

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: MARCH. 3, 2022	LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
PRESENT: Barry, Boland, Bortel, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Etemovic, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Ng, Notowich, Nuessle, Silverman, Vreeland Long		
EXCUSED: Asimos		
ABSENT: Bradley, Marchese, Saffran		
RECORDER: Amy Dietz (Staff, AAA)		
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Apr. 7, 2022, Zoom Teleconference		
MINUTE SUMMARY		
Presentation: Creating Hearing & Age-Friendly Communities & Alzheimer’s Disease: Causes and Consequences		
Speakers:		
Rich Osborne and Dr. Patsy Harvey		
Call to Order:		
Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.		
Approval of Agenda:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Bortel made a motion to approve the agenda as written. • Commissioner Gunn seconded. • The motion carried 19-0. 		
Approval of the Minutes – Feb. 3, 2022		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb. 3, 2022. • Commissioner Locks made a motion to amend the minutes on pg. 5 to read “commendation” instead of “accommodation.” • Commissioner Nuessle seconded to approve the minutes as amended. • Motion carried 19-0. 		
Anne Crealock gave a presentation about the programs of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.		

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:

- Kara Connors, County of Marin Senior Program Coordinator for Suicide Prevention, introduced herself and gave information about the Men and Boys group, looking at mental health across the lifetime.

Announcements:

None

Nominating Committee:

- Commissioner Vreeland Long announced the Nominating Committee will make nominations for officers on the Commission. Nominating Committee will submit the nominations in Apr. and nominations from the floor will be taken at that time. Commission will vote on officers at June meeting.

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- The California Senior Legislature applications have been distributed to the commission and the community, due Mar. 31. The commission will vote as to who will fill the two positions.
- The Area Plan update for fiscal year 22-23 is in progress. The draft will go the Planning Committee next week. The Public Hearing for the Area Plan update will be held Apr. 4, 2022.
- As part of a group of California Directors of AAS, he will be going to Washington DC for the annual US Aging Policy briefings and meet with members of Congress.
- Jenay Cottrell is interviewing candidates for the Unit Supervisor of the Information and Assistance team.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- The steering committee met last month to identify the following high priority issues for a meeting with the Board of Supervisors: housing, social connection and caregiving. AAI will share information about this meeting with the Chair to distribute to the commission.
- Will hold two candidate forums: 1. Board of Supervisors: Apr. 12; 2. State Assembly: May 3. Hope commission will join as co-sponsors.
- Contract for Integrated Aging Services Study is in process of approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:

Chair Report:

Chair López reported on the following:

- The Executive Committee reviewed three proposal outlines for the May Health Forum. Commissioner Etemovic, Commissioner Locks, Commissioner Vreeland Long and Chair López will meet to recommend a proposal and move things forward.
- There will be an Age-Friendly forum on Mar. 23 from 10:30-11:45 a.m.
- Commissioner Locks asked that the Chair report be sent out with the other meeting documents prior to the next meeting.

Vice Chair Report:

Vice Chair Silverman reported on the following:

- There will be a presentation on earthquake preparedness tonight in Tam Valley.
- Commissioners Brandon and Silverman met with Supervisor Moulton-Peters.
- AAI's Inform and Connect presented on the digital divide. Recommended that the commission look at this issue.
- Bylaws committee meeting weekly. Chair López will be checking with County counsel if there are items that need review.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- Updated commission calendar.
- Working with a graphic designer re: commission logo.
- Communications sub-committee is reviewing mission statement.

Action Item: Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings

- Discussion: the wording of the resolution should be amended. Chair López made a motion to approve this change. Commissioner Bortel made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings.
- Commissioner Silverman seconded.
- Votes in favor: 18
- Vote opposed: 1

Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Cities & Towns):

Boland (Town of Corte Madera)

- Listed programs of Age-Friendly Corte Madera, including an in-person celebration of those turning 90 and 100 years old.

Boutilier (City of Sausalito)

- None

Bradley (Town of Belvedere)

- None (absent)

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley)

- Housing Element under discussion in Mill Valley. There is pushback from residents anywhere housing is proposed.

Buennagel (Town of Fairfax)

- Age-Friendly Fairfax continuing to host Breakfast with Friends at Barefoot Cafe; had a celebration for those 90 and older; asked that commissioners make other older adults aware of Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority grants.

Dowling (Town of Ross):

- Holding an in-person meeting in late May to focus on disaster preparedness with MCIL, focusing on older and adults and persons with disabilities. Ross hiring a consultant to focus on Housing Element.

Gould (Town of Tiburon)

- The Town Council hired a consultant that works with Digital Marin to explore Telecom issues.

Locks (City of San Rafael)

- There is discussion around the Housing Element and potential housing sites. Spoke to the importance of low- and median-income homes for people.

Saffran (Larkspur)

- There has been publicity and discussion regarding Project Homekey in Larkspur.

Vreeland Long (City of Novato)

- Will work to put commission meetings and presentations on Novato website. Requesting a meeting with Margaret Todd Senior Center to learn more from constituents around what older adults are interested in.

Committee/Reports & Chairs:

Executive Committee: Diana López

- None

Health and Nutrition: Jasmina Etemovic:

- At Feb. meeting, there was a presentation on Living with Alzheimer's that 42 people attended. Next meeting on Mar. 3, there will be a presentation on family caregiving. Working to focus more on nutrition in the future. Will be stepping down as chair and from commission in June.

Housing and Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- At Mar. 16 meeting, there will be a presentation by the developer of Miller Point in Belvedere. Petaluma recently approved an age-friendly housing design ordinance. Will invite someone to speak about it.

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann

- Bill watch sheet is up to date. San Francisco did a study and will have an initiative on homelessness, with a focus on older adults. Sen. McGuire will speak at Apr. 16 meeting.

California Senior Legislature (CSL): Allan Bortel/Lisa Brinkmann

- Brinkman: The CSL has had most of its bills picked up. Senior Rally Day on May 3 will be held virtually. Going into election cycle for CSL representatives. Commissioner Brinkman will not be reapplying.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- Meeting Mar. 10 to review Area Plan.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (EOC): Wendy Nuessle

- There was an Ally and Advocacy meeting in Feb. On Feb 22, the Advocacy Subcommittee met, will continue to advocate with the Housing Element process. Looking to move more into social connections. Apr. 21 presentation by Indigenous Healing Center.

Age-Friendly Update (López)

- Forum on employment over 50. All forums are uploaded on age-friendly YouTube council

Age Forward (Pullen):

- On Monday will present at all department head meeting.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Barry made a motion to end the meeting at 12:36 p.m.
- Commissioner Brinkman seconded.
- The motion carried 19-0.

The next meeting will be on Apr. 7, 2022 at 11:15 a.m.