Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Technology Group Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Call to Order: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Meeting conducted using the Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Steve Lipson, Kevin Donovan, Jill Kleiner, Sara Shafiabady, Penny Reed, Sam Sakai-
        Miller
Absent : James Donnelly, Gail Garrett
Staff: Anthony Macias

Approval of Agenda/Minutes
- Approval of Today's Agenda – Jill motioned to approve; Kevin motioned second; agenda approved by all present.
- Penny moved to approve December minutes; Kevin motioned second with spelling and grammatical corrections; approved as amended.

Announcements:
Steve Lipson asked Kevin about attending other committees and workgroups;
Asking members to come to the next Planning Committee, review Area Plan Update for AAA;
Planning Committee is an advisory platform to the AAA.
All council members are asked to attend the February Planning Committee meeting.
At this meeting we will review of the area plan update of the AAA 4-Year Plan. There will be a Public Hearing at the March ACOA meeting for the Area Plan Update.

Public Comment:
- None.

Technology Corner: Steve
- "The Cloud" digital storage is a concept the Steve that there was consistent confusion around what is this thing "the cloud". It is remote storage, from your PC, Phone, hard drive, pad, laptop, etc.
- Users are able to use variety of available apps that are remote storage and often referred to as 'the cloud'. Some of these include Google Docs.; and though most are free, once a certain amount of storage is reached a fee can then be charged monthly to increase amount of storage.
- This replaces hard drives; internal drives;
- Sam reported that at adoption fairs held at schools for hand-out of chrome books this concept of 'the cloud' storage was new and required explanation and a learning what it is.
- Chrome is completely cloud based; Apps from Google Play; must have wifi as everything is cloud based.

- Companies promoting cloud computing; less you store on computer, the less the computer costs.
- Multiple cloud accounts; iCloud has 4gb of free storage. OneDrive is Microsoft cloud; Google has their own as well.
- Redundancy is good so that not all of your information is only in one place.

  - Sam: what do we do with this information (Technology Corner) that is discussed here?
  - Steve: gives a synopsis of this at the general meeting. Will create a "blurb" in a detailed way to give out.

Workgroup meeting scheduling: Tech WG meeting times + Post-COVID schedule;
Things can change; when meeting in person will probably move meeting back to
mornings; for now meetings will be at 1:30 on 2nd Wednesday of the month.

ACOA and AAA Website Update
- Sam stepping up on working on the site; Steve has suggestions; Sam has not had a lot of time to look at website; was looking at the site with her phone. Do we know where traffic is coming from? From phones, Tablets, PC. CCC uses a lot of left hand navigation; this is the first thing you see when using phone and not the content;
- Web-developers template is locked and what we can do is very limited.
- Short cut URL is desired, specific to ACOA only
- Sam states would be helpful if she knew what she was working with.
- Steve: these sites designed for desktop PC and not to mobile devices; need a translation to a smaller screen.
- Accept that this is the timeframe we have to work in.
- Most older adults use a tablet, laptop, or PC; as they are home more due to pandemic.
- Will need to add Jim's welcome letter to ACOA site.
- Move items that are before President's welcome letter, to after.

Discussion of CCC Older Adult Education Programs and Technology
- Steve did not send out list for members of adult education districts that offer adult ed. courses.
- Steve did some research and it looks pretty decimated;
- There is still a consortium in West CC and this is through the college district and this geared toward vocational certificates and GED;
- Adult Ed programs are not the resource channel Steve had hoped. Jeffery Carr is going to contact by Steve.
- Penny- has WCCC unified school district pamphlet; has 3 older adult education programs under this. Can members take a few of the districts and do some research; Steve has done some of this already in W. County and there are active programs; Sukura Kai; St. John; now on line but sort of floundering.
- In 2008 there were cuts; in 2016 tried to be revived but not successful.
- Kevin- talk with managers of seniors centers; a large varieties of activities through the Park and Rec dept.; some integration with education for older adult education.

- Do cities offer anything more than what the senior centers offer?

Discussion: Significance of $7B internet funding in Covid relief Bill

https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/12/22/internet-rebate-coronavirus-stimulus/
How is this being disbursed? What will be the administration of this.
Can we identify older adults in need of internet access?
Is internet service tied to device and training on how to use?
Chatanooga is first city in country that costs free internet for its residents.
How about the county supervisors?

Steve wanted to let members know that Legislative Workgroup is meeting again beginning in February.
Discussion of how Bills go through.

CARES Act funding discussion

Action Items for Executive Committee?
- None

New Business for next meeting:
      Jill: Speakers at this meeting to attend and explain things of interest.
      Sara: speakers from Senior Fusion; a non-profit; reviewing new technologies to help
      Aging in Place; Sara will send contact information to Steve.

Future Meetings:
- Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.