

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
Draft Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Hosted by the City of Larkspur
Twin Cities Post 313-American Legion Hall
500 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur

Members Present

Belvedere: Clair McAuliffe, Bob McCaskill, Marty Winter
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Michael Lappert
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, Peter Lacques, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Ann Morrison, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, John McCauley, Ken Wachtel
Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Eric Lucan
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, P. Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Robbins, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Matt Brown, Kay Coleman, Ford Greene, Doug Kelly, Tom McInerney, John Wright
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough
Sausalito: Ray Withy, Tom Theodores
Tiburon: No attendees

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Corte Madera Town Manager Dave Bracken, Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato City Manager Michael Frank, Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn, San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman, San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz, Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer, Larkspur City Clerk Cynthia Huisman and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

Call to Order

Vice President Sloan Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. and invited Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Carla Condon, Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Tom McInerney to acknowledge outgoing Councilmembers from their respective Councils: Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner, Bob Ravasio, Ken Wachtel, Garry Lion and Doug Kelly.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Larry Chu introduced his fellow Councilmembers in attendance as well as the following Larkspur staff members: Director of Public Works Mary Grace Houlihan, Fire Chief Scott Shurtz, Planning Director Neal Toft, Police Lt. Hamid Khalili, Director of Finance Cathy Orme, Librarian Frances Gordon, and Recreation Director Dick Whitley.

Public Comment – None

Dinner and Committee Reports

MTC Report: Supervisor Kinsey was not present.

TAM, MCCMC Legislative Committee Report and GGBHTD: Councilmember Fredericks was absent and provided written reports.

Marin Transit: Councilmember Moulton-Peters reported that Marin Transit wanted to provide the most transit to the most people, but that there were only two wheelchair accessible taxis in Marin County, which was a struggle for people. She said Marin Transit had identified as a policy that more were needed, and committed to working with private companies and looking for grants. She said that Marin Transit had recently awarded a grant for the bus facility in Novato, and were active at the Bettini Center where they were working to relocate the bus station temporarily and then construct the permanent station in anticipation of the SMART train becoming operational. She added that the Yellow School Bus Study would be released soon, and that all cities and towns could implement the program.

SMART: Councilmember Moulton-Peters reported that all of the track had been completed through the Civic Center, and a dedication had been made in the name of Deb Hubsmith, an energetic bicycling enthusiast who had recently passed away.

ABAG: Councilmember Eklund referred to the written report included in the agenda packet and provided highlights, stating that she had attended an MTC Programming and Allocations Committee meeting to testify on behalf of Fairfax in support of increasing the PCA allotment. She said that four bay area cities had not yet approved their Housing Elements and that the deadlines would be extended so that they will be eligible for OBAG2 money, which received the support of the full Commission. She also said that she had supported a \$20M allocation but that MTC approved only \$16M. She added that the merger study had been embarked upon and that a consultant would be selected to help evaluate merger options. She stated that she had arranged a meeting with Supervisor Connolly, Assemblymember Levine, ABAG Executive Director Ezra Rapport and Deputy Executive Director Brad Paul to discuss current ABAG/MTC issues. She closed by discussing the Plan Bay Area performance targets approved by MTC, and said that consensus had been reached on all 13 instead of just nine which was important because the performance targets would drive the scenarios.

Program: Matt Leffert, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy; Sharon Farrell, Vice President for Conservation Stewardship, and Kevin Wright, Marin County Parks: “One Tam” – an Initiative of the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative

Mr. Leffert introduced One Tam, which was a formation of the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative, stating that we needed to understand Mt. Tam’s challenges, and the need for increased collaboration. He explained that Mt. Tam was managed by four different agencies and that a holistic view must be taken on how to manage the mountain from an ecological perspective. He said that the purpose of One Tam was to raise awareness and to help park partners increase capacity and restoration.

Mr. Wright discussed why there was a need for One Tam, stating that it transcended jurisdictional boundaries, facilitated a coordinated approach for philanthropy and engagement; combined expertise and resources, and provided a greater collective benefit than working alone. He said that they had looked for a fundraising partner and had developed a formal relationship via MOU with the Parks Conservancy which provided administrative support. He outlined the five year vision document which delineated goals and outcomes, projects and programs and philanthropy and investment, among other things.

Ms. Farrell spoke on getting the work done, stating that an initial focus was to increase the number of volunteers, educational efforts and conservation capacity, and build the next generation of stewards. She outlined fundraising efforts, stewardship and youth programs that were underway and talked about proposed 2016 projects. She closed by outlining ways to get involved, partnership opportunities and upcoming volunteer events and then the group responded to questions from the audience.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes - October 28, 2015 meeting

There was a motion/second (Eklund/Kelly) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed by acclamation.

Appointments to fill MCCMC Committee Vacancies

Letters of interest had been solicited at the October 2015 meeting and nominations taken. Motions to Appoint were entertained as follows:

There was a motion/second (Coler/Lucan) to appoint Alice Fredericks to the GGBHTD Board. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Kelly/Lucan) to appoint Pat Eklund as representative to the Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Chu/Morrison) to appoint Catherine Way as representative to the Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps ("DC3"). Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Wachtel/McCullough) to appoint Stephanie Moulton-Peters as representative to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors, to appoint Maribeth Bushey to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the 2017 term as representative to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors, and to appoint Eric Lucan as alternate to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Eklund/Chu) to appoint Ann Morrison as representative on the Marin County Homeless Policy Steering Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Presentation – West Marin – Supervisor Steve Kinsey

The Supervisor was unable to attend.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilmember Moulton-Peters adjourned the meeting to the January 27, 2016 meeting in the City of Mill Valley.

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary

MCCMC Meeting Dates through 2016

Approved 6/24/15

June 24, 2015	Belvedere
July 2015 – no meeting	Summer Break
August 2015 – no meeting	Summer Break
September 16, 2015 (Moved from 9/23 in observance of Yom Kippur)	Corte Madera
October 28, 2015	Fairfax
November 18, 2015 (Moved from 11/24 due to Thanksgiving holiday)	Larkspur
December 2015 – no meeting	Holiday Break
January 27, 2016	Mill Valley
February 24, 2016	Novato
March 23, 2016 March 30, 2016	Ross
April 27, 2016	San Anselmo
May 25, 2016	San Rafael
June 22, 2016	Sausalito
July 2016	Summer Break
August 2016	Summer Break
September 28, 2016	Tiburon
October 26, 2016	Belvedere
November 16, 2016	Corte Madera
December 2016 – no meeting	Holiday Break