

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 30, 2016  
Hosted by the Town of Ross  
Marin Art & Garden Center, Livermore Room  
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross

**Members Present**

Belvedere: James Campbell, Marty Winter  
Corte Madera: Jim Andrews, Carla Condon  
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, Peter Lacques, John Reed  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Catherine Way  
Mill Valley: Sashi McEntee, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Jim Wickham  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Josh Fryday, Eric Lucan  
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, Beach Kuhl, , Elizabeth Robbins, Carla Small  
San Anselmo: Matt Brown, Kay Coleman,  
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough  
Sausalito: Jill Hoffman, Tom Theodores, Ray Withy  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Fairfax City Manager Garrett Toy, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato Interim City Manager Cathy Capriola, Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn, San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman, San Rafael Assistant City Manager Cristine Alilovich, and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

**Call to Order**

President Denise Athas called the meeting to order and introduced new Councilmember Josh Fryday from Novato. Barbara Garfien was introduced by Supervisor Damon Connolly, and Elizabeth Brekhus introduced judicial candidate Sheila Lichtblau.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Hoertkorn welcomed Ross Councilmembers Carla Small, Elizabeth Brekus, Beach Kuhl and Elizabeth Robbins, followed by Ross staff members City Manager Joe Chinn, City Attorney Greg Stepanicich, Recreation and Manager Mike Armstrong, Chief of Police Erik Masterson, Planning Manager Heidi Scoble, Town Clerk Linda Lopez and Supervisor Damon Connolly.

**Public Comment** – None

**Committee Reports**

Disaster & Citizen Corps Council (DC3) Report: Mayor Way introduced herself as the new DC3 representative, stated that she had provided a written report with the packet and referred to websites such as Ready Marin and Alert Marin, which were great resources for towns and cities to obtain disaster preparedness information in Marin. She stated that she would provide quarterly reports.

TAM Report: Councilmember Fredericks reported that 140 requests for crossing guards had come in during the current year compared to the original 80, but said that funds had dried up.

She stated that some sites that had been above the funding line the previous year would not be funded even though their relative rank remained similar year to year. She added that TAM was proposing to offer the schools a volunteer crossing guard opportunity, where volunteers would be trained by the same contractor who trained the hired guards, the cost for which would be considerably less.

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report: Councilmember Fredericks stated that the report would be distributed with the meeting minutes (see attached).

GGBHTD: Councilmember Fredericks provided an update on the Bettini Transit Center, stating that the Bridge District is the owner and operator with the exception of the SMART right of way portion which was controlled by an MOU between the transit parties. She said that, under the MOU, operations of SMART take precedence when they are ready to proceed with construction of the line to Larkspur.

She explained that the SMART ROW cuts through the middle third of the Transit Center, which is shown on the attached schematic. She stated that there were 9,000 transit users per day through the Bettini Center and that the challenge would be to accommodate the construction while minimizing impacts to commuters.

SMART Report: Councilmember Moulton-Peters reported that SMART was originally planned to go all the way to Cloverdale, but that, due to the economic downturn, it would now just go as far as the Sonoma Airport. She said that when the Greenbrae Highway project unfolded, \$20M was given to SMART to fund the Larkspur extension and then SMART was awarded a matching grant, so that eventually, the train will connect to the ferry to San Francisco, and to the airport to the north. She added that ridership estimates were that 200 to 250 passengers per day would travel from San Rafael to Larkspur and that there was an opportunity to create something great at the Bettini Center but it might require slowing the extension project to make that happen.

Marin Transit: Councilmember Bushey also discussed the Bettini Transit Center, stating that Marin Transit was its biggest user and had the largest day-to-day passenger interest. She said that it was critical to protect the functionality of the center as it took so many cars off the road and that it needed to remain functioning during SMART construction.

ABAG: Mayor Eklund reminded the ABAG delegates to register for the General Assembly in April and reported on the two agenda items to be voted on. She said there would also be a presentation by Management Partners who would be doing the MTC/ABAG merger study and referred everyone to her written report. She said that, if funding for ABAG did not go forward, it would cease to exist. She stated that she was trying to set a meeting to discuss the options. Regarding Plan Bay Area 2017, she said there were three scenarios, one of which looked at changing growth patterns, breaking down to 1/3 in PDAs, 1/3 in corridors and 1/3 in cities.

League of CA Cities Report: Mayor Pro Tem Athas invited everyone to the social media conference being put on by the League, and announced that Legislative Action Day was upcoming, which would be a great opportunity to meet with legislators and attend meetings and receptions.

**Program:** Kare Anderson: *“Become a Sought-After Opportunity Maker”*

Ms. Anderson, an author, former reporter and TED presenter, presented her message about getting specific, and how not to bury your most important point in details. Characterize the cause that matters to you so that it will stick in your mind. She said that, in modern society, there are three traits you need to effectively communicate: 1. Cultivate capacity to connect with people unlike yourself, with different temperaments and talents, 2. Identify patterns and methods that, when you do them, there is obvious benefit, and 3. Quotability – how to say something that will stick in peoples’ minds and create a purposeful narrative.

**Business Meeting**

**Announcement of Upcoming Vacancies and Call for Letters of Interest – Marin LAFCO**  
Alternate 4-year term. President Athas announced the opening for alternate for Marin LAFCO and invited letters of interest.

**Presentation:** Preview of new MCCMC Website  
Councilmembers Larry Chu and Eric Lucan gave short report on the updated MCCMC website.

**Adjournment**

At 8:18 p.m., President Athas adjourned the meeting until April 27, 2016 in San Anselmo.

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz  
MCCMC Secretary