

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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**Wednesday, January 24, 2018
Hosted by the City of Belvedere
The San Francisco Yacht – 98 Beach Road**

Members Present

Belvedere: Campbell, McAullife, McCaskill, Winter
Corte Madera: Andrews, Bailey, Furst, Ravasio
Fairfax: Coler, Goddard, Lacques, Reed
Larkspur: Chu, Haroff, Way
Mill Valley: McEntee, Wickham
Novato: Athas, Drew, Eklund, Lucan
Ross: Brekhus, Kuhl, McMillan, Robbins
San Anselmo: Brown, Colbert, Coleman
San Rafael: Bushey, Colin, Gamblin, McCullough, Phillips
Sausalito: Burns, Cleveland-Knowles, Cox, Hoffman, Withy
Tiburon: Fraser, Fredericks, Their, Welner

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Craig Middleton; Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Regan Candelario; Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn; San Anselmo Town Manager David Donery; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; Tiburon Town Manager Greg Chanis; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Marin County Board of Supervisors Damon Connolly, Dennis Rodoni, Kate Sears, Leslie Alden, Aide to Supervisors Sears; Mary Sackett, Aide to Supervisor Connolly; Beth Pollard, Executive Director Richardsons Bay Regional Agency; Anna Pletcher, Candidate for Marin County District Attorney

Call to Order

President Colin called the meeting to order at 6:58p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for January 24, 2018. She started off the evening with Two Truths and a Lie as an ice breaker and then introduced the recently elected or appointed Councilmembers: Bruce Ackerman, Fairfax; Brian Colbert, San Anselmo; Julie McMillan, Ross; Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito and Jon Wilner, Tiburon.

Public Comment

President Colin called for public comment. Seeing none, she introduced Belvedere Mayor Marty Winter.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Winter welcomed everyone to the City of Belvedere. He introduced the following special guests: Marin County Board of Supervisors Kate Sears, Damon Connolly, and Dennis Rodoni; Leslie Alden, Aide to Supervisor Sears; Mary Sackett, Aide to Supervisor Connolly; Larry Russell, MMWD Board Member; Beth Pollard, Executive Director Richardsons Bay Regional Agency, and Anna Pletcher, Candidate for Marin County District Attorney. Members of the Belvedere City Council present were Vice Mayor Bob McCaskill, James Campbell, Nancy Kemnitzer and Claire McAullife. Staff present: Tricia Seyler Police Chief, Administrative Services Director Amber Johnson, Planning Director Irene Borba, City Clerk Alison Foulis, Public Works Director Robert Zadnik and City Manager Craig Middleton. He also added that he wanted to thank San Francisco Yacht Club for providing the facility.

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3 Once dinner service was underway, President Colin called on Karen Strolia, Project Manager for the
4 Downtown Streets Team, to give a brief presentation.

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6 **4. Presentation:**

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8 Karen Strolia thanked everyone for touring the mobile shower units. The she provided a brief
9 presentation beginning with a photo showing what the showers will look like one the wraps are in
10 place.

11 Then she provided four quick points about the mobile shower units:

- 12 1. Coordinated entry – There are currently four entry points. The goal for the mobile showers is
13 to provide more entry points in our community. They currently have sites in Novato and San
14 Rafael, but would like to expand to reach people in encampments and other areas.
- 15 2. They are more than showers. Nurse practitioners have asked to help to be available to treat
16 wounds, etc. when people visit the showers. Case managers have reached out to be
17 available to help direct people into services. These partnerships help brings Marin mobile
18 care to life, is a key piece to preventive care and will be a key piece to help rebuild peoples'
19 dignity
- 20 3. The showers help connect with those who are not able to access showers in San Rafael
- 21 4. The biggest piece is helping to provide shower access to families

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23 The Downtown Streets team is grateful for support of the Community Homeless Fund, which is
24 supporting the mobile shower pilot program.

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26 **Questions:**

27 Joan Cox, Sausalito – How does provision of showers help avoid complacency in homelessness
28 and connect to the idea of providing housing first?

29 Response: It's hard for people to feel comfortable having interviews with landlords or prospective
30 employers when they don't feel clean, and showers are the first step toward bridging that
31 problem.

