

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Veterans Memorial Hall
801 Grand Avenue
San Luis Obispo

Minutes Friday, November 15th, 2019

Members Present: Maryanne Zarycka, Paul Garth, Anita Showers, Mara Whitten, Anne Wyatt, Roger Randall, Joyce Ellen Lippmann, Teri Elliott, Angela Viles, Karen Jones, Anna Devers, Alma Calzada, Jerry Mihaic

Absent: Shirley Summers, Brittany Venia, Meredith Bates, Cheryl Kippen

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Flag Salute. Approval of October 2019 Minutes. Minutes adopted.

Public Comment:

Christopher Moore (CPUC)

Here as our local government liaison as a first point of contact. Really trying to establish relationships in the community. A new president has recently been appointed to the board. Currently looking in to the PSPS and see what can and needs to be done. Here to do what he can do and be as effective as he can be.

Angela Viles

Any groups or victims dealing with scams send her way and she will be happy to assist. As well as happy to go out and do presentations where they are needed.

Anne Wyatt

6,000 attendees at our first annual tiny foot print expo! The board has already agreed to bring it back next year in October 2020.

Jerry Mihaic

Bishop Studios will have its grand opening this Saturday 10-2!

Francine Levit

Fall Prevention Program being offered in a 6 weeks series including fitness.

Joyce Ellen Lippmann

PSPS Community Education Presentation on Public Safety Power Shutoff on Tuesday December 3rd, 2019 from 1:30pm-3:30pm at Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park Street, Santa Maria, CA.

Karen Jones

As of November 1, Compass Health Inc. now owns Bella Vista Transitional Care Center and if anyone has any issues with the facility then please contact Karen.

Introductions: Guests & Members-- Agency introductions & announcements

Members and guests went around introducing their role in the community as well as with the commission.

Presentation:

Census 2020 – Everyone Counts!

Patricia Vazquez Topete, Regional Program Manager

California Complete Count – Census 2020

There are six counties in the region and we are region five

Roles

What is the difference between work at the federal and state level

US Census 2020

Conducts the enumeration

Ensures, everyone is counted one time, in the right place

CA Census 2020

Conducts a state wide campaign

Ensures the hardest to reach Californians are educated and motivated to participate

Why 2020 Census is different?

- The 2020 census encourages people to respond via the internet, phone and mail
- First census that is largely online
- Will be allowed to go online and fill out form even without card
- Will have 12 languages available for top 12 languages for our state

When is the Census?

- April 1st, 2020 is observed nationwide
- Mid-March you will start to receive paper form
- May 2020 the census bureau begins visiting homes

Why the census matters to seniors

- The 2020 census will help:
 - Determine federal funding California receive for medical and other social services program
 - Decide where to place parks, roads and hospitals
 - Determine funding for community project, including mass transit, which helps people remain in their homes

Challenges unique to seniors

- Less likely to have smart phones or internet access
- Not use technology
- Live in-group quarters, such as nursing homes or group homes
 - In February, enumerators will start to go around to quarters
- Have communication and physical barriers

How we do outreach

- Five types of contractual partners:
 - Administrative CBOS
 - Statewide CBOS
 - Sectors
 - K-12 and Higher Education
 - Tribal Governments

Partners work with subcontractors and messengers that are trusted in each community

CA Census Tactics

- Focus on where hard to count population is located.
- Leverage our partners and the local complete count committee who reach out to serve providers and trusted messengers
- Promote the 2020 census using trusted media outlets that serve seniors to increase awareness
- Drive decisions with data and local knowledge through mapping tool
- Educate seniors that their data is confidential and secure

How to get engaged

- Go to local SLO count committees
- Connect with Morgan Terrell and Kristen Erickson

Housing 2020 – Action Plan and Update

Matt J. Leal, Planner

San Luis Obispo Housing and Economic Development

All funding dollars etc. coming from census data etc. so it is very important to complete Census!

Goals

- Create housing opportunities for residents
- Preserve and maintain existing affordable housing
- Reduce and end homelessness
- Create suitable living environment through public services
- Stabilize and revitalize diverse neighborhoods

Improve educational and job readiness
Community Engagement
Online needs assessment survey
The public workshops
Board of Supervisors hearing 10.22.2019
Three workshops on draft funding recommendations and draft goals
Board of Supervisors hearing April 2020

Public Comments on Needs
Affordable housing
Homelessness services
Public services
Economic development
Public facilities
Summarize comments of goals and priorities for 2020-2024 consolidated plan
Create, preserve and maintain diverse housing opportunities
Prevent, reduce and manage homelessness
Create suitable living environment

Funding Sources
Program – CDBG/Activity – Affordable housing

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Reports:

Legislation

Sharon O’Leary comment that the equipment is old at the Veterans memorial Building and they have no hot water. They had asked for a grant but it was not approved. If they apply for the grant again, it is suggested that the commission support it. The Veterans hold weekly dinners for the public and 10% of the population being served is seniors. Paul is going to find out when the grant will be applied for so we may draft a letter for support.

ASPC

The presenter at the November meeting was Christopher Barnickel, Director of Library. The library has a budget of 11 million dollars. One good thing to keep in mind is of their zip book program, which is free of charge. The library was re-organized 3-4 years ago. They also had a presenter from Hospice who presenter on grieving versus morning and the difference between depression.

Co-Chairs

No meeting for December. Working on Presenters for 2020. Please email links and info for Facebook page and member/guest distribution.

Unfinished Business:

Revised Bylaws – Vote to approve revisions and prepare for board approval - Approved: Maryanne will meet with Devin Drake for DSS review and approval. Then to Board for final approval.

New Business:

Election for new officers – Nominated Co-Chairs: Maryanne Zarycka and Anita Shower. Nominated Vice Chair: Anne Wyatt –Unanimously Approved as presented.

Membership – All positions are filled – some new resignations filled with Alternate members-at-large. Currently 4 Alternate Member-at-large positions vacant. Please encourage others to join. Application on COA webpage or email Commission for copy.

Meeting Adjourned:

12:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Martina Tovar. Reviewed by Co-Chairs

Next Meeting: January 17th, 20