

<b>COMMITTEE:</b> Housing & Transportation	<b>DATE:</b> September 18, 2019	<b>LOCATION:</b> 20 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael Pt. Reyes Conference Room
<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Ellie Bloch, Allan Bortel, Diana Bradley, Suellen Lamorte, Ralph Marchese, Woody Weingarten, <i>Rhea Brown (Community)</i>, <i>Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit)</i>, <i>Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative)</i>, <i>Noele Kostelic (EAH Housing – Walnut Place)</i>, <i>Anai Ortiz (EAH Corporate)</i>, <i>Mandy Reyes (Aging and Adult Services)</i>, <i>Gayle Suits (Marin Housing Authority)</i>, <i>LeeLee Thomas (Marin County Community Development Agency)</i>, <i>(Maureen Williams (EAH – Parnow Friendship House))</i></p>		
<p><b>ABSENT:</b> Boutilier, Hagerty, Saffran</p>		
<p><b>RECORDER:</b> Mandy Reyes, AAA Senior Program Coordinator</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 20 N. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael Pt. Reyes Conference Room</p>		

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<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.</p> <p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b> The agenda of Sept. 18, 2019 agenda was approved as written.</p> <p><b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The minutes from June 19, 2019 were approved as written.</p> <p><b>Open Time for Public Expression:</b> None</p> <p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ralph Marchese, Acting Chair of the Housing and Transportation Committee and Chair of the Commission on Aging (COA), introduced himself and asked for round table introductions</li> <li>• Chair Marchese noted Commissioner Michael Hagerty has declined to chair the Housing and</li> </ul>	

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<p>Transportation Committee due to health issues. The committee is looking for a new chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair Bortel announced the Marin County Senior Fair is Oct. 23, 2019, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.</li> <li>• The COA and Aging Action Initiative (AAI) will have 3 booths at Senior Fair representing Jr. Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU). Commissioners can volunteer to help man the table and talk to people about JADU.</li> <li>• The county has a website for <a href="#">ADU/JADU here</a>. It allows you to look at the rules for your specific town.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation Partner Reports:</b> Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving transit in Marin County is an ongoing process of monitoring and refining to respond to rider and community needs. As required by Measure AA, the Marin Transit Short Range Transit Plan is updated every two years</li> <li>○ Update for 2020-2029 SRTP is in progress</li> <li>○ There will be a presentation to the Board on October 7<sup>th</sup> detailing the service plan (anticipated changes in fixed route and demand response programs) + financial outlook</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Marin Transit Fare &amp; Eligibility Change Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is part of SRTP process and it's an ongoing effort that started in 2016 SRTP + MA Strategic Analysis</li> <li>○ It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LIFA: simplify and consolidate low-income eligibility criteria, increase income eligibility thresholds and financial assistance</li> <li>▪ Marin Access Program Eligibility: standardize eligibility criteria across demand response programs (CAR + VDP)</li> <li>▪ Fare Change Proposal: FR – reduce monthly pass price, eliminate weekly passes; MA – implement phased fare increase for demand response and paratransit; Not fare, but related - increase VDP reimbursement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was a presentation to Board on 9/1; <a href="#">it can be found here.</a></li> <li>○ Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff are working on an outreach and education plan to gather input from riders, community partners, and other stakeholders</li> <li>▪ Final, formal proposal will go to Board on November 4, then public hearing in December with anticipated adoption in January and implementation of phase 1 fares + LIFA/eligibility on July 1,2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Questions for H&amp;T <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Marin Transit would like to do a presentation on their fare policy and the anticipated changes to the Commission on Aging – is H&amp;T committee the most appropriate venue for this or should it be to full Commission? Should this happen before or after November presentation to our Board? Who can Huitt coordinate with to set this up?  The committee agreed that the November 13 Housing and Transportation meeting would be best for the presentation in order to provide feedback to the plan. Linda Jackson (AAI) will invite those from AAI who would be interested in attending.  The committee also agreed that the presentation should be given to the entire commission at one of the open Commission on Aging forums in Feb., Mar., or June, 2020. Chair Marchese and Commissioner Bloch will bring this to the Executive Committee on Sept. 23.</li> <li>▪ Suggestions on outreach? Who / where?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Connect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A 1-year evaluation report was given to Board in July and can be <a href="#">found on their website</a></li> <li>○ In October, Marin Transit will be releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) exploring how they can use the service to better serve senior / ADA trips</li> <li>○ There is a new video detailing how to use the service on the website at <a href="http://connect.marintransit.org">connect.marintransit.org</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Jackson</p> <p>Marchese/Bloch</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promo for Senior Fair               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a request out to Senior Fair staff + Allan requesting input on what Marin Transit has come up with</li> <li>○ Their goal is to offer a coupon code for free trips on Connect on the day of the Senior Fair &amp; to have a Connect vehicle staged near the entrance to the Senior Fair to increase awareness of service</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Housing Partner Reports:</b>            Linda Jackson (AAI):            Hamilton residents who live in the affordable housing there got a rent increase notice that was substantial for some. Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) is working on this with the City of Novato and the owners but some residents may become homeless. There may be some advocacy needed.</p> <p><b>Chair’s Report and Discussion:</b>            Chair Marchese reported that the membership of the Housing and Transportation committee is being explored due to the committee’s focus which is growing in demand and urgency. Ways of expanding the committee is being explored. Questions are being asked to a legal counsel such as could the committee be chaired by a non-commissioner? The idea is to personify the Housing and Transportation Committee with as many people who are knowledgeable or wish to become knowledgeable and advocate for the focus this committee has.</p> <p><b>Discussion: Coast Guard Housing</b>            LeeLee Thomas, Housing Planning Manager, Marin County Community Development Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas gave background on the Coast Guard Housing history</li> <li>• There are 36 townhomes (2, 3, and 4-bedroom units) and barracks on the property</li> <li>• In 2015 the Coast Guard decided they would sell the property via an online auction process</li> <li>• Senator Huffman lead an initiative to have legislation pass that required the coast guard sell it to the county and it would have to be used for affordable housing or other public benefit</li> <li>• The board took a major step yesterday in approving the sale and financing</li> <li>• Although, the units are in good condition, the homes are not ready to move in. There is no septic system or waste water treatment among other issues such as not being ADA accessible.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps after escrow period are for the county to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for someone to help the county in transitioning the property for the use as affordable housing</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item: Finalize November 7 Presentation by Housing and Transportation at the COA Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bortel noted there are 3 panel members lined up to speak at the November 7 Commission on Aging meeting at Whistlestop at 10 a.m. They are Joseph Walsh, Marin Environmental &amp; Housing Collaborative; Hunter Moore, CEO The Redwoods; and Joe O’Hehir, CEO Whistlestop</li> <li>• Bortel asked if there are any specific items to have these 3 focus on? Bloch suggested they focus on the next 3 – 5 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Business:</b> None</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Date:</b> The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 from 1-3 p.m. at 20 N San Pedro in the Point Reyes room.</p> <p><b>Adjournment:</b> The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.</p>	