32 Joan Cox – It is important to integrate social problem solving with provision of showers to help
33 avoid complacency in homelessness, and lack of showers can perpetuate homelessness.

34 Response- Downtown Streets team operates mobile showers with the idea of finding people who
35 are stuck in cycle of homelessness. They have staff on hand to connect people with case
36 managers and other specialists that will help people get out of the cycle of homelessness.

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38 Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley – Please explain how you get the water for your showers

39 Response – The showers operate with a garden hose and 120v plug for the lights. There is a
40 holding tank for the water, a propane tank to warm the water, and a disposal tank under the unit
41 to hold the water until it can be emptied.

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43 Gary Phillips, San Rafael - Thanked Downtown Street Team for all of their work in San Rafael

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45 President Colin – Thanked Ms. Strolia for her presentation and stated that it is important to see
46 how the Community Homeless Fund provides services in the community.

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49 **5. Committee Reports:**

50 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – Report provided by Supervisor
51 Damon Connolly. He had said previously that it was anticipated that 2018 would be the “year of
52 transportation”, and it so far, it has been living up to that expectation. He provided several key
53 things happening with MTC and transportation:

1. MTC voted to put Regional Measure 3, the proposal to increase tolls on State-run bridges, on the June ballot. It will be voted on by all nine Bay Area counties. Needs 50% margin Bay Area-wide in order to pass.
2. In November, we will likely see a Repeal of SB 1, the gas tax passed by the legislature last year, on the ballot. – RM3 and SB 1 are complementary. The gas tax measure goes largely to the maintenance and repair of local roads, including over \$8 million per year to Marin, and RM3 is meant to help relieve traffic congestion. The two measures combined are a way to put generational imprint on transportation policy in Marin and the Bay Area
3. RM3 will fund direct connector from 101 north to 580 east, a critical juncture to the San Rafael bridge; it will provide relief through the Marin Sonoma Narrows; it will fund new Downtown San Rafael transit center; it will provide significant down payment to improvements on Highway 37
4. Regarding the Richmond Bridge – Completion of the third lane going eastbound during commute hours will be completed by April. The bike lane has been in the works for a few years and MTC just awarded construction contract to go forward with that. As a representative to the Board, Supervisor Connolly has raised the question, “should the new lane be mixed use?” MTC has agreed to study options for mixed use, namely, can it be used as mixed use, can it be opened to vehicular traffic during commute hours, etc.
5. Transportation Authority of Marin will be taking up the issue of mixed use at their upcoming meeting. It will require an environmental review, a traffic study and would also require looking at the toll plaza for possible improvements.

5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments –Report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato
 Now that ABAG and MTC have merged, for the first time since merger they have put together a joint legislative advocacy program. Now there will be one program and hopes they will be taking similar perspectives. They want MTC and ABAG to support Senator Wiener’s efforts on SB 827 (828?) and updating the Regional Housing Needs Allocation “RHNA” allocation process. She read the following quote from the proposed legislation: “if the HCD finds that a County or City is not building all of the RHNA, then HCD will mandate that any unfinished housing allocation will be added to the next cycle of RHNA allocations”.

The League of California Cities will be working on getting Wiener to make some modifications to his bill. We have a hard battle on that. Every city in this county needs to send a letter of opposition or support in order to be heard on this issue.

Councilmember Eklund reported that they will get report on CASA at the next meeting. Will be getting the delegates together because it is time to start thinking about the next Plan Bay Area meeting. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) has indicated that they will cosponsor the meeting like last time. She will send the electronic version of 2018 Guide to New Housing Laws to Rebecca to send out to the group.

The Environmental Policy Committee took up two bills and she hopes that MCCMC will take a position on, as well. The two bills are AB 1775 and SB 834, regarding offshore oil drilling lease agreements. The Environmental Policy Committee supports these bills because they do not want to see an increase in offshore oil drilling and these two bills would prevent that.

