Transportation and Aging in Community Notes

Date: 07/13/23

In Person Meeting

The meeting was recorded

Committee members present: Kathy Uhl, Monika Lee, Angela Giannini, Marita Leth, Irene Liana, Liz Taylor

Staff: Suki Ho, Anna Sawamura

Public: Lynn Spicer, Sam Trans; Ruth Cossey, EPA

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by Chair, Kathy Uhl.

1. Note taking: Commissioner Liana agreed to take notes.
2. Public
   a. Lynn Spicer from SamTrans said the Paratransit pilot has been operating for three weeks and there is steady use. Marita Leth said she tried the Half Moon Bay service route and was very pleased with the vehicle, courtesy of the driver and promptness in arriving. More communication and outreach is needed since many potential riders are not aware of the service.
   b. Liz Taylor updated everyone on the Colma bus stop issue. She has secured names on a petition both from the public, Eric, the Chair at the Vets Center; Vets who would use the service at this stop; neighbors in the area and council members as private citizens. Lynn said she would welcome the information and send it forward. (There is a new Program Coordinator for Seniors and Vets at SamTrans).
   c. Senior Mobility Guides are being updated and will be available when completed.
   d. Monika Lee and Kathy Uhl addressed the difficulty experienced when going online for renewing and/or adding additional funds to Clipper Cards.
3. Review Agenda
   a. Monika Lee moved to approve the agenda and Liz Taylor seconded it. All approved
4. Review of notes from the prior meeting
   a. Monika Lee moved to approve the notes from the prior meeting (with a few typos to be corrected) and Angela Giannini seconded it. All approved.
5. Meeting time discussion
6. New Goals and Work Plan Discussion
   a. The work plan currently in draft and the need for it to be completed and sent forth to the COA Executive Committee was discussed.
   b. Anna suggested we keep our goals in manageable form and not add additional items since it will spread us too thin.

7. Member Reports
   a. See information under public comments from Liz Taylor and Marita Leth since they addressed SamTrans and Transportation.

8. New Business
   a. The Project on updating the Help at Home Booklet was discussed. All commissioners were asked to review the booklet and make updates as needed. The importance of including other items such as Disaster Preparedness, Home Modifications, Safety, Falls and places for referral and assistance was mentioned. To keep the booklet in a manageable form, separate flyers were suggested.
   b. It was again recommended that Karen Coppock be asked to do a presentation on housing in lieu of the September TAIC Meeting.
   c. Monika Lee opened a discussion on Day Care for seniors with the possibility of intergenerational programs. It was also discussed that Measure K funds need to be earmarked clearly for seniors. Another area identified as difficult as the process for accessing board of supervisor meetings.
   d. It was announced that the Inclusion Festival is being held at Red Morton Park on 08/23.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm by a motion from Monika Lee and a second by Liz Taylor. The next meeting will be on September 14th with the time to be announced.