, Point Reyes Room		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order: Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda: The agenda of June 19, 2019 agenda was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 17, 2019 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: None</p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Marchese announced he is stepping down as chairman of this committee to accept the responsibilities of Chairman of Commission on Aging. A new Chair for the Housing and Transportation Committee is needed. Michael Hagerty is the only candidate to date. The position is open effective June 30. 	

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<p>Transportation Partner Reports: Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marin Transit planning staff have been working on a fare study for the past couple of months and expect to bring a recommendation in front of their board later this year. There will be a presentation at the board meeting on July 1 highlighting the background and history of the fare policy. • They are considering fare changes for Marin Access programs and reworking their Low-Income Fare Assistance program for those with financial needs. • Marin Transit Connect Service is still in the pilot phase which ends at the end of this calendar year. An evaluation will be presented to their board at the July 1 board meeting. • They are running a fare-free transit campaign systemwide (except for paratransit and the Muir Woods shuttle) from July 3 – 7 during the week of the Marin County Fair. More information can be found at https://marintransit.org/fair. • Marin Mobility Consortium meeting is on July 17 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Northgate Mall Community room, it is open to stakeholders and they would like to invite committee members to attend. • Linda Jackson for public comment; suggests free fares to the senior fair in October. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marin Transit planning staff is considering this and will share information with committee staff for distribution once available. <p>Housing Partner Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee agreed to extend invitations to future Housing and Transportation meetings to Marin Housing Authority, EAH Housing, Whistlestop Housing Advisor, Ritter House, Homeward Bound, and St. Vincent’s, and staff/members of the Homeless Policy Steering Committee. Reyes will extend invitations to the next Housing and Transportation Committee Meeting. • Linda Jackson (AAI): AAI has started Act and Connect with the intent that this will build capacity for advocacy. Topics they will advocate for are more senior housing, assisted living, and affordable housing for people who work and take care of older adults. The group that includes AAA, AAI, JFCS, Healthy Marin Partnership, COA, and Age-Friendly will call themselves Advocacy Alliance and they will be the work group for Act and Connect. • Northgate walk is a housing project that includes senior housing at Sheraton Hotel. Hearing is July 23. 	<p>Reyes</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessory dwelling units has several bills at the state level that are moving forward. JADU and ADU bills don't have quite the press but they are going to make it harder for cities elsewhere in California to put up road blocks to these small units. AAI is watching those bills and looks like they will all go through. • The Commission received an invitation from Marin Environmental Housing Coalition and the Housing Crisis Action Group to come to a summit for housing advocacy on June 27, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Marin County Office of Education. Each organization is asked to send three people. There is a survey that goes along with it. The Legislative Committee agreed to send Commissioners Bloch, Bortel, and Hagerty. Weingarten is alternate. • Commissioner Hagerty: Linda Jackson and Hagerty are applying for a grant from the Marin Community Foundation for more for the JADU Expos. The next venue they are looking at is the Marin County Senior Fair. <p>Chair's Report and Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Marchese asked Commissioner Bortel to stay on this committee as vice chair. Bortel agreed. Marchese will make the formal request July 1. • Chair Marchese has scheduled a meeting with Lee Pullen and Jenay Cottrell to talk about the full scope of commission for the upcoming year. • Chair Marchese will be asking staff for a calendar of upcoming annual events that will include topics for General Commission Meetings. The commission will look at the meetings and decide if they are sequenced properly. Marchese will be suggesting that committee chairs give their reports in writing ahead of time so that there will be more time for dialogue. • Chair Marchese will be meeting with Supervisor Kate Sears. Purpose is to discuss what her priorities are for the balance of her term? And second, Marchese would like to try to coordinate the initiatives for the strategic action plan for the county that can be identified beyond the new fiscal year. • Marchese invited Ron Brown, the former foreperson for the Grand Jury to this meeting to discuss his knowledge from the Grand Jury and help shape the policies of the Commission on Aging. • Ron Brown noted that the response and recommendations of the court on reports can be seen online at the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's website. Brown noted that the more a request is coherently written, the more likely the jury will pick it up. 	<p>Bloch, Bortel, Hagerty</p>

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<p>Action Item: Discuss location and topic for the Nov. 7 COA meeting which Housing and Transportation is hosting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have Levine or McGuire talk about the housing bills ○ The Redwoods director Hunter Moore about living in a retirement residence ○ Chloe Cook from Information and Assistance ○ Mary Kay Sweeney of Homeward Bound on homelessness, renter protection and mediation, just cause for eviction. ○ Have a panel about homelessness and some alternatives to homelessness plus other aspects of housing. It was agreed that panel will draw a larger audience. No more than three speakers. The topic, speakers and venue will need to be presented to the Executive Committee on July 22. July 21 would be deadline to have topic speaker and venue identified. <p>Commissioners Bortel and Hagerty will make sure that is a topic is decided upon.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Marchese announced that he will invite Ron Brown back because there is an opportunity for the commission to have a larger profile. Brown noted it is advantageous to make requests from the Grand Jury at the beginning of their term which is July1. July or early August is best. • The committee agreed to have the next meeting on Aug 21. • Commissioner Bortel has committed to doing a Great Age article on transportation options. <p>Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21 from 1-3 p.m. at 20 N San Pedro in the Point Reyes room.</p> <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.</p>	<p>Bortel, Hagerty</p>