5.c. Homeless Committee –Report provided by Kate Colin, San Rafael
 The Committee met two weeks ago and talked about the mobile showers, and viewed the shower units. Someone from the County came and talked about coordinated entry, which is the approach the County is taking. Everyone is evaluated based on vulnerability and then placed into housing depending upon what their needs are. Historically, it was first come, first served. Coordinated entry is where the person with the most need gets housing first. The Housing First approach is where you place people into housing and then provide the services

1 that support them. Housing First is permanent supportive housing, not just shelter. The
 2 Housing Outreach Team, in the four months, they have provided housing for 12 people, who
 3 were the hardest to serve. In third year of a three year pilot program with the showers and
 4 then it will be evaluated for continuing. Your representatives to the Homeless Committee will
 5 be discussing this with your Councils.

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 7 5.d. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Dan Hillmer, Larkspur
 8 There was no report, please visit www.sonomamarintrain.org for more information about
 9 SMART.

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 11 5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee - Report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
 12 Councilmember Fredericks reported that the Committee has a legislative platform to protect
 13 cities' ability to provide services. If anyone would like the Committee to take a position on a
 14 piece of legislation not directly in line with the Committee's platform, it needs to be brought
 15 before the whole body, try to bring it early and it will be introduced at the end of the regular
 16 MCCMC legislative committee report.

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 18 The Committee is drowning in housing legislation designed to make jurisdictions who haven't
 19 built their RHNA allocations to build them. SB 827 removes discretionary review, provides
 20 density bonuses and grants height exceptions to local zoning ordinances. Depending upon
 21 lot frontage and street width where a project in a transit-rich area is proposed to be built, a
 22 project can be built up to 85 feet high. Legislative Committee voted to take an early and
 23 strong oppose to this bill even though the first hearings of the legislative committees have not
 24 been scheduled.

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 26 The second and third bills that the Committee is looking at are SB 828 and AB 1759, which
 27 increase the authority of the State Department of Housing and Community Development to
 28 monitor and mete out consequences to regions that don't produce their housing.
 29 Both bills are in very early stages. The League of California Cities is working on getting them
 30 amended.

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 32 SB831 – Is promoting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) being built by restricting local
 33 jurisdictions from discretionary review of permits and requires all jurisdictions to adopt ADU
 34 and JADU ordinances. There is a potential leap to regulating local government fees. Because
 35 of this, the Legislative Committee opposed this bill, even though the Committee supports the
 36 idea of ADU and JADU.

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 38 SB833 – This bill was supported in concept. It would create a Red Alert system that would
 39 coordinate all agencies that give emergency information and notifications, and would make
 40 that information more visible and accessible to the public. The Committee will review again
 41 after input on how it will be implemented.

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 43 Last year, the Legislative Committee met with Senator McGuire, who requested information
 44 and tools to support reasonable legislation to produce housing, without undermining local
 45 land use authority. They have formed an ad hoc committee to get more standardized
 46 information about what our jurisdictions have already produced and what they have on the
 47 horizon.

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 49 5.f. Transportation Authority of Marin – Report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
 50 Councilmember Fredericks stated that the group heard most of the information on TAM's
 51 study on use of moveable barrier for the third lane on the San Rafael Bridge in Supervisor
 52 Connolly's report. There was some confusion about what mixed use means. The idea is to

1 look at motor vehicles using the lane during peak commute times and then allowing bicycles
 2 to use the lane during off peak and weekends.
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4 5.f. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District – Report from Alice Fredericks,
 5 Tiburon

6 Councilmember Fredericks stated that if buses could make it through peak congestion in a
 7 timely way, there would be much greater incentive to use public transit, both in the GGB
 8 District and Marin Transit. To that end, buses on the shoulder is a concept that has been
 9 studied in the past, and is currently being reviewed again. In 2008, CalTrans looked at
 10 shoulder use from Atherton to Alexander and determined that most of the shoulder along the
 11 route had insufficient shoulder width for the buses to operate safely. Operational challenges
 12 including impact on enforcement and incident response, presence of disabled vehicles, need
 13 to build auxiliary lanes in between interchanges and current laws prohibiting driving on the
 14 shoulder provide significant challenges.
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16 Regarding the Ferry system, Staff has recently identified a “new to us” high speed ferry that
 17 is on the market. At the next meeting, the Board anticipated authorizing the General
 18 Manager to purchase the ferry.
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20 5.g. Marin County Disaster and Citizen Corps Council(DC3) – Report from Catherine Way,
 21 Larkspur

