

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera

Corte Madera Recreation Center

498 Tamalpais Drive

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Barbara Morrison

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Michael Lappert, Jin Yang, John Dupar, Carla Condon

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer

Mill Valley: Anne Solem, Shawn Marshall, Christopher Raker, Andy Berman,

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Jeanne Macleamy

San Anselmo: Barbara Thornton, Judy House, Wayne Cooper, Ted Freeman

San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Cyr Miller, Paul Cohen

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Paul Albritton, Mike Kelly, Jonathan Leone, Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Absent: Ross

Also present were City and Town Managers David Bracken, Corte Madera, Dana Whitson, Sausalito, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael, Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley, Dan Keen, Novato, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, , Asst. City Manager Bob Sinnott, Larkspur, Town Clerk Judy Anderson, Fairfax, and Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi, Tiburon.

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice Fredericks called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed Jonathan Leone and Herb Weiner, newly elected Sausalito councilmembers.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Melissa Gill welcomed everyone to Corte Madera and introduced fellow councilmembers, and the following staff members: David Bracken, Town Manager, Jackie Branch, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, Christine Green, Town Clerk/Asst. to the Town Manager, Phil Green, Twin Cities Police Chief, David Montero, Superintendent of Public Works and George Warman, Director of Administrative Services.

Other Guests: Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Marin County Administrator Matthew Hymel and Asst. Alex McIntyre, Judy Binsacca of the League of Women Voters, Clark Howatt of ABAG, Cyno Connolly, Friends of Hal Brown, Patsy White, Marin Economic Commission, Valerie Castellana and Edward Segal, Marin Association of Realtors.

President's Report - Alice Fredericks began her report by stating that MCCMC served a need to inform the network of Marin's elected officials; she said that it had been suggested by some that the opportunity be expanded to receive information on regional issues. For example, the Mayors Select Committee of MCCMC proposed formation of an ad hoc committee to meet to discuss RHNA issues; she said that this matter would be agendized at a future MCCMC meeting.

President Fredericks also reported that the Mayor's Select Committee met at the November meeting to discuss other issues related to MCCMC and made these recommendations:

- a) To have better outreach to newly electeds and to target the presence of new members after their election;
- b) To centralize the reservation process (but the committee said this would be a duplicative effort, noting, for example, that Tiburon staff spent 12-16 hours working on dinners/reservations every 18 months);
- c) To provide appropriate venues and/or centralize venues closer to the 101 corridor;

- d) To circulate a list of potential speakers.

Announcements: -

- a) "Get Ready" Disaster Preparedness Program - Larry Smith, President of the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, described the program and its successes. He said that 2400 households (roughly one-third of the households on the Tiburon Peninsula) had received training that focused on families being able to survive for three days after a disaster.

He said that the program was funded with grants from the towns of Tiburon and Belvedere, as well as the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation. Local Police and Fire departments collaborated in the effort. The success of the program was due to the interest created beforehand from an advertising campaign, but also from the media coverage in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. A 50-page manual used by the trainers (and received by the participants) is available at the GetReady.org website.

- b) Joshua Townsend "extended his hand" on behalf of Assemblymember Jared Huffman. He invited members to an open house at the Civic Center office (on the fourth floor) on Wednesday, March 1, fro 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: November 29, 2006.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Appointments

Marin County Disaster Council (DISCO) - Nomination to fill unexpired term of Dennis Scremin 3/31/08 (appointed by Board of Supervisors)

President Fredericks called for nominations from the floor. Barbara Heller of San Rafael nominated Susan Brandborg of Fairfax (who had distributed a letter of interest). There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Moved and seconded to nominate Susan Brandborg for the Marin County Disaster Council (DISCO). Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem reported the Committee had taken action on three items at their last meeting:
 - 1) voted to support the 50/50 split with the County of Marin; Corte Madera dissenting because they thought the County should be responsible for housing quotas within its jurisdiction; 2) voted to support the Migden bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the Marin Community Clinic in the Canal area; 3) voted to support the renewal of David Jones' lobbying contract, which calls for a \$100 per month increase.*Moved and seconded to renew contract with Emmanuel Jones for legislative advocacy services for cities and towns of Marin. Motion passed.*
- b. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) - Steve Kinsey Supervisor Kinsey thanked the city and county MTC representatives for their continued support. He said that the passage of Measure A was critically important to receipt of funding from the California Transportation Commission, of which \$1.3 billion had been earmarked for the Bay Area. Kinsey said that MTC had put forth a list for \$1.9 billion in projects and that Marin and Sonoma projects represented 15% of this total.

He noted that MTC is working on is the Bay Trail Project, and that BCDC has supported a trail across the Richmond/San Rafael bridge.

- b. SMART - No report - Peter Breen was absent.

c. North Bay Division - League of California Cities - Shawn Marshall said the League would focus on infrastructure issues, eminent domain and affordable housing in the coming year. The North Bay Division will be meeting on January 25th. Assemblywoman Lois Wolk will speak on flood control issues and funding.

d. ABAG - Carole Dillon-Knutson reported that ABAG held its first meeting in San Rafael at the Civic Center to discuss the RHNA numbers. It had been helpful to have the letter from MCCMC in hand at that meeting.

Dillon-Knutson also discussed an increase in the TOD (Transit-oriented Development) numbers from 10% to 50% which seems to indicate ABAG's weighing in favor of the larger cities.

Ms. Dillon-Knutson noted she has been elected Vice Chair of the ABAG Legislative Committee; and was also appointed to the Revenue and Taxation Committee of the North Bay Division (League of California Cities).

e. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks stated the committee heard a report about the proposed pedestrian/bicycle lane on the Richmond/San Rafael bridge which would cost \$400 million to add; another option was moveable barriers and narrower lanes which would cost 10% of that number

Public Comment - None.

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PROGRAM: Carol Patterson, Executive Director of the Marin Community Clinic, spoke on the mission and activities of the clinic. She described the capital fund-raising campaign that was underway to build a new clinic in the Canal area of San Rafael.

ADJOURN: President Alice Fredericks adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the next meeting on February 28th in Fairfax.