

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2020	LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
PRESENT: Asimos, Barry, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Dowling, Etemovic, Gunn, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Nuesse, Silverman, Timms, Vreeland Long, Weingarten		
EXCUSED: Bortel, Bradley, Hanan Friedman, Saffran		
VACANT: Town of Corte Madera		
RECORDER: Mandy Reyes		
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 10, 2020, Zoom Teleconference		

MINUTE SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY
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<p>Call to Order Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda The agenda of November 5, 2020 was approved as amended for action item to say, “proposed bylaws revisions”.</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of October 1, 2020 were approved as amended to say, “approval of the proposed bylaws”.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda: Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity to access CARES Act money to provide housing for people who currently do not have housing. There are 3 sites proposed. Please advocate by attending 2 public hearings on Nov. 10 and Nov. 17 at the Board of Supervisors (BOS). 	
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Salamah Locks, as Member of the Public

- At the San Rafael City Council meeting she gave support to the 3301 Kerner Blvd. opportunity for housing.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Reports:

Chair Marchese reported on the following:

- Corte Madera had tremendous resistance to a housing project for homelessness.
- There is no COA general session planned for the month of March. The balance of the year needs to be figured out and a retreat will be scheduled.
- The Communications Task Force will be sending out an invitation for you to participate in an Ad Hoc committee on communications.
- An email will go out to the commissioners requesting participation in the Telehealth Committee.
- We have new representatives across the county in local government and the COA needs to make their introductions.

Vice Chair López reported on the following:

- Fierce Health IT is going to have a webinar on Wednesday, November 11 at 8 a.m. about what telehealth will look like in the future.
- Friday, 11/6 a panel of FDA selected experts on Alzheimer's will convene to vote on whether a new treatment deserves to win approval. Go to www.statnews.com. First treatment seeking approval in 20 years.
- Syndemic is a subject to delve into. If you are interested in it, the National Center for Biotechnology Information website has an article called Syndemics and Health Disparities.

Secretary Gunn reported on the following:

None

Action Item:

- Approval of the Proposed Changes to the Bylaws – the proposed changes were viewed line by line by the entire commission. Chair Marchese called for a vote. The changes to the Bylaws were voted on and approved.

Commissioner Updates (representatives of the City and Town Jurisdictions):

Asimos/López (District 1):

- The BOS received a request to establish a classification for an equity manager to work with the equity director.
- The BOS accepted 2.5 million dollars of federal epidemiology and laboratory capacity enhancing detection funds to be used through November 2022.

Weingarten/Nuessle (District 2):

- Weingarten recently started volunteering with Marin Villages through its Ross Valley component, doing companion calls. Calls like mine have become the Villages mainstay since many vulnerable volunteers are sheltering in place and since homebound older adults are taking fewer rides to medical appointments.
- The San Anselmo Age-Friendly task force, under the leadership of Sara Robinson, is working on a holiday outreach plan that may include delivery of food, flowers or baskets as well as an intergenerational collaboration with the organization Children 4 Change that's focusing on ageism this month.
- Our mask-tree will continue indefinitely, with assistance from Vivalon, formerly known as Whistlestop. In addition, we intend to donate \$510 from our GoFundMe project to the Canal Alliance. We also hope to develop an advisory council and expect that a new Town Council member, Eileen Burke, will join our task force along with a reelected Council member, Alexis Fineman.
- Nuessle attended the Larkspur City Council meeting and did the elevator pitch as a commissioner and it was well received.

Silverman/Brandon (District 3):

- Stephanie Moulton-Peters will be taking over as supervisor sometime in January.

Etemovic (District 4):

- Coastal Health Alliance have merged with Petaluma Health Center due to difficulties that they have had with staffing. They have also closed the only health clinic in Bolinas.
- San Geronimo Community Center has a series going called *Community and Learning* about bringing awareness to our communities about the realities of racism, discrimination, and other systems of repression.

Gunn/Barry (District 5):

- Supervisor Judy Arnold is recommending that the county cease negotiations to buy in Marin to convert to homeless housing because of resistance from the community.
- The revival of the Age Friendly Task Force in Novato is in progress.

Committee/Reports & Chairs:

Health/Nutrition: Chrisula Asimos

None

Housing/Transportation: Allan Bortel

None

Legislative: Diana López

- Peter Mendoza, Marin Center for Independent Living, gave an excellent summary of the overarching goals of the California Master Plan.
- Carole Mills, District Representative, CA State Assemblyman Marc Levine, said they are busy with the fires but the big issue for them is the crisis at Employment Development Department (EDD) because the backlog is tremendous and so many people have not received their unemployment checks.
- The committee went over their goals reflecting on Covid-19.
- The Legislative Committee discussed the Dec. 3 presentation which they are hosting.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- The Planning Committee met Oct. 13. They finalized the topic for the February COA meeting.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Fred Silverman/Wendy Nuessle

- The committee met on October 15th and had a presentation from Sara Robinson and Lori Peterson on the Age Forward plan. Silverman attended the first implementation meeting with agency heads.
- The committee will be hosting the January presentation at the COA meeting.
- At the committee's December 17th meeting, Dana Van Gorder from the Spahr Center is going to make a presentation and Silverman would like the full commission to attend.

Ageing Action Initiative (AAI) Update:

Linda Jackson/Teri Dowling as Members of the Public reported on the following:

- AAI has added 2 new Steering Committee members, Dr. Ruth Ramsey from Dominican University and Juanita Edwards, Director of Marin City Community Services District.
- The Steering Committee has formed a speaker’s bureau to talk about AAI, Ageism, and Age Friendly advocacy. They will make the speakers bureau available to organizations in Marin.
- They will offer advocacy training to help people become effective and comfortable speakers at public hearings on issues that they care about.
- The Advocacy Alliance is a subset of AAI and they are working with the Marin California Alliance of Retired Americans to reach out to the county to talk about better guidelines for older adults concerning safety around Covid-19.

Ageing and Adult Services Report:

Lee Pullen, Director, Area Agency on Aging:

- We will be having an edition of the Great Age coming out later this month and we will be mailing each of you 30 hard copies so that you can distribute them as you like.
- Activities within our offices – we have a couple of RFPs out right now. One is for virtual Senior Center Activities and the other is for the Dignity at Home Fall Prevention Program.
- We have distributed 1500 emergency meal boxes that contain 5 meals.
- Age Forward implementation started last week. The first board sub-committee meeting is Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. The agenda will be sent to the full commission.
- There will be follow up on staffing needs for the Equity, Outreach and Advocacy Committee.

New Business:

None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be on December 10, 2020.