

<p align="center">COMMITTEE: GENERAL</p> <p align="center">MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (MCCOA)</p>	<p align="center">DATE: JULY 8, 2024</p>	<p align="center">LOCATION:</p> <p align="center">Marin Wildfire Protection Authority</p>
<p>PRESENT: Amlie, Barry, Brandon, Brown, Clemmons, Denton Cohen, Doodha, Gould, López, Ng, Notowich, Rubens, Sadowsky, Wilson</p> <p>EXCUSED: Binkley, Bortel</p> <p>ABSENT: Bhanushali</p> <p>VACANT: CSL, District 1, District 2, District 3, Larkspur, Sausalito</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Mandy Reyes, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board Room</p>		
<p align="center">MINUTE SUMMARY</p>		
<p>Call to Order: Chair Notowich called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gould made a motion to approve the agenda as written. • Commissioner Wilson seconded. • The motion carried 14-0. <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gould made a motion to approve the minutes as written. • Commissioner López seconded. • Commissioner Brandon made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that District 3 was not listed as vacant. • The motion for the amended minutes carried 14-0. <p>Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Silva, Board Chair of Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative and member of Marin Housing for All coalition, thanked the commission for endorsing the affordable housing bond. Marin Housing for All is working on educating residents on affordable housing and the bond measure. They would like ideas on how to reach more community members. 		

Commissioner Announcements:

- Commissioner Brown – ACA10 will be on the ballot and says that housing bills can be passed with a 55% majority as opposed to 67%.
- Commissioner Gould – Developed online survey to better understand the needs of Tiburon and Belvedere’s older adult population
- Commissioner López - The last Grand Jury report has been published. Please take time to read this report.
- Commissioner Brandon – Would like to be more informed of the process when it comes to hiring in the Marin County Aging department. I.e. The new Program Manager position that was recently filled.

Introduction of New Commissioners:

Chair Denton Cohen introduced the following new commissioners:

- Joan Clemmons, City of San Rafael
- Diane Doodha, Town of Ross
- Claudia Wilson, Town of Corte Madera

Chair and Officers’ Reports:**Chair Report (Denton Cohen):**

- Two supervisors would like to see the commission focus on major issues, rather than presentations on different topics at every meeting.
- The consensus among commissioners is that the commission needs to get out into the community more.
- Ageism Awareness Day is Oct. 9
- Commissioners should communicate with their appointed bodies 3-4 times per year.
- Encouraged commissioners to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings when relevant issues are being addressed.
- The chair expressed we are all in this together as volunteers on increasingly important issues. Please respect each other and each other’s time. Talk about issues in private and don’t call too late or on the weekends.

Vice Chair Report (Ng): None

Secretary Report (Sadowsky):

- The San Geronimo Valley Community Center (SGVCC) is a hub of activities in West Marin. An Elders Advisory Council has been meeting once a month and they created a Needs Assessment survey specifically for the San Geronimo Valley.
- There has been a series of housing workshops in the San Geronimo Valley.

Ageing Action Initiative (AAI) report (Brinkmann):

- AAI is undergoing a lot of changes and resetting. A budget is being worked on. Hopefully by the next meeting there will be more to report on.

Discussion Item: Commission on Ageing August Retreat:

- The August 13 retreat will be at the Marin Art and Garden Center. The time will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. More details to follow.

Voting Item: Selection of the Nominating Committee for FY 2024-25

- Chair Denton Cohen made three recommended nominations: Commissioners Binkley, Brown and Ng.
- No nominations from the floor.
- Commissioner Doodha made a motion to accept the Chair's recommendations.
- Commissioner Rubens seconded.
- Motion carried 13-0. There was one abstention.

Ageing and Adult Services Report:

Director Cottrell reported on the following:

- Cottrell is at the US Aging Conference in Tampa, Florida.
- Welcomed the new commissioners.
- Camille Jolly, the new Program Manager, will start in two weeks. Camille introduced herself.
- The Modernizing Older California Act (MOCA) funding will not be cut. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released for Health/ Fall Prevention and Residential Repairs/ Modifications.
- Another RFP will be released soon for Older Americans Act services for the next four years. Staff will be reaching out to commissioners to serve on application review panels.

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

Amlie (Fairfax):

- There is a 90+ celebration planned for October 19. There are 61 people who are 90 and older in Fairfax. Fairfax is putting together some letters and gift bags. If anyone has flyers or brochures or other printed reference materials that can be shared in the gift bags, please let Amlie know.

Bhanushali (Novato): N/A

Binkley (Belvedere): N/A

Denton Cohen (Mill Valley):

- There is a lot of work being done on Age-Friendly Mill Valley. A survey is going out in about a month. The program is called Live Well Mill Valley.

Gould (Tiburon):

- Age Well Belvedere-Tiburon is an email list of people in the community who are interested in Age Well matters.
- Transportation is the most important issue in this community.

Ng (San Anselmo):

- Age-Friendly San Anselmo has launched a survey to help shape the town's future. Many questions are focused on residents over 60, caregivers and people with disabilities.

Committee/Reports and Chairs:

Equity, Outreach and Advocacy (Ng):

- Thanked Lisa Brinkmann and AAI for their help with the May Forum.
- The committee has completed their objectives and will decide at the next meeting how they will complete them.
- The committee needs a new member so please consider joining this committee.

Health/Nutrition (Brown):

- The last meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. The speaker will be rescheduled.
- Recommendation for all commissioners is to serve on two committees to get the work done.

Housing/Transportation (Barry):

- Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) has had a number of community meetings.

- Next meeting is Wednesday, July 17 at 1p.m.

Legislative Advocacy (López):

- There was no quorum at last meeting, but the group had a rich conversation.
- Discussed how to interface with the Legislative Aides.
- SB 37 – Shallow Rent Subsidy legislation was stopped in appropriations.
- Discussed the City of Grants Pass vs. Johnson's decision on homelessness.

Planning & Communications (Rubens):

- The committee has goals and thoughts about how to move forward this year. This includes an Emeritus Committee member.
- Next meeting is July 18.

New Business:

- Director Cottrell let the new commissioners know that Gary Lara will be reaching out to schedule an orientation.

Adjournment: 3:24 p.m.

- Commissioner Notowich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Sadowsky seconded.
- Motion carried 14-0.

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