

COMMITTEE: GENERAL	DATE: JULY 7, 2022	LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE
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PRESENT: Barry, Bhanushali, Boland, Bortel, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Marchese, Ng, Notowich, Nuessle, Saffran, Silverman

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: Asimos, Boutilier

VACANT: District 4, Town of Belvedere

RECORDER: Mandy Reyes (Staff, AAA)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 1, 2022, Zoom Teleconference

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order:
Chair López called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to approve the agenda.
- Commissioner Ng seconded.
- The motion carried 13-0.

Approval of the Minutes – June 2, 2022

- Commissioner Ng made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2022.
- Commissioner Silverman seconded.
- The motion carried 13-0.

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:
None

Announcements:
Chair López introduced and welcomed new commissioner Pranav Bhanushali who represents the City of Novato.

Discussion Item – Board of Supervisors (BOS) Resolution Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis:

Commissioner Brandon lead a discussion on the resolution, Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis, which was approved by the BOS on March 24, 2022.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:

Chair Report:

Chair López reported on the following:

- Congratulations - to Commissioners Brandon, Nuessle and Silverman for being reappointed to another term as commissioners on the Marin County Commission on Aging (MCCOA).
- Introductions - Suzanne Sadowsky and Luanne Mullin were introduced and told us about themselves and described their extensive backgrounds related to older adults. Gerrie Kunin has joined the Housing and Transportation committee as a community member.
- MCCOA May Forum Update - Lauren Vreeland Long gave an excellent report on the Forum at the Executive Committee meeting.
- Funding for MCCOA Events - López submitted a proposal for funding for three events, a Commission retreat, the May Forum, and a similar event in the fall.
- Executive committee Report –
- Formation of a Digital Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee has been approved by the Executive Committee. Fred Silverman will be leading this effort.
- Reviewed the draft Bylaws and made recommendations to the Bylaws Committee.
- First 5 Marin – López met with Dave Bonfilio, Commissioner Emeritus and Michelle Fadelli, Manager, Public Policy and Communications, both of First 5 Marin to talk about possible ways to collaborate on issues that their constituents and MCCOAs have in common. And they agreed to include grandparents in their definition of families.
- MediCal - There was interest in having a fuller presentation about significant changes to Medi-Cal.
- Commission Roster and Committee List - a new roster and an updated Committee List were included in the packet for today's General Meeting. The names of community committee members of committees are in red and representative from organizations – CBOs, non-profits, legislative aides etc. are in blue.
- Committee Chairs and Committee Members - López will be meeting with the current committee chairs and committee members during July and August and announcing any new chairs and committee assignments at the September General Meeting.

- Reports from Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contracted Agencies – representatives from AAA contracted agencies will be asked to give a report at the MCCOA meetings throughout the year so that commissioners can become more knowledgeable about the services these agencies offer.
- Age-Friendly Liaison – there is an open position for someone to participate in Age-Friendly meetings and liaise with the MCCOA.
- Reports from Commission Liaisons to Community Organizations – Commissioners who are liaisons to other community groups are being asked to report on the work to the MCCOA.
- Report from Y-Plan, Youth in Arts - The third-grade students at Laurel Dell Elementary School took on the challenge “How do we create more affordable housing in San Rafael?” as part of their 12-week study of Architecture and Urban Planning program sponsored by Youth in Arts and UC Berkeley’s Y-PLAN this spring.
- California Department of Aging Upcoming Events - 2022 – 2023 Budget Briefing, July 7th, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Report:

Vice Chair Nuessle reported on the following:

- Nuessle is excited about her new role as Vice Chair.
- Attended the Marin Disability Town Hall on June 23.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Barry reported on the following:

- Barry is creating a calendar for the year and has asked the committee chairs to send information about upcoming meetings to include on the calendar.
- Please enter the organization, town or district you represent next to your name on Zoom.
- Suggested we invite community members on the committee list to the MCCOA meetings.
- The Communications AdHoc subcommittee has accomplished the update of the MCCOA mission statement, and a new logo has been designed.

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:

- The Aging and Adult Social Services are working with HR department to get a halftime Vietnamese bilingual social worker position posted.
- Age Forward report will be given to Board of Supervisors subcommittee on July 25.

- We've worked with our partner Vivalon on the Nourish program to transfer eligible older adults to the Home Delivered Meals program.
- Additional State and Federal funding for older adult programs is in abundance.

