

COMMITTEE: GENERAL MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)	DATE: JUNE 10, 2024	LOCATION: Marin Wildfire Protection Authority
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PRESENT: Asimos, Amlie, Barry, Binkley, Brandon, Bortel, Brown, Denton Cohen, Dowling, Gould, Locks, López, Ng, Notowich Rubens, Sadowsky

EXCUSED: Bhanushali

ABSENT: Saffran

VACANT: CSL, District 2, Corte Madera, Sausalito

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

NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order: Chair Notowich called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

- Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
- Commissioner Dowling seconded.
- The motion carried 16-0.

Approval of Minutes:

- Commissioner Gould made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
- Commissioner Asimos seconded.
- Commissioner Lopez made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that was no Chair’s addendum.
- The motion for the amended minutes carried 15-1. There was one abstention.

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

- Shinji Sakai-Egi is working on a community improvement project to get seniors and the disabled to be independent of their vehicles. He encouraged people who have ideas to go to their city council meetings and voice their opinions.
- Gerrie Kunin encouraged commissioners to promote MCCOA meetings and have more members of the community attend.

Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Rubens announced on Fri., June 14 there would be event celebrating commissioners rolling off of the commission.
- Commissioner Locks announced the Maria T. Freitas Senior Community Housing has a waitlist opening that will close on August 6.
- Commissioner Brandon expressed his gratitude towards commissioners rolling off. June 22 is the Juneteenth celebration in Marin City.
- Commissioner Amlie announced the Fairfax Library has a monthly Death Café.
- Commissioner Gould expressed her gratitude towards commissioners rolling off and she and Commissioner Binkley will be hosting an event focusing on older adult socialization at the Belvedere Tiburon Library.

Action Item: Response to Marin Grand Jury Civil Report, “The Coming Wave of Older Adults — Is Marin Prepared?”

- Commissioner Dowling stated she and Commissioners Brown, Locks and Denton Cohen wrote the report. It was approved in June by the Executive Committee. Changes have been incorporated. Will be emailed, mailed, and hand-delivered to the Civil Grand Jury.
- Discussion:
 - Commissioner Brandon asked whether the cost of \$700,000 could be recovered/ other sources looked at.
 - Commissioner Amlie thanked the team.
 - Gerrie Kunin, member of the public, asked that commissioners provide a summary of what is being voted on.
- Commissioner Locks made a motion to accept the response to the Marin Civic Grand Jury Report.
- Commissioner Asimos seconded.
- The motion carried 15-0. There was one abstention.

Chair and Officers’ Reports:

Chair Report (Notowich):

- Thanked the EOA committee for the Health Forum.
- Thanked commissioners who are terming out.
- Thanked all commissioners for opportunity to be Chair and announced that he will not be running as Chair next year.

Vice Chair Report (Ng):

- Thanked all those who attended and put time into the Health Forum. The event was attended by 100 people, including elected and county officials. Recommended that planning occur earlier.

- Commissioner Lopez thanked sponsors Scan Foundation, AAI, the AAA, and Commissioner Rubens.

Secretary Report (Sadowsky):

- Thanked those who attended and worked on the Health Forum.
- Thanked commissioners rolling off the Commission.
- Will be doing a new calendar for the fiscal year. Asked that committee chairs keep her updated with any changes.

AAI report (Dowling):

- Joe O’Hehir is the new Chair of the AAI Steering Committee. This summer, the steering committee will meet to determine plans for the next one to five years.

Vote to Endorse Bay Area Finance Authority Regional Affordable Housing (BAHFA) Bond Measure:

- Commissioners Brown and Barry explained the Bond measure.
- Commissioner Locks stated the federal government should look at what is considered “affordable.”
- Commissioner Sadowsky stated this is an essential initiative and that there are various informational forums to educate the public.
- Commissioner Brown made a motion motioned to endorse BAHFA.
- Commissioner Ng seconded.
- Motion carried 15-0. There was one abstention.

Officer Election

- Commissioner Binkley, Chair of the Nominating Committee introduced the slate of officers:
 - Denton Cohen, President; Ng, Vice President; Sadowsky, Secretary.
- Commissioner Lopez nominated Vice Chair Ng as president. Vice Chair Ng accepted the nomination.
- Chair Vote:
 - Denton Cohen: 10 yes, 3 no, 3 abstain.
 - Ng: 5 yes, 7 no, 4 abstain.
 - Denton Cohen will be the next Chair of the Commission.
- Commissioner Locks nominated Commissioner Rubens as the Vice Chair. Commissioner Rubens declined.
- Vice Chair Vote:
 - Ng 15-yes, 1-abstain.
- Secretary Vote:

- Sadowsky: 16 yes

Aging and Adult Services Report:

Director Cottrell reported on the following:

- Thanked Commissioners Asimos, Locks, and Dowling for their years of service.
- Thanked Chair Notowich for his service as Chair.
- Thanked the EOA Committee for their work on a successful health forum.
- The job posting for Program Manager closes tomorrow.
- The Administration for Community Living came out with a strategic plan.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness will now be a month-long campaign, rather than a one-day event.

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

District 1 (Asimos/ Lopez):

- Asimos expressed gratitude for her time on the commission and listed some of her highlights. She hopes the commission works more in the community.
- Lopez announced that there was an allocation of \$18 million to address homelessness, \$6 million will be going to San Rafael to help with encampments.

Spoke District 2: (Notowich):

- Nov. election will have a runoff for the new District 2 Supervisor. Both candidates attended May Forum.

District 3 (Brandon):

- Supervisor Moulton Peters has expressed support with the Racism as a Public Health Crisis Resolution and was impressed with the health forum.

District 4 (Sadowsky and Brown):

- Supervisor Rodoni has asked commissioners to stand up and speak at meetings, especially on matters of affordable housing.
- Secretary Sadowsky thanked Chair Notowich and Vice Chair Ng.
- Marin Community Foundation (MCF) released a large grant project with some of the money going to SGVCC.

District 5 (Barry and Rubens):

- Novato Art and Wine was last weekend.
- MCF gave money to North Marin Community Services.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Ng):

- Meeting Thurs. to determine objectives.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- At last meeting, Dan Steckline from Ombudsman presented.
- At the next meeting, there will be a presentation from Front Porch about programs to reduce social isolation.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- None

Legislative:

- CSL: June 1 was deadline for submitting proposals by CSL members. Have now gone to Legislature representatives.
- Lopez: Reviewed last year's objectives and created new ones.

Planning (Rubens):

- Next meeting is June 13 to review 24/25 committee objectives and committee progress on 23/24 objectives.

New Business:

- Commissioner Rubens recommended putting the support of Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA 1) on the next agenda.

Adjournment: 4:51 p.m.

- Commissioner Locks made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Asimos seconded.
- Motion carried 14-0.

Next meeting: Monday, July 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room