

## MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

### MINUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Servino's Ristorante

9 Main Street, Tiburon

#### Members Present

Belvedere: Jerry Butler and Barbara Morrison

Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Carla Condon and John Dupar

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg and Mary Ann Maggiore

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kathy Hartzell and Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Ken Wachtel

Novato: ---

Ross: William Cahill and Scot Hunter

San Anselmo: Ted Freeman, Ford Greene, Judy House and Barbara Thornton

San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Barbara Heller and Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Paul Albritton, Amy Belser, Jonathan Leone and Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Miles Berger, Richard Collins, Alice Fredericks and Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Peggy Curran from Tiburon, Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Adam Politzer from Sausalito, Ann Montgomery from Mill Valley, Michael Rock from Fairfax, and Ken Nordhoff from San Rafael.

**Call to Order:** President Larry Chu called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone from MCCMC and Community United to the meeting. President Chu then recognized incoming mayors and council members: Corte Madera: Mayor Michael Lappert and new council members Alexandra Cock and Bob Ravasio; Fairfax: Mayor Mary Ann Maggiore; Larkspur: Mayor Kathy Hartzell; Mill Valley: Mayor Shawn Marshall and new council members Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Ken Wachtel; Novato: Mayor Pat Eklund and new council member Madeline Kellner; San Anselmo: Mayor Ted Freeman and new council member Ford Greene; San Rafael: Mayor Al Boro reelected and new council members Greg Brockbank and Damon Connolly; Sausalito: Mayor Amy Belser; Tiburon: Mayor Jeff Slavitz and new council member Richard Collins.

#### Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Slavitz welcomed everyone to Tiburon and made a special welcome to those attending on behalf of the Community United. Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools and the evening's speaker, Professor David L. Kirp were introduced and welcomed. He then recognized the Tiburon elected members and introduced Town Manager Peggy Curran and Police Chief Mike Cronin. Special recognition was made to Tiburon Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi for coordinating tonight's event.

Other guests who were introduced: Marin Supervisor Charles McGlashan; Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey; Suzanne Dunwell aide to Senator Migden; Amy O'Gorman, League of CA Cities; Wendy Friefeld, Assistant to Supervisor Adams, Klif Knowles from the Marin Builders Exchange, Deborah Mazzolini and Alicia Bell of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library; Jenny Callaway field representative from Congressman Jared Huffman's office; Patsy White from League of Women Voters; Don Jen, Lourdes Martinez, Ann Matheson, and Kerry Peirson from Marin Community Foundation; Aidenn Gaidmore from Marin Child Care Council; Amy Reish from First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission; Kay Wernhart from Marin Child Care Commission; Ethel Seiderman from Parent Services Project; Pat Jones from ABAG; Pat Kendell from Kaiser Hospital; Ken Lippi from Marin County Office of Education, and all the people representing the various school districts in Marin County.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on November 28, 2007.  
*Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.*

