

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

**Thursday, January 30, 2014  
Hosted by the City of Sausalito  
Spinnaker Restaurant – 100 Spinnaker Drive  
Sausalito, CA 94965**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: James Campbell, Bob McCaskill, Claire McAuliffe, Sandra Donnell  
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kevin Haroff, Anne Morrison, Catherine Way  
Mill Valley: Jessica Jackson, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
Novato: Denise Athas, Eric Lucan, Madeline Kellner  
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, Carla Small  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Doug Kelly, Tom McInerney  
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough, Gary Philips  
Sausalito: Jonathan Leone, Linda Pfeifer, Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell, Erin Tollini

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer; Tiburon Town Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Diane Crane Iacopi.

**Call to Order**

President Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She asked each city to introduce its new Councilmembers who were in the audience. Mayor Morrison of Larkspur introduced Kevin Haroff and Catherine Way; Mayor Moulton-Peters introduced Mill Valley Councilmember Jessica Jackson; Mayor McInerney of San Anselmo introduced Doug Kelly; Mayor Phillips of San Rafael introduced Maribeth Bushey; and Tiburon Mayor Fredericks introduced Erin Tollini.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Withy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Sausalito City Council and Staff: Jonathon Goldman, Public Works Director; Abbot Chambers, City Librarian; Jeremy Graves, Community Development Director; Charlie Francis, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer; and Jennifer Tejada, Chief of Police.

The Mayor also welcomed guests Nancy Bennett of the League of California Cities and Margaret Jones of the League of Women Voters. He welcomed Supervisor Kate Sears and her aide, Leslie Alden, and said that George Haris, from Marc Levine's office, had attended the social hour.

Mayor Withy turned the meeting back over to President Moulton-Peters for the Business Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2013 meeting.**

There was a motion and second (Kellner/Lion) to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

## **MCCMC Committee Appointments - January 2014**

### **Major Crimes Task Force**

There was a motion and second (Lion/Kellner) to appoint Councilmember Jessica Jackson as alternate representative to the Task Force. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Marin Transit District Board of Directors**

There was a motion and second (Phillips/Kellner) to appoint Councilmember Kate Colin to the alternate boardmember position vacated by Stephanie Moulton-Peters. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **LAFCO**

There was a motion and second (Colin/Weiner) to appoint Mayor Gary Phillips to replace Barbara Heller on the LAFCO Board. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **League of California Cities**

There was a motion and second (Fredericks/Kellner) to reappoint Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Denise Athas as North Bay Division representatives. Motion passed by acclamation.

## **Committee Reports**

**Legislative Committee.** Chair Fredericks said that while there was not a quorum of member cities present at the January meeting, a consensus had been developed on the following bills for MCCMC approval.

### **AB 745: Support**

1. Increases the amount that Marin County Open Space District can enter into contracts for without a formal bid process from \$10 to \$25K, and brings their authority into compliance with other similar regional open space and park districts (East Bay Regional Park District, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space, Sonoma County agricultural preservation open space districts.)
2. Allows nimble response to trail repair, other emergency and small maintenance issues.

*Fredericks asked for approval of the Committee's recommendation to support; passed by acclamation.*

### **AB 194: Oppose**

#### **Expansion of Brown Act Violations -**

1. Current law provides that a decision taken at a public meeting without notice and opportunity for public input can be determined to be null and void and require a rehearing. The null and void provision is intended to prohibit and cure secret meetings.
2. The proposed bill a) expands authority of the DA or interested parties to seek judicial determinations to nullify the action of a local legislative body and require a rehearing; b) by constraining the authority of the public body to limit the duration of the public input or length of speech of an individual, as currently allowed.
3. The bill allows a claim to void a decision because input was limited at a previous informational or discussion meeting.
4. The expanded provisions allow for local filibuster.
5. The bill can be used to obstruct decisions on time sensitive issues.

6. Upsets the clear balance that allows a legislative body to conduct business at hand while taking constitutionally protected public testimony

*Fredericks asked for approval of the Committee's recommendation to oppose; passed by acclamation with one abstention--City of Sausalito (Pfeiffer).*

**AB 1537 – Support** (applies to Marin, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer counties)

Refines the formulas that determine default densities for purposes of getting a housing element approved; changes the designation for several counties including Marin and for the cities within those counties with a population of less than 100,000 from metropolitan to suburban. The new formulas decouple the low density populations numbers in affected counties from nearby high density metro population areas like San Francisco, allowing projects to be reasonably planned consistent with the character of the local community.

