

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair Cathie Peacock.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Ted Michaud, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Cathie Peacock, Kristi Conforti, Jackie Sample, Zandra Bietz, Melody Brotby.
Absent: Paula Burklin, Catherine Driver, Emily Fife, Carleton Penwell (LOA), Harry Ohls (LOA).
BOS/County Staff Representatives: Mark Fischer, County Administrator's Office.
Guests: Kristin Milhoff, Area 12.
3. **Public Comments:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the July 11, 2022 COA meeting were approved unanimously as submitted, with one abstention. JF/MB.
5. **Chair's Report:** Cathie will be making a 6 month report to the BOS on August 16. Aug 17, there will be an event at the Fairgrounds sponsored by Sonora Area Foundation, for people in crisis. Area 12 will have a booth there, per Kristin. The Centenarian Event will be at the Senior Center on November 10, 11.30 – 12.30. Kristi offered Blue Zones support. Cathie made a presentation to the League of Women Voters on homelessness.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No change in our balance with the County. Name Tags invoice for \$75 will be posted to the account soon.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.
8. **County Report:** Mark will be our representative going forward. David unable to attend today due to special BOS meeting. Changes to the Homelessness Commission being contemplated.
9. **Blue Zones Update:** Kristi described the Age Friendly resolution which will be presented to the BOS for approval on August 16. The Age Friendly initiative is sponsored by the AARP, and was set up in 2012 following the creation of a global network by the WHO in 2006. Tuolumne County will be the first rural county in the U.S. to join the network if the resolution passes. The network currently has over 600 members, both cities and urban counties, in the U.S. Kristin mentioned that, along the same lines, Area 12 is getting a \$300,000 grant to promote intergenerational activities.
10. **Committee Reports and Group Discussion on Goals and Strategy.**

Community Relations Committee – Ted said the committee is pursuing getting a regular place in the UD for COA items going forward, plus is looking at other media possibilities. They will also support the Centenarian event. The committee is trying to obtain a count of handicapped people in the County, but the sources are rather fragmented. Cathie suggested the Committee look at resuscitating the Senior Volunteer of the Year event.

Transportation Committee – County will have a booth at the Aug.17 event at the Fairgrounds. The Groveland/Columbia College route is due to start up on Aug 29. The electric bus will be up and running shortly. A new bus route to the proposed Pallet Village off Hwy 108 is being looked at.

Education Committee – John has secured the new County Public Health Director (Kimberly Freeman) as a speaker in September.

Legislative Committee – nothing to report.

Governance Committee – no report.

10. Unfinished Business:

Commission Membership Status: We are currently at 14, with 2 members on LOA. Scott Dasko's application will go to the BOS on 8/16, so we will then be at 15, with 13 effectives.

11. New Business:

In-Person Meetings – The possibility of meeting in person in Groveland in October was discussed.

Resolution on Teleconferencing – A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed unanimously by the 9 Commissioners present.

12. Public Comment: Malcolm mentioned he will be absent for the first half of September. Arrangements are being made to cover the Zoom hookups and the recording of minutes while he is away.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.55 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – TUESDAY, September 6, 2022, 2 pm, at Interfaith, with a Zoom hookup.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.