**Election for Openings on Committees:**

- a. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee. Pat Eklund elected (reappointed) for a two year term. M/S. Unanimous.
- b. Marin Economic Commission. Garry Lion elected for a two year term. M/S. Unanimous.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District. Al Boro elected (reappointed) for a two year term. M/S. Unanimous.
- d. Association of Bay Area Government Executive Committee. Shawn Marshall elected to complete the current term to June 2008 vacated by retired member Paul Cohen as alternate. M/S. Unanimous.
- e. Marin County Transit District. Barbara Heller elected (reappointed) and Paul Albritton elected to two year terms. M/S. Unanimous.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks stated that TAM is beginning a process to make good on the Measure A promise to improve transportation by bus transit. TAM is poised to begin to embark on a Southern Marin transit study. The first phase of the study is a part of what will eventually be a multi County study. She noted that the planning funds are limited; the initial study focuses on the Highway 101 trunk line, the connecting services, and the mechanics of making transfers and transitions including the multi modal hubs. She also discussed the resolution going before the TAM Board at their January 24, 2008 meeting opposing the Doyle Drive toll. She wants to make it clear that it is not the seismic work that TAM opposes; merely the unfairness of the North Bay commuters having to shoulder the burden of costs. She urges all individual cities to consider similar resolutions. Additionally, all members should note an upcoming workshop for the Greenbrae Twin Cities corridor improvements on Saturday January 26, 2008.
- b. Golden Gate Bridge District - Al Boro reported to the group on the concept for the Golden Gate Bridge to collect the toll for the Doyle Drive improvement project. He noted that there are really two issues regarding this toll. The first one has to do with the Urban Partnership Program. This is a program that the San Francisco region of MTC went to Washington DC to seek. There are five jurisdictions throughout the Country that have potentially received this grant, including San Francisco. There is \$158 million in Federal funds available to the Bay Area through this partnership, if a mitigation fee or a fee towards congestion is levied. It has been recommended that this be done on Doyle Drive. Second is the \$500 million shortfall on the construction for Doyle Drive. The Golden Gate Bridge staff has requested that MTC seek an extension to the March 31, 2008 deadline through the end of June 2008. The project is estimated to cost \$1.1 billion. It's being pushed by the San Francisco Transportation Authority, that a user toll be placed on Doyle Drive. Mayor Boro urges MCCMC members to write to your assembly representative, your State senator and your Federal and State legislators and urge them that this would be unprecedented for a toll when funds should be coming from the State and Federal government, since this is a State highway, not a private toll road.
- c. Legislative Committee – Barbara Heller noted that she is the new chair and they had their first meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the State is looking at a \$14 billion shortfall. The most important impacts to the cities and towns could be a 10% reduction in COPS funding, a 10% reduction in booking fees, and the Governor is proposing to withhold our

sales tax on gasoline allocations between the months of April and August and pay us back in September and October 2008. She also reported that the Governor does not plan to take property tax from local government under Prop. 1-A or transportation funds under Prop. 42. Here are some important legislative issues for 2008: Climate change implementation, infrastructure implementation, waste diversion, eminent domain, health care and pension reform. ACTION ITEM: Lobbyist Contract for Emanuels Jones and Associates for a two-year term. Annual cost of \$33,600 billed monthly plus \$1,000 in expenses billed quarterly for a total amount not to exceed \$34,600. These are the same rates as the previous contract and under this agreement the rate would not change in 2009. Motion to approve. M/S. Motion passed unanimously. Last item Barbara reported on was upcoming Legislative Action Days on April 16 and 17 in Sacramento. The next meeting in Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> at San Rafael City Hall. NOTE: The group is currently deciding on the meeting time, either 7:30 am or 8 am. Please check with Barbara before this meeting, if you plan to attend.

- d. Marin Telecommunications Agency – Andy Berman thanked outgoing members, praised Councilmember Hillmer and read a resolution thanking him for his 12 years of service and serving as its chair since 1998. He also welcomed new members. He noted that MTA is the only JPA that has only elected members. Andy summarized the strategic work plan that has recently been developed. He summarized the three major components of the strategic work plan: 1) Being a focal point for County telecommunications and County telecom. The agency that is coordinating agency for all the telecom in Marin County. 2) PEG Access. 3) Cable franchise administration.
- e. League of California Cities – Amy O'Gorman noted that many in the room were instrumental with the signature gathering drive to address the issue of eminent domain. She announced that the ballot measure has qualified for the June 2008 ballot. Amy encouraged everyone to stay involved with League activities as its going to be a very busy year.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Program:** David L. Kirp, Professor at the University of California, Berkeley along with Superintendent of Schools Mary Jane Burke on early childhood education and how it relates to the academic, social and physical well-being of our children. Key points included: 1) How to continue to keep the issue of quality early childhood education for all children moving forward. 2) How to reconcile the needs of children to be better prepared for school success with the needs of working parents for childcare. 3) What can be learned from efforts in other states that are implementing universal preschool programs.

**Adjourn:** President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the next meeting on February 27, 2008 in Belvedere.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott  
MCCMC Secretary-Treasurer