She said this bill is sponsored by Marc Levine, supported by the county, affordable housing advocates and even some builders.

*Fredericks asked for its approval of the Committee's recommendation to support; passed by acclamation with two abstentions--City of Sausalito (Pfeiffer) and the City of Larkspur (Haroff).*

Finally, Fredericks said the Committee would continue to watch **AB 1448** which would prohibit local governments from granting lifetime health care benefits to part-time elected officials (e.g. City of Bell).

**Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).** Alice Fredericks reported on the following initiatives:

**a) Safe Routes to School:** Fredericks said that TAM had created a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) ad hoc subcommittee to assess how to invest MTC funding to SR2S. The ad hoc committee recommended each jurisdiction engage the volunteer efforts of both school board members and council members. TAM authorized the chair to ask each jurisdiction to appoint a SR2S representative from the council to work with the ad hoc committee in their jurisdiction. Thanks to all jurisdictions who responded.

**b) Bay Area Electric Vehicle Corridor Project:** Fredericks said that TAM and five Marin partner agencies have completed a network of 10 EV charging stations in Marin County—two (2) in Fairfax, four (4) in Novato, two (2) in Larkspur; one (1) each in San Anselmo and Mill Valley. According to Plowshare, private sector has built 40 charger stations including Level 2 and DC fast charging stations at various commercial locations. See map at [www.Plugshare.com](http://www.Plugshare.com).

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD).** Boardmember Fredericks said that the meeting to take public comment on the proposed toll increase will take place on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 p.m. in the San Rafael Council Chambers. She noted that the last toll increase was in 2008 and that the proposed toll increase was contemplated in the 2009 Strategic Financial Plan. She said this increase would wipe out the remaining accumulated deficit (and the deficit predicted by the 2009 Strategic Financial Plan.) From now until mid year, Fredericks said the GGBHTD Strategic Financial Plan sub committee will be developing further initiatives to address the deficit projections.

**Marin Transit District** – Madeline Kellner reported on several initiatives: 1) the Muir Woods Shuttle had been utilized for the first time during the holidays to great success, and its “summer” schedule was being moved up to Spring (late March); 2) upgraded bus stops had been installed in Novato and the ribbon-cutting ceremonies were attended by local officials; 3) Rowland Boulevard intersection improvements were underway; and 4) MTD planned to do some more marketing surveys about transit ridership in different communities.

**League of California Cities.** No report.

**Speaker:** District 3 Supervisor Kate Sears, President of the Board of Supervisors

**Program:** “Working Together at All Levels of Government in Marin – Local, County, State and Federal – for the Benefit of our Communities”

Mayor Withy introduced Supervisor Sears. He noted her local roots in Sausalito, and described the many accomplishments throughout her career. Mayor Withy said the relationship between local officials and their supervisor was an important one. He said he was pleased to have District 3 Supervisor Sears, who was recently elected President of the Board of Supervisors, as the speaker tonight.

In her presentation, Ms. Sears described several areas she was focused on for the “care of the commons” and in the process, her goal to promote community and encourage positive engagement.

--Climate Change and Sea Level Rise: Sears asked what the best way would be to roll out the conversation to the community; gave examples of other communities and models;

--Energy: Sears talked about cutting emissions and realigning and reorienting distribution to see if our jurisdictions want to work together on permit processes for installation of solar on public and private buildings;

--Water: Sears talked about initiating pilot programs for grey water usage during the drought and easing permitting for grey water systems; also talked about rain water collection; told how supervisors were asking for a temporary waiver in feed designation to maintain organic labeling in county;

--Traffic and Transportation: Sears said there was more to do; that we need to choose public transit; we need to also be mindful of approving projects that have negative impacts on traffic in our jurisdictions;

--Community Pride: The supervisor said there was always room to expand community engagement and inclusion in decision-making; gave an example of the County’s Vegetation Management Plan that had worked with fire districts and other stakeholders to accomplish;

--Youth Binge Drinking: She acknowledged that Southern Marin is a “hot spot” and there is more to do to address this issue;

--Aging Population in County: The future points to this and housing, transit, social services and accessibility needs will increase;

--Education: Sears spoke in support of enhanced preschool education and the Governor's initiative in the state budget.

### **Adjournment**

President Moulton-Peters thanked everyone for their attendance and Supervisor Sears for her thought-provoking and encouraging report. She adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the next meeting to be hosted by the Town of Tiburon on February 26, 2014.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi  
MCCMC Secretary