

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Checkers

150 Paul Drive, San Rafael, CA

Members Present

Belvedere: - - -

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Michael Lappert, and John Dupar

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kathleen Hartzell, Joan Lundstrom, Ron Arlas, and Dan Hillmer

Mill Valley: Chris Raker, Dick Swanson, and Anne Solomn

Novato: - Jeanne McCleamy, Ernie Gray, and