22 Councilmember Way reported that at the December meeting of DC3, after several years of
 23 work by the subcommittee to determine the goals for the Committee, the Committee agreed
 24 to work on implementing the three proposals: 1. Re-energizing the Get Ready program, 2.
 25 Ensuring that all students have access to Ready 5th Grade, and 3. Implement Disaster
 26 Service Worker training for all County and City employees.
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28 5.h. Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee – Report from Catherine Way, Larkspur
 29 Councilmember Way reported that she has been working with Councilmember Sashi
 30 McEntee, Mill Valley, and they have come up with objectives and goals for the Ad Hoc
 31 Committee and it will be distributed shortly. They intend to meet quarterly beginning at the
 32 end of March.
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34 5.i. By Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Report from Sloan Bailey, Corte Madera
 35 Councilmember Bailey reported that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee, consisting of himself,
 36 Larry Chu (Larkspur), Stephanie Moulton-Peters (Mill Valley), Alice Fredericks (Tiburon), Pat
 37 Eklund (Novato), and please provide your comments to any member of the group. The group
 38 is working on collecting what appears in our Bylaws document, which has been through 9
 39 revisions, the Policies and Procedures document and the Standing Committee listing and
 40 turn these into a simplified revised version.
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42 Two controversial issues:

- 43 1. Should we allow proxy voting? For example, if a Mayor can't make a meeting of the Mayors
 44 Select Committee, can there be a proxy, or can they provide their vote in writing?
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- 46 2. Regarding Speakers – should we have more rules regulating who speaks to us and about
 47 what? The only policy currently is, if you're running for office within 6 months, you cannot
 48 address the group. If a speaker is selling a product, should they be allowed to speak?
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1 **6. Program / Guest Speaker: L. Martin Griffin, M.D. and Joyce Griffin, “SAVING THE COAST**
2 **AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT”**
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4 Dr. Martin Griffin and Joyce Griffin are environmental activists, founders of the Audubon Canyon
5 Ranch, and authors of Saving the Marin-Sonoma Coast. Mr. Griffin gave a brief introduction on his
6 work to preserve the tidelands on Tomales Bay from a development plan in the 1960's that led to
7 one of the largest land use battles in the history of California. After his introduction, the following
8 video was shown: Land Conservationists Triumph: Marty Griffin and the Audubon Canyon Ranch
9 <https://youtu.be/vw7Q5N1qnlq>
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11 In the ten minute narrative, Mr. Griffin relays how he and other local conservationists fought to save
12 hundreds of acres of native habitat and a threatened colony of egrets from a massive construction plan.
13 The master plan for the entire east shore of Tomales Bay called for 3 or 4 schools, shopping centers
14 and a population of 1,000,000 people. Through his efforts in the late 1960's, a nature sanctuary - and
15 the land conservation and environmental education organization now called Audubon Canyon Ranch –
16 was created. The main thrust of the Ranch is to protect Marin County's wildlife and tidelands on
17 Tomales Bay.
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19 Audubon Canyon ranch has since expanded and now has parcels in Sonoma county all donated to
20 the ranch since they trusted it would be held in perpetuity. Visitors are welcome at the Ranch and
21 postcards were left on the table, please visit the Audubon Canyon Ranch website for more
22 information: https://www.egret.org/programs_and_events
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24 President Colin – Expressed her thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their presentation.
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27 **7. BUSINESS MEETING**
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29 7.a. Review of Draft Agenda for February 28, 2018 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of
30 Corte Madera.
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32 There were no changes recommended to the draft agenda for January 24, 2018.
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34 7.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the November 29, 2017
35 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Sausalito.
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37 There was a motion/second (Furst/Eklund) to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed
38 by acclamation.
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41 **Adjournment**

42 President Colin thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:24p.m. to
43 the next regular meeting scheduled for February 28, 2018 hosted by the Town of Corte
44 Madera.
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