

COMMITTEE: Housing & Transportation	DATE: July 15, 2020	LOCATION: Zoom Teleconference
<p>PRESENT: <i>Alejandra Argueta (Mercy Housing), Sylvia Barry, Allan Bortel, Ralph Marchese, Woody Weingarten, Rhea Brown (Community), Jenay Cottrell (Aging and Adult Services), Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative), Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Noelle Kostellic (EAH Housing), Kristin Taylor (EAH Housing), Woody Weingarten, Jasmina Etemovic</i></p> <p>ABSENT: <i>Sybil Boutilier, Diana Bradley, Suellen Lamorte, Diana Lopez, Judith Saffran, Robert Betts (Marin Transit)</i></p>		
RECORDER: Jenay Cottrell, AAA Program Manager		
NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2020, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Location TBD		

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<p>Call to Order: Chair Bortel called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.</p> <p>A quorum wasn't established but the Committee Chair and all others agreed to hold the meeting considering there were no items on which to vote.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda: The agenda of July 15, 2020 agenda was reviewed.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes from May 20, 2020 was postponed to the September meeting since there wasn't a quorum.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: None</p> <p>Announcements: Jenay Cottrell, Area Agency on Aging The Area Agency on Aging recently issued five requests for proposals for various services, including home-delivered meals. Proposals are due on Thursday, July 16.</p>	

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<p>Transportation Partner Reports: Joanna Huitt, Mobility Planner, Marin Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 1 fare change in effect • Expanded low-income fare program. About 400 people applied and to date, 250 have been approved, representing a 26% increase in the program. • Low-income bus passes are available, but it has been difficult to conduct outreach during COVID-19 restrictions. Marin Transit’s website features a video that explains the program. • Fixed fare ridership has increased 62% over the past few weeks. • The Connect on-demand ride program is now accessed through mobility options within the Uber app. Connect no longer has its own app. Marin Access members pay a flat fee of \$3 for rides anywhere between Novato and Corte Madera. Nonmembers pay \$4 per mile. <p>Housing Partner Reports: Kristin Taylor, Director of Resident Services, EAH Housing</p> <p>The Hilarita apartment complex is slated to be remodeled. The project manager is working on details.</p> <p>Presentation: Elise Semonian, San Anselmo's Planning Director and a Marin Representative on the Regional Housing Methodology Committee</p> <p>Semonian gave a presentation on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for 2023 – 2031 and what it means for Marin County. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1969, State law requires that all jurisdictions must plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. • The State identifies the total number of units, across all income groups, for which the region must plan for the eight-year period. • The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) collaborates with a regional committee made of elected officials, staff and stakeholders to develop a formula to assign each community a share of the Bay Area’s housing need. • Each local government must update the Housing Element of its General Plan and zoning to show how it plans to accommodate its share of the regional need. • Elise and Pat Eklund from Novato represent Marin on a housing methodology committee that will make recommendations to ABAG on allocations for each Marin jurisdiction. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The methodology committee is currently considering if base allocations should be on number of households or the Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint, as well as other criteria. • A common issue is that while many jurisdictions in Marin have been good about approving enough low-income housing, developers often do not come through with permits to build the housing, leaving jurisdictions short in meeting their goals. • The RHNA doesn't include allocations for housing for older adults or persons with disabilities. Allocations are based only on household income levels. <p>Chair's Report and Discussion: None</p> <p>Action Items: None</p> <p>New Business: Bortel reminded the committee about its FY 20/21 annual goals and objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For goal 2, Bortel asked Barry to contact the Women's Commission about collaborating on a presentation or article on safety for older adults in their homes. • For goal 3, he indicated Belvedere apparently has done work on this. He will investigate that and at a future meeting will ask other Commissioners to investigate the jurisdictions and age-friendly areas they represent. <p>Jackson noted the next Housing & Transportation meeting on September 16 is on the same date as the Aging Action Initiative's convening. She will notify Bortel, Cottrell and Reyes about the decision to have the convening be a morning only or all-day event. Bortel may want to reschedule the next Housing & Transportation Committee meeting accordingly.</p> <p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Location TBD</p> <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>	