Program Manager Jenay Cottrell reported on the following:

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) is providing \$123,000 in which the AAA will be entering into a short-term contract with the Food Bank to help extend a grocery delivery program.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:

Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- AAI advocated this spring for better support for care workers for support for an intergenerational housing model and for programs to increase social connections for older adults.
- The Integrative Services study has an advisory committee which has had 3 of 5 meetings.
- AAI Convening will be held Thursday, September 29 at the Embassy Suites. Please save the date.

Action Items:

- Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings
 - Chair López made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings.
 - Votes in favor: 19
 - Vote opposed: 0
- Selection of the Nominating Committee for Fiscal Year 2022-23
 - Chair López made a motion to approve commissioners Boland, Gunn and Notowich
 - Votes in favor: 19
 - Vote opposed: 0

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

Boland (Town of Corte Madera)

- Age-Friendly Corte Madera Chair Pati Stoliar was named Corte Madera Volunteer of the Year.

Brilliant (City of Mill Valley)

- New mayor, Jim Wickham and new city manager, Todd Cusimano.
- Big issues in Mill Valley continue to be housing and traffic.

Buennagel (Town of Fairfax)

- Buennagel recently stepped into the role as Chair of Age-Friendly Fairfax.
- Age-Friendly Fairfax continues to offer a monthly newsletter.
- An event in Fairfax will be held later in July at Peri Park to educate the community on fire preparation safety and awareness.

Dowling (Town of Ross):

- Three members of Age-Friendly walked in the Ross parade with an Age-Friendly sign.
- Age-Friendly task force meets once a month. This month they are meeting with the representatives from Ross School and Branson to discuss intergenerational efforts that Age-Friendly and the schools can collaborate on.
- They will meet with the Housing Element consultant for the Town of Ross to see how the task force can support the work of the Housing Element.
- Preparation for a September brunch for 30 older adult residents is under way.

Gould (Town of Tiburon):

- The Town Council has been working on their Climate Action plan.
- Tiburon is due for planning and upgrades for Digital Marin.
- Would like to see more MCCOA represented at the fair next year.

Locks (City of San Rafael):

- City Council meeting – there was support for an Alternative Response pilot program being led by the San Rafael Police Department. This is for 911 calls that do not require police or medical.
- A leaf blower ordinance has been drafted in which they will be banning the gasoline of leaf blowers.
- A resolution has been made that July 2022 will be Park and Recreation month.
- Age-Friendly has partnered with the San Rafael Police Department about getting the word out about how to prepare for disasters.
- Thursday's Dining Under Lights has started up again where there is a table set up for Age-Friendly.
- Senior Expo of Santa Rosa is Saturday, July 9 from 9-12 p.m.

Saffran (City of Larkspur):

- There is a lot of activity involving older adults in the Larkspur Village.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

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

- CSL submitted their 17 proposals for potential legislation that the CSL might want to pursue next year.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Wendy Nuessle

- The committee is currently focused on housing and social connections.
- At the June meeting they had their third ally update and collaboration presentation.
- Human Library Project is being brought to Marin.

Executive Committee / Triple A Council of California Update: Diana López

- Executive committee report - see Chair report.
- Triple A Council has not had a meeting to date.

Health/Nutrition:

None

Housing/Transportation: Sylvia Barry

- The committee had a presentation at the June meeting on Marin County Housing Elements/ADU and Policies affecting Older Adults. Speakers were Tammy Taylor, Senior Planner, Environmental Planning Division and Aline Tanielian, Planner, Housing and Federal Grants Division Marin County Community Development Agency.
- The Housing and Transportation section of the Bylaws was reviewed as well as the Area Plan committee objectives.
- John Bloch has joined the committee as a community member.
- There is a Vice Chair position open on this committee.

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann

- The committee had been getting a lot done through consent agendas and has been able to decide which bills they would like to support.
- Brinkmann will go to the California Legislative portal to indicate the supported bills as well as send letters of support to Assemblyman Levine and Senator McGuire.

Planning: Girija Brilliant

- A community member has been added to the committee.
- The committee has not met since the revised bylaws were accepted.

Age-Friendly Update:

None

New Business:

Reminder to let staff know who will be hosting a presentation at the September MCCOA meeting.

Adjournment:

- Commissioner Bortel made a motion to end the meeting at 12:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Silverman seconded.
- Motion carried 19-0.

The next meeting will be on September 1, 2022, 11:15 a.m.