COMMITTEE: GENERAL
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT: Asimos, Bhanushali, Binkley, Bortel, Boutilier, Brandon, Brilliant, Brinkmann, Buennagel, Dowling, Gould, Gunn, Locks, López, Marchese, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Silverman

EXCUSED: Barry

ABSENT: Boland, Saffran

VACANT: District 2

RECORER: Amy Dietz (Staff, AAA)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 6, 2022, Zoom Teleconference

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order:
Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:
- Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- Commissioner Brinkmann seconded.
- The motion carried 19-0.

Approval of the Minutes – July 7, 2022
- Commissioner Gunn made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2022 as amended.
- Commissioner Notowich seconded.
- The motion carried 19-0.

Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda:
Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI) reported on the following:
- Introduced AAI’s new administrative coordinator Teri Bleiweiss.
Teri Bleiweiss, AAI reported on the following:
- Convene and Connect event is on September 29 at 9 a.m. Keynote speaker is author and anti-ageism activist Ashton Applewhite.

Lee Pullen, Aging and Adult Services reported on the following:
- The County Administrator’s Office is requiring that the Zoom chat feature be disabled during any public Brown Act meetings.

Announcements:
None

Introduction of New Commissioners:
Chair López introduced the following new commissioners:
- Larry Binkley – City of Belvedere.
- Suzanne Sadowsky – District 4.

Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:
Chair Report:
Chair López reported on the following:
- There was a Brown Act training on July 27. A link will be provided. The Ethics training must be completed by tomorrow. Thanked Wendy Nuessle for her service as a commissioner. The Executive Committee will appoint a new Vice-Chair; if there is interest, please let her know.

Vice Chair Report:
None

Secretary Report:
None

Aging and Adult Services Report:
Director Lee Pullen reported on the following:
• The AAA recently released an RFP for new ARPA funded services and contracts will be awarded shortly. One or more bids were received for all services, except Latino services.
• In-person congregate dining will resume beginning in October. The congregate meal vendor will be Community Action Marin.
• New RFPs will be released for Intergenerational Nutrition and Legal Services.
• Dr. Africa has left as Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Dr. Todd Schirmer is the current interim director.

Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:
Teri Dowling reported on the following:
• The AAI convening is Sept. 29. The County Integrated Services Study is in process. There will be a Housing Summit on Oct. 6.

Action Items:
• Approval of Resolution to Continue Online Meetings:
  o Chair López made a motion to approve the resolution to continue online meetings.
  o Votes in favor: 19
  o Vote opposed: 0

• Approval of Commission on Aging Bylaws:
  o Chair López made a motion to approve Commission on Aging Bylaws.
  o Commissioner Dowling made a motion to amend the Bylaws, Line 122, so as to allow commissioners to serve three consecutive terms as opposed to two.
    ▪ Votes in favor: 9
    ▪ Votes opposed: 5
    ▪ Abstain: 4
  o Commissioner Locks made a motion to amend the Bylaws as follows: Article XII - Composition and Function of Committees; Section 1.; Line 281: If a Committee Chair becomes vacant, the Committee Vice-Chair will succeed to the role of the Committee Chair for the remainder of the unexpired term.
    ▪ Votes in favor: 10
    ▪ Votes opposed: 1
    ▪ Abstain: 4
Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

District 1
- Asimos:
- López: The Board of Supervisors passed the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan. Reminded commissioners to sign up for alerts for wildfires and other disasters.

District 2
- Notowich: None.

District 3
- Brandon: Working on resolution, “Racism is a Public Health Issue.” Marin City is celebrating its 80-year anniversary. Recommended the book, “Grandmothers Feed Us Love.”
- Silverman: The ad hoc committee on digital inclusion is meeting and will have a report at the next meeting.

District 4
- Marchese: The boundaries of the district have been changed to include portions of San Rafael.
- Sadowsky: None

District 5
- Gunn: The Food Pantry at North Marin Community Services is looking for contributions of non-perishable food items.
- Barry: None

Committee/Reports and Chairs:
California Senior Legislature (CSL): Allan Bortel / Lisa Brinkmann
- The Executive Director is out on sick leave; there are no current updates. Senior Day will be Sept. 30 in Sacramento.

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy: Wendy Nuessle
- None

Executive Committee / Triple A Council of California Update: Diana López
- None
Health/Nutrition:
  • Next meeting is Sept. 19 from 3:30 – 5 pm.

Housing/Transportation: Allan Bortel
  • Homeward Bound has opened a new building, “Jonathon’s Place.”

Legislative: Lisa Brinkmann
  • None

Planning: Girija Brilliant
  • None

Age-Friendly Update:
None

New Business:
None

Adjournment:
  • Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to end the meeting at 12:30 p.m.
  • Commissioner Silverman seconded.
  • Motion carried 19-0.

The next meeting will be on October 6, 2022, 11:15 a.m.