**COMMITTEE: GENERAL**  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 2, 2021  
**LOCATION:** TELECONFERENCE

**PRESENT:** Asimos, Barry, Boland, Boutilier, Bradley, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Etemovic, Gunn, Lamorte, Locks, López, Marchese, Notowich, Nuessle, Silverman, Vreeland-Long

**ABSENT:** Bortel, Hanan-Friedman, Saffran

**VACANT:** None

**RECORER:** Kari Bell (Marin County Area Agency on Aging)

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 7, 2021, Zoom Teleconference

### MINUTE SUMMARY

**Presentation:** Connecting the Community – Services for Older Adults Provided by the Office of the District Attorney

**Speakers:**
- Lori Frugoli, Esquire, Marin County District Attorney
- Oak Dowling, Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST TEAM)
- Yolanda Johnson -Victim Witness Advocate

**Call to Order**
Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**
- Commissioner Nuessle made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- It was seconded by Commissioner Locks.
- The motion carried 19-0.

**Approval of the Minutes**
- Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve the July minutes.
- Commissioner Brinkmann seconded.
• Motion carried 19-0.

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:
Susan W.
• Middle class conservatorship issues.

Jennifer Hammond (Resilient Neighborhoods):
• IPCC report 85 percent of carbon footprint is from residents in Marin.
• Free workshop September 15 and 23 to reduce the carbon footprint in Marin.

Jody Timms:
• Stepped down as commissioner and said farewell to the members.

Marilyn McConnell (Marin Medical Equipment Recyclers):
• Free services and anyone can participate.
• Will accept any clean and functional medical equipment,

Announcements:
Commissioner Vreeland-Long announced the following:
• City of Novato has seats on commissions and boards open.
• Encouraged inviting people to serve on a board or commission.

Commissioner Boutilier announced the following:
• Age Friendly Sausalito has a presentation online.

Introductions of New members:
Matt Boland (Corte Madera):
• Lives in an intergenerational household and his interested in Older Adults.

Josephine Buennagel (Fairfax)
• Supports Older adults and is interested in the services from helping a parent.
• Has a certificate in patient advocacy.
• Would like to use this certificate to help seniors.

Lee Notowich (District 2):
• Impressed with the commission’s work and currently works at JFCS.
• Interested in helping the commission with the background from working at JFCS.
Aging and Adult Services Report:
Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:
- Welcomed new members to the commission.
- Thanked the commissioners that have participated in the contract monitoring meetings.
- Released an RFP for LGBTQ support services for Older Adults
- “Grab and Go” meals will continue through December.
  - Corte Madera will start “Grab and Go” this month.
  - Talking with Hilartia Housing in Tiburon about whether we could offer “Grab and Go” there.
  - Pickleweed and San Geronimo Community Center are also locations for “Grab and Go”.
- Thanked Senior Program Coordinator Kari Bell for her work in the department, she will be leaving to work at the City of Los Angeles.

Chair Report:
Chair López reported on the following:
- Chair López appointed Chairs of the following Committees:
  - Health and Nutrition Chair - Commissioner Etemovic.
  - Housing and Transportation Chair - Commissioner Barry
  - Legislative Committee Chair - Commissioner Brinkmann
  - Planning Committee Chair - Commissioner Brilliant
  - Equity, Outreach, and Advocacy Chair - Commissioner Nuessle

- Information on Older Adult resources:
  - Manatt Health Information:
    - A new Manatt Health webinar shares a framework for AHCs to drive cross-enterprise alignment and collaboration, which are key to the success of translational research.
    - Key topics of the program are:
      - Models for alignment within the components of AHCs to facilitate cross-mission collaboration and accountability to drive all-mission success.
      - Best practices for fostering a culture of collaboration among scientists and clinicians.
      - Models for optimizing the AHC as a partner with external collaborators.
Vice Chair Report:
Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:
- Did a presentation for Villa Marin.
- Commission needs an updated PowerPoint presentation.
- Commissioner Bortel and Gunn will help with the bylaws sub-committee.

Secretary Report:
Secretary Barry reported on the following:
- Shared the commission calendar.
- Starting the Communications ad-hoc committee.
- Next meeting will be next Thursday, Sept. 9.

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Cities/Towns):
Locks (District 1):
- September is National Preparedness month.
- Signed up people for emergency alerts.
- Marin Transit has free bus rides to 60+ and people with disabilities.

Dowling (Ross):
- There is an Age-Friendly Taskforce working.
• There will be an Age-Friendly Breakfast at the end of September.

Vreeland-Long (Novato):
• Age-Friendly Booth at the Farmer’s Market.
• A proposal is out for 1,081 new homes at Novato Fireman’s Fund campus.
• Hoping a committee can help draft a letter to ask the City Council in Novato to include senior housing in their plan.

Bradley (Belvedere):
• Portable bathrooms set up for seniors playing tennis.
• Researching for people to speak to seniors on various topics.

Brilliant (Mill Valley):
• In the process of revising housing elements.
• The Neighborhood Response Group is doing active drills.

Boutilier (Sausalito):
• New questionnaire to go out to 3,400 Older Adults.
• AARP walking college participation includes intergenerational walking to schools and bus stops.

Committee Reports:
Housing Transportation: Sylvia Barry
• AAI received homeless data.
• Marin Transit will have low-income assistance.
• Project Room key 2.0.
• Advocating for the old Coast Guard housing to have some senior housing units when it opens in 2024.

Legislative: Diana López
• Committee wrote letter and submitted to the California Legislature Portal.
• Commissioner Vreeland-Long as joined the Legislative committee.

Planning: Girija Brilliant
• Finalized speakers for commissioner meetings.
Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Fred Silverman/Wendy Nuessle
- Samantha Ramirez from the Youth Commission will do a presentation at the next committee meeting.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Update: Teri Dowling
- Manager Cottrell and Director Pullen are currently working on an RFP the County will issue for a consultant to identify options for an integrated and responsive service and delivery system for older adults.
- Annual Convening 2021 will be remote on September 30.
- AAI has funding through June 2021.

Age Forward Update: Sara Robinson
- Thanked Commissioners: Silverman, Brandon, Etemovic and Boutilier for working with her on parts of the Age Forward plan.
- Working on a disaster preparedness plan for Marin City with Commissioner Brandon.
- Completing an Age Forward assessment for West Marin with interns.

Age Friendly Update: Lee Pullen
- Thanked Age Forward Coordinator Sara Robinson and AAI.
- A mental health and suicide prevention program will be joining Older Adults.
  - Met with Marin County Behavioral Health Director Jei Africa regarding this program.
- Age Forward will do the yearly update to the Board of Supervisors.

New Business:
None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2021