#### **COMMITTEE: GENERAL**

# MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)

#### LOCATION:

#### MARGARET TODD SENIOR CENTER 1560 HILL ROAD, NOVATO

PRESENT: Amlie, Bhanushali, Binkley, Boutilier, Brilliant, Dowling, Locks, López, Ng, Notowich, Sadowsky, Silverman

**DATE: MAY 4, 2023** 

**EXCUSED**: Asimos, Barry, Boland, Brandon, Gould, Gunn, Marchese, Saffran

**ABSENT:** 

VACANT: CSL, CSL, District 2

**RECORDER:** Amy Dietz, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 10 a.m., Albert J Boro Community Center

#### MINUTE SUMMARY

Presentation: "Planning Access for All to Marin's Open Spaces"

Speakers: Jon Campo, Principal Natural Resources Planner, Marin Parks & Open Space

Kevin Wright, Manager, Government & External Affairs, Marin Parks & Open Space

Chair López called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

#### Approval of Agenda:

- Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- · Commissioner Brilliant seconded.
- AAA Director Pullen made a motion to combine the age friendly and the Aging and Adult Services staff announcement.
- Commissioner Boutilier made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
- The motion carried 12-0.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- Commissioner Brilliant made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
- Commissioner Dowling seconded.
- Commissioner Sadowsky made a motion to amend pg. 5 to read "45% over 60."
- Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

The motion carried 12-0.

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

None

#### **Announcements:**

- Commissioner Locks announced that the Senior Fair would be happening this year on Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. At the next meeting, she will pass around a sign-up sheet to volunteer at the MCCOA booth.
- CSL Election: There was an uncontested election for senator. Allan Bortel has received a certificate of eligibility.

#### **Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Report:**

## **Chair Report:**

Chair López reported on the following:

• Submitted written report (attached).

## **Vice Chair Report:**

None

## **Secretary Report**

None

## Aging and Adult Services/ Age Friendly Report:

Director Pullen reported on the following:

- Thanked the Planning Committee for its work on the Area Plan Update, which has been sent to CDA for approval.
- Age Forward: there will be an Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow, May 5, with Supervisors Rice and Rodoni. Sara Robinson will begin work on a report reflecting on the last five years with recommendations for moving forward.
- AAA staff and Chair López will be attending the C4A annual conference in Glendale this month.
- Last week, Supervisor Rice attended a congregate meal at the Corte Madera Recreation Center. She will attend a congregate meal at the San Rafael Community Center later this month.
- AAA Program Manager Cottrell stated that HHS has launched an effort to do regular outreach in Marin City. An Information and Assistance staff member will attend once a month.

## **Aging Action Initiative (AAI) Report:**

## Teri Dowling reported on the following:

- AAI Steering Committee met to plan the all-day convening to occur on Sept. 28 at the Embassy Suites.
- The Advocacy Alliance met yesterday with the County of Marin's Deputy Chief Administrator who will work with the MCCOA and other community partners to support the recommendations of the Integrated Aging Services Study. She asked members of the commission and community write to their supervisors to support the study and its recommendations.

## Commissioner Updates (Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors):

## District 1 (López):

• Submitted written report (attached).

## District 2: (Notowich)

 Recently, residents of San Anselmo received anti-Semitic flyers in their mailboxes. San Anselmo will draft a proclamation denouncing hate speech.

#### District 3 (Silverman)

Wished everyone a Happy Star Wars Day, "May the fourth be with you."

## District 4 (Sadowsky)

• Community members in the San Geronimo Valley have formed an elders advisory council. One of the actions of this group is to respond to the RFPs under the Participatory Budgeting Initiative.

# District 5 (Gunn and Barry)

• None.

#### Committee/Reports and Chairs:

# California Senior Legislature (Bortel):

• There will be a conference in Sacramento in October.

# Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Boutilier):

- At last meeting, there was a presentation from the YWCA.
- The committee voted to move forward with the "Racism as Public Health Crisis" resolution.
- Each committee should have one of their objectives include one or more of the recommendations of the resolution.

## Executive Committee (López):

None

## Health/Nutrition (Notowich):

- Working on objectives.
- Reviewing health and nutrition related legislation.
- Working on the Food for Thought Health Forum.
- Encourages all commissioners to attend a congregate meal and distribute the flyer.

## Housing/Transportation (Bortel):

• The 66 units of the Vivalon's newly constructed housing are beautiful and are accepting lottery entries. All must be eligible for Section 8.

## Legislative (López):

• Submitted written report (attached).

## Planning (Brilliant):

- Will discuss the upcoming needs assessment at the next meeting.
- Encouraged committees to create and submit objectives to the Planning Committee.

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports:**

#### Communications (Barry):

• None.

## Digital Inclusion: Fred Silverman

- Bay Area Digital Inclusion Coalition will be meeting next week.
- The AARP Senior Planning Program lectures given by ESCOM/MCCOA will begin next week. On May 12, Chair López will present on the topic of cloud storage. The topic for May 26 is protecting online personal information. Twenty-two people have signed up for classes in the first two days.

#### Homeless Policy Steering Committee (Kunin):

• There is an opportunity for the MCCOA to be a voice and an active force dealing with homelessness and the aging population.

## **New Business:**

• Linda Jackson announced that there will be a free day for older adults and children during the County Fair. Date TBD.

## Adjournment:

- Commissioner Dowling made a motion to end the meeting at 12:38 p.m.
- · Commissioner Brilliant seconded.
- The motion carried 12-0.