

COMMITTEE: EQUITY, OUTREACH & ADVOCACY	FEBRUARY 18, 2021	LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
MEMBERS: Sylvia Barry, Sybil Boutilier, Everett Brandon, Jean Gunn, Salamah Locks, Diana López, Ralph Marchese, Wendy Nuessle, Fred Silverman, Jody Timms, Lauren Vreeland Long		
PUBLIC / OTHER: Juanita Edwards, Sara Robinson		
STAFF: Gary Lara		
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ABSENT:		
RECORDER: Gary Lara		
Next Meeting: Zoom teleconference – March 18, 2021 – 10a.m. to 11:30a.m.		

MINUTES SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p><u>Call to Order:</u></p> <p>Chair Silverman called the meeting to order at 10:04a.m.</p> <p><u>Time for Public Expression:</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Chair's Report:</u></p> <p>Chair Silverman announced the group is now a committee and is subject to the Brown Act since the Commission Bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors.</p>	

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<p>Silverman is looking forward to where this committee is headed and wants to evaluate goals for the next 6 months.</p> <p><u>Age-Forward (AF) Update: Sara Robinson:</u></p> <p>Sara Robinson had a call with a Commissioner from Santa Clara who is interested in learning about Marin’s Age-Forward process and the governing structure. Santa Clara is still struggling to move forward with this initiative.</p> <p>Sara noted that Dana Van Gorder from the The Spahr Center provided some valuable resources to help the advocacy work for LGBT seniors. More collaboration is needed.</p> <p>County departments including Parks and Open Space need to map out their metrics for programs that apply to the Age Forward framework. Their Disaster Service roles are slowing down the process. Sara and Lee Pullen will strategize on how to overcome this obstacle.</p> <p>An AF action team member meeting will be planned in March.</p> <p>The next AF BOS subcommittee meeting will take place in April.</p> <p>Sara recently met with the unincorporated areas (Tam Valley); age-friendly efforts need to have more residents involved in this discussion.</p> <p>Report for stakeholders in Marin City is forthcoming.</p> <p>West Marin will have town halls conducted in an effort to support home repair initiatives.</p>	

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<p><u>Report from the Toolkit Subcommittee:</u></p> <p>Silverman noted that podcasts, setting up a YouTube channel and FaceBook were discussed as social media avenues. A FaceBook group has already been launched.</p> <p>Sara Robinson suggested Google Drive as a means to house internal documents not meant for public consumption (e.g. for commission members only). Sara offered technical assistance to the Commissioners.</p> <p>Silverman would like to make shorter versions of this committee’s presentations available for the public. Commissioner López suggested working with the transcription/captioning group. Fred will note this as a discussion item for the next agenda.</p> <p><u>Discussion Items:</u></p> <p><u>Change to a Standing Committee/Brown Act Provisions/Bylaws Consideration:</u></p> <p>The confirmed members of this committee are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fred Silverman, Chair 2. Salamah Locks 3. Jean Gunn 4. Wendy Nuessle 5. Ralph Marchese 6. Diana López 7. Everett Brandon 8. Lauren Vreeland-Long 9. Sylvia Barry 10. Sybil Boutilier 	

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<p>The committee's membership count is 10 commissioners. The quorum for this committee is set at six members.</p> <p>Commissioner Locks was given agenda time to discuss some informational points pertaining to concerns she has over the recently approved Commission Bylaws; specifically, page 6, lines 279 to 281.</p> <p>After additional discussion, Locks noted her intention is to make a motion to amend the recently approved Bylaws through the appropriate channel.</p> <p><u>Outreach Activities:</u></p> <p>Silverman noted the committee has done well with their monthly presentations to date including the January presentation to the full commission.</p> <p>The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 18th. Vihn Luu may have some ideas for a presentation around Asian American communities.</p> <p>The committee will identify the next slot open on the full commission schedule for a presentation.</p> <p>Diana López will follow-up with John Powell as a potential speaker once an available date is determined.</p> <p>Commissioner Weingarten noted the Great Age is on hold due to Amy's absence.</p> <p>Please send new contacts to Fred so he can add them to the mailing list.</p> <p>Commisisoner Nuessle suggested attending other group meetings as a way for this committee to introduce themselves to the community.</p>	

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<p><u>Advocacy:</u></p> <p>Silverman would like to explore advocacy efforts members can participate in without violating the Brown Act.</p> <p>The distinction was made by Commissioner Barry that members can make public comment at the Board meetings and speak as a resident of Marin; not as a representative of the Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner López will put together a document of legislative issues pertaining to older adult issues for the committee to review.</p> <p>Per Commissioner Timms, The Spahr Center has an annual advocacy day at the Board of Supervisors on February 25th. Silverman will send out the meeting information.</p> <p>Commissioner Gunn noted Digital Health and Telehealth will be a large part of the discussion at the annual forum. County IST personnel Liza Massey will be joining the Executive Committee next week to discuss further.</p> <p><u>New Business/Other:</u></p> <p>Locks noted the following upcoming meeting “Geriatrics Grand Rounds” from UCSF on February 24th. Fred will send out the information pertaining to this meeting.</p> <p><u>Adjourn:</u></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.</p>	