

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: OCT. 3, 2019	LOCATION: MARGUERITA C. JOHNSON SENIOR CENTER
<p>PRESENT, Asimos, Bloch, Bortel, Boutilier, Bradley, Brilliant, Etemovic, Gunn, Hagerty, Kwentus, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Saffran, Silverman, Timms, Turner, Weingarten, Zeller</p> <p>EXCUSED: Dowling</p> <p>VACANT: City of Novato, District 2</p>		
RECORDER: Amy Dietz		
NEXT MEETING: Thurs., Nov. 7, 2019, Whistlestop		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of Oct. 3, 2019 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of Sept. 5, 2019 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda: Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative</p>	
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- There are three towns (San Anselmo, Fairfax and Novato) that will be holding elections in the fall. AAI has devised three questions to ask of candidates.
- AAI Inform and Connect meetings will be happening within the next two weeks at Homeward Bound.
- People are struggling with rent increases in protected units. There will be trainings on how to best advocate.

Robert Chandler, member of the public:

- Stated that he was there to observe the meeting and ascertain if he may have interest in being a part of any of the committees.

Ellie Bloch, as a member of the public:

- Andrea Feit Dugan, a former commissioner who worked with Commissioner Bloch in drafting legislation, recently passed away.

Chair's Report:

- Chair Marchese stated that he has plans to draft a strategic overview and will inform the commission of his plans in Dec.
- The California Master Plan on Aging has begun in earnest. He stated that the commission is in an ideal position to make an impact and be of assistance in drafting the plan. Likewise, given the percentage of older adults in Marin, that our county could be a place to test new ideas. The first draft is due to be released in June 2020; this gives the commission eight months to integrate services and efforts with the plan. Diana López has put forth an application to join the Long-Term Care Council subcommittee. There will be other opportunities to apply for different subcommittees, which will be announced at future meetings.
- Chair Marchese will be drafting a performance improvement plan for the commission.
- The commission retreat on Sept. 6 was a success. As a follow-up, the commission voted to hold a social gathering to occur on Oct. 25. Lunch will be included. Location is TBD.
- There will be a training on Robert's Rules of Order for commissioners. This meeting will also cover commission bylaws.
- The nominating committee of the commission consists of Woody Weingarten, Chris Asimos and Jean Gunn.

- The county strategic plan does not currently address the needs of older adults. Chair Marchese would like to set a quarterly meeting with HHS executive staff to address concerns and alignment with the four-year AAA Area Plan and the California Master Plan.
- Chair Marchese is the MCCOA representative at the Triple A Council of California meeting in Sacramento. Commissioner Locks is the alternate. These meetings are open to others who wish to attend.
- Chair Marchese asked commissioners to send upcoming events in their communities to staff prior to the meeting.
- Sue Cannon from the Marin Food Policy Council extended an invitation to speak with MCCOA representatives.
- Diana López and Chair Marchese will meet with Steve Schwartz, Interfaith Food Collaborative, and Skip Schwartz, Executive Director of West Marin Senior Services, regarding fresh fruits and vegetable distribution to older adults in West Marin.
- Commissioners should send their CVs to Diana López by October 25.
- Senior Fair
 - Commissioner Locks passed around a sign-up sheet for commissioners to staff the MCCOA booth. She will email the final to the commission.
 - The set-up will consist of a roulette wheel, craps, poker and bingo. Staff member Dietz will provide a bubble machine.
- At the last Executive Committee meeting, the decision was made to not recommend a topic to this year's Grand Jury.
 - Commissioner Gunn recommended that a future topic focus on how to identify and locate isolated older adults.

Vice Chair's Report:

- Vice Chair López applied for the long-term care subcommittee of the California Master Plan. As soon as future opportunities are announced for applications, Chair Marchese will work with AAA staff to distribute.
- In May, Governor Newsom established a committee on the future of work; there is currently nothing in it relating to older adults.
- Governor Newsom has signed the California Public Banking Act into law.

Committee Reports:

Health and Nutrition (Asimos):

- The committee met last week. The Feb. meeting will focus on how to fall safely, Carol Zeller will be the chair of the program. The committee discussed focusing on nutrition. The committee discussed inviting outside speakers.

Housing and Transportation (Bortel):

- The Housing and Transportation Committee is coordinating the Nov. 7 program at Whistlestop. There will be three speakers that will talk about senior housing and living options for older adults, with a focus on changes in the next three to five years.
- The county paid \$4.3 million to obtain 36 former coastguard homes and barracks in West Marin. If an environmental impact report is not requested in the next two weeks, the county will put forth a request for proposals.
- The Housing and Transportation Committee is coordinating the March 5 program, at which Joanna Huitt from Marin Transit will speak of changes to senior programming and fares.

Legislative:

(Co-Chair Bloch):

- CA SB5, Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, has not yet been signed by the governor.
- The California Senior Legislature will provide input to the California Master Plan.
- Comment from member of the public, Linda Jackson
 - There are three housing bills for accessible dwelling units; they would implement some of Marin's success statewide.

(Co-Chair Boutilier):

- The Legislative Committee is coordinating the Dec. 5 meeting, at which Sarah Steenhausen will speak about the California Master Plan on Aging.
- AB 1118, the Age-Friendly California Act of 2019, has been passed and is on the governor's desk for signature.

Planning (Brilliant):

- Commissioners Gunn and Etemovic joined the committee. At the last meeting, the committee reviewed the results of the telephone needs assessment. They will meet on the third Wed. every other month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Age-Friendly Update (Timms as member of the public):

- There will be an AARP roundtable next week. Age-friendly will have a table at the Senior Fair. The next meeting will be Oct. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Aging and Adult Services Report (Pullen):

- The Age-friendly Marin Advisory Board will be reviewing a draft of the plan next week. Commissioners Timms and Gunn are on the advisory board. It will then be sent to County Administrator Matthew Hymel for input. The plan is to present it to the Board of Supervisors in January 2020.
- San Geronimo Valley Community Center Executive Director Dave Cort received a Jefferson Award for his work.
- Director Pullen met with new HHS Director Benita McLarin. She plans to attend the Dec. meeting.
- Program Manager Cottrell attended the C4A Retreat. They discussed homelessness, disasters and the California Master Plan on Aging. C4A staff will put out a report. The new director of C4A expressed an interest in partnering with the AAAs on streamlining the Area Plan process. They are looking into the possibility of a doing a two-year plan.
- The AAA will be undergoing an audit from CDA from October 14-18.

New Business:

N/A

Commissioner Updates:

Asimos (District 1): Will be featured on CBS Sunday morning on a program about her work on suicide prevention in the 70s. She will let the MCCOA know the date.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito): Attended a MCF disaster preparedness meeting for older adults. In Sausalito, the primary issue in the general plan is senior housing. She reported that vandals have been stealing the crossing flags.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley): Attended Marin VOAD meeting with Commissioner Timms on disaster readiness. Brilliant is applying for the Citizens Redistricting Committee, which will meet after the 2020 Census is complete.

Timms (City of Fairfax): The Fairfax Library is involved with age-friendly and has something scheduled for older adults every Fri. She has been asked to join the Fairfax Disaster Council.

Turner (District 3): There is a senior fitness zone with equipment outside of the Marguerita Johnson Senior Center. There will be a senior fair held there on Nov. 20.

Weingarten (District 2): Will be distributing the age-friendly survey soon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 7, 2019 at Whistlestop, 930 Tamalpais Ave, San Rafael