



Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Minutes Summary

Recorder: Sue Krenek, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Location: 20 N. San Pedro, Mt. Tam Room, San Rafael

Members present: Chair Sylvia Barry, Vice-Chair Tricia Smith, Larry Binkley, Rhea Brown

Others present: Suzanne Sadowsky (Commission on Aging), Lauren Elkin (Commission on Aging), Jon Gaffney (Golden Gate Transit), Kellen Dammann (Marin Sustainability Team), Joseph Shumake (Home Match), Jon Gaffney (Golden Gate Transit), Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Jazmyne C. (Catholic Charities SF), Bill Tyler (FireSafe Marin)

Members Excused: Allan Bortel **Members absent:** Jane Gould

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 1:42pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chair Smith moved to approve the Agenda as amended to add approval of minutes from the March 2026 meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded, and the vote was 4-0.

Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Vice-Chair Smith, approved 4-0.

Commissioner General Announcements:

None

Open Time for Public Expression

None

Presentation:

Bill Tyler, Executive Director of FireSafe Marin, presented on Marin’s history of wildfires and wildfire planning and on current fire prevention initiatives, with particular attention to the [draft 2026 Community Wildfire Prevention Plan](https://www.marinwildfire.org/community-wildfire-protection-plan-update) (<https://www.marinwildfire.org/community-wildfire-protection-plan-update>).

Chair's Report, Sylvia Barry:

- The Rotary Epic Day of Service for Older Adults took place on May 16 and was well received, both by organizations that serve older adults and by people seeking information.
- Committee members are encouraged to think about what priorities they would like the committee to pursue in 2026-27.

Vice Chair's Report, Tricia Smith:

- Based on a previous Committee presentation, Vice-Chair Smith was able to connect a reverse mortgage holder to a program that may be able to provide financial assistance.

Aging and Adult Services Staff, Sue Krenek:

- The first copies of the 2026 Resource Guide were delivered today and distribution is starting. Copies are being reserved for the Commission's distribution in the community, and the Planning, Legislative and Communications Committee is working on a plan for that distribution.
- The Hilarita is no longer able to host congregate meals, and a replacement site is being sought. An email with details went out this week, and Commissioners are encouraged to let staff know of any prospective sites.
- The transition to the new website is underway, and pages for Commission and Committee meetings have been moved to the new site.

Marin Climate & Sustainability Division, Office of the County Executive, Kellen Dammann:

- Outreach for housing upgrades is being done by direct mail and will continue into the summer.
- CPUC has asked energy efficiency program administrators to get community feedback on equity programs, and the team would like the Committee to serve as a focus group to discuss what constitutes a successful equity program.

Housing Partner Reports:

- Joseph Shumake, Program Director, Front Porch: No report.

Transportation Partner Reports:

- Joanna Huitt, Marin Transit, Program and Policy Manager
 - Marin Transit will be offering free service connected to the Marin County Fair.
 - Marin Access reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers goes up effective July 1.
 - Participants in the fare assistance program now must renew every 5 years rather than every year. Local bus pass benefits will now be made available via Clipper Card.
 - The next Paratransit Coordinating Council meeting is June 15 and there will be a deep dive on Marin Transit's data.
 - Marin Transit partnered with SMART, Golden Gate Transit, Vivalon and the What About Age? team to have a transportation fair on April 20. It was well attended and well received.
- Jon Gaffney, ADA Compliance and Program Manager, Golden Gate Transit
 - Fares for regional paratransit service that originates or ends in Marin will increase starting July 1. Paratransit trips that take place entirely in Marin will not be affected.

Tam Citizens Oversight Committee and Paratransit Coordinating Council, Jane Gould:

No report.

Business Items for Next Agenda:

- Discussion of committee priorities for 2026-27
- Focus group – Equity programs

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:38.

M/S/C: Brown/Smith (4-0).

Next meeting: Thursday, June 18, 1:30-3:30pm