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**Annotated Agenda  
Regular Meeting of the  
Commission on Aging**

Wednesday,  
May 17, 2023

1:30 p.m.

Concord Senior Center  
2727 Parkside Circle  
Concord, 94519

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**This meeting will be held in-person.**

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AGENDIZED ITEMS – The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee’s consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes.

1. **OPENING** Vice Chair Ben Hornstein called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Ben Hornstein (Vice Chair); David Afinowicz; Carlos Balladares; Janice Cameron; Les Casazza; Marilyn Fowler; Tjiuk Kurmiadi

Commissioners Excused: Melvin Lee (Chair)

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

This is a 15-minute Public Comment Period for items within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction that are not on this agenda. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

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a. Approval of Annotated Agenda from April 19, 2023 meeting

On a motion made by Carlos Balladares and seconded by David Afinowicz, the annotated agenda was approved as submitted.

b. ACOA Representative Report – Marilyn Fowler

Marilyn Fowler explained that she is in the process of being approved to represent the City of Concord on the County's Advisory Council on Aging. While awaiting that approval, she has been attending their meetings as a member of the public.

At the last meeting, she learned of the following nonprofits working to assist seniors in the Concord area.

1. Clayton Valley Village is a virtual community that provides support to keep seniors in their homes. While the focus is on the community of Clayton, their service area also includes the 94519 and 94521 zip codes in Concord. The annual membership fee is \$650. They can be reached at (925) 626-0411 or through their website: [claytonvalleyvillage.org](http://claytonvalleyvillage.org).
2. Home Match seeks to match those 18 and older looking to rent a room with those who have a room for rent. They can be reached at (925) 956-7385 or through their website: [covia.org/programs/home-match](http://covia.org/programs/home-match). The focus is on central Contra Costa County as there is no current funding to support east or west county.
3. Choice in Aging (operating since 1949) is based in Pleasant Hill. It has a number of programs including licensed adult and day health care, community transitions (works to move people from facilities back into their communities), caregiver support, and an intergenerational Montessori Preschool. They can be reached at (925) 682-6330 or through their website: [choiceinaging.org](http://choiceinaging.org).

c. Presentation and Consideration: Changing Concord's Commission on Aging sponsored Senior Transportation Program from GoGo Concord to a partnership with the City of Walnut Creek to expand senior transportation offerings – Kathryn Monroy

Kathryn Monroy described the origin of the senior transportation program in Concord, funded initially through a bequest that paid for taxi script and on-going by funds raised through special events. Former Program Manager, Avis Connolly secured funding through TRANSPAC in 2020, but then the contracted Taxi Company stopped responding to Senior Center staff and volunteers. During the

pandemic, new Program Manager, Kathryn Monroy worked to find alternative company and the program transitioned to GoGo Grandparent (known in Concord as GoGo Concord). In 2022, Kathryn secured additional funding through TRANSPAC to help fund the program through 2023. TRANSPAC is hoping to see the cities in central Contra Costa work collaboratively to provide needed transportation for seniors. Kathryn described the service known as Walnut Creek Mini Bus and showed a side-by-side comparison to GoGo Concord.

Following a discussion of the pros and cons of each program and of combining programs, a motion was approved, having been made by David Afinowicz and seconded by Marilyn Fowler, to authorize Kathryn Monroy to explore the merging of the two programs and come back to the Commission on Aging with a recommendation and a possible plan forward.

David Afinowicz, Ben Hornstein and Tjjuk (Fong) Kuriadi volunteered to form a subcommittee to consider what routes might be best for a mini bus program in Concord.

d. Discussion: Draft Transportation Survey and Next Steps

Commissioners discussed the draft survey which Kathryn Monroy had distributed to them. The survey was edited to include not only seniors but other age groups who might use a bus to Baldwin Park if the stop in front of the Senior Center were reinstated.

Once the survey format is finalized, it will be available electronically on the Senior Center's website and the Parks and Recreation website. Additionally, it will be available in paper form at the weekly tabling event at Music and Market, at the preschool/daycare across the street from the Senior Center and distributed to various senior living communities in Concord.

It was agreed that the results of the survey will be posted so that survey participants and others can see the strength of interest in having a bus stop in Baldwin Park.

e. Discussion: Commission Schedule for Summer

Kathryn Monroy stated that past practice has been for the Commission on Aging not to meet in July and August. Commissioners agreed to meet in June and resume meeting in September to begin planning for Be a Santa to a Senior.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Concord's Got Talent and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, May 20, 2023, 5:00p, Concord Senior Center
- b. Senior Center Orientations, last Monday of the Month at 10:00a – next Orientation Monday, May 22
- c. On May 18, 2023 at 1:30 pm, there will be an informational meeting on travel sponsored by the Senior Center.
- d. There will be an information table at Music and Market on Thursdays through the summer months. It is usually staffed by a Commissioner and a representative of the Senior Club. Commissioners were asked to let Kathryn know when they will be available to help with the tabling.
- e. Carlos Balladares announced that he had translated the flyer regarding Senior Center orientations into Spanish and presented a copy of the flyer. Kathryn Monroy thanked Carlos for his effort and stated she would need to have it approved by Concord's Public Information Officer before it could be officially used.

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ben Hornstein adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting

Date: June 21, 2023

Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle

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