

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, 1:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions

A. Establishment of Quorum

- i. Quorum established – 12 members present.
- ii. COA Chairman David Goldemberg, Melody Brotby, Britne Gose, Zandra Bietz, Kristi Conforti, Tim Gillespie, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Jackie Sample, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Emily Fife
- iii. Meeting called to order at 1:36pm

B. Introductions

- i. No introductions needed

2. Public Comments:

A. None

3. Minutes: July 10, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved at the September Meeting

- A. Chairman Goldemberg asked why the minutes were not available to be approved.
CAO Staff explained the details regarding the delay of the finalized minutes.

4. Chairman's Report:

- A. Chairman Goldemberg noted that there is much to report in many areas. The Board of Supervisors is consistently working with the fire safety advisory group, and described several concurrent fuel reduction projects.

- i. 10-million-dollar grant through OES for defensible space and assistance for those that are not physically or financially capable of providing fire protection. Multi-year grant.
- ii. 20-million-dollar grant for providing home hardening protection. The focus of the effort is primarily in Ponderosa Hills, where the threat of a fire in that area could potentially endanger multiple neighboring areas. Each home could be eligible for up to 40k in grant money for home hardening renovations to provide updates to roofs and siding that are less flammable.

- iii. 700k for additional OES staff for additional fire coverage efforts
- iv. Homelessness. Chairman Goldemberg mentioned the Oak Terrace Navigation Center (construction, etc.). Potential completion date – October. Placements to begin shortly thereafter for case managed residence. Chairman Goldemberg also mentioned another property in the city of Sonora for veterans, as well as a motel for sale between Sonora and Jamestown (Miner's inn) to provide potentially for additional housing.
- v. Chairman Goldemberg mentioned his attendance at meetings with Area 12 and ATCAA for continued dialogue about homelessness, especially in the context of older community members.
- vi. COA member John Featherstone asked whether there is someplace on the county website for people to find information for smaller mesh coverings for houses to prevent embers from getting into attics and under roofs. Chairman Goldemberg said he would follow up with OES Assistant Director Dore Bietz to see if information can be provided to residents to get these renovations. Chairman Goldemberg also mentioned that it is a challenge to also find a contractor that can provide these renovations.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. Current COA budget balance: \$9,975
- B. COA Nametags are no longer accurate. They need to be replaced with those that have the correct name for the committee. No quote yet for the badges.
 - i. Chairman Goldemberg asked how the COA accesses its funding.
 - 1. COA member Ted Michaud said to ask Auditor-Controller Debi Bautista to send the COA a check according to a purchase order and then they send it out to the vendor.
 - 2. Chairman Goldemberg instructed them to go forward with getting new badges.

6. CAO Staff Report:

- A. CAO staff informed the group that COA member Scott Dasko offered a letter of resignation via email.

- i. COA member Ted Michaud talked to Mr. Dasko and he informed Ted that the change in the group led him to believe that he didn't have a role to continue with.
- ii. COA member Cathie Peacock said that Mr. Dasko has a number of other things he can do and wanted to use his time better.
- iii. Discussion around the process to apply to the COA.

7. Work Groups Liaison:

A. Extended discussion on Work Group Activities

- i. Met on Thursday the 10th. Productive meeting.
 - 1. Centenarian event. Letters are going out (invitations). Letters are being sent to several different groups and locations to remind people of the event and invite them to attend (e.g., church groups, mobile home parks, senior centers).
 - 2. Several public agencies and officials have been invited to attend (e.g., Sonora Police Department, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office, EMS, California Highway Patrol, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors).
 - 3. Pins and nametags for participants are being made that display their names and their age groups.
 - 4. OCT 10 is the drop dead rsvp date for the event. COA member Tim Gillespie is exploring transportation options for the participants
COA member Cathie Peacock announced that the workgroup would be changing the day of the meetings. COA workgroup meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of each month(starting the 22nd of August).

8. Unfinished Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Discussion regarding Agenda Items to be submitted 1 week in advance

- i. CAO staff have to publish the agenda in advance (72 hours).
- ii. In order to give the COA Chair and CAO staff enough time to post the agenda amongst their other responsibilities, COA members must meet with CAO staff for a planning meeting (scheduled for the 4th Friday of each month at 1:30pm)

and provide details of any work that needs to be on the upcoming COA meeting agenda. All materials must be provided to the CAO staff one week prior to each COA meeting.

10. Additional Comments/Questions:

A. COA member Cathie Peacock:

- i. Community resource fair this Wednesday (8/16/23) at the fairgrounds at 3pm. Information for senior services will be there. Everything is free and a meal will be offered.
- ii. Next workgroup meeting will be held in COA member Tim Gillespie's office. Attendees may come in person or attend on Zoom.

B. COA member Emily Gose:

- i. Inviting everyone for a meals on wheels event at 92.7 on Friday.

11. Adjournment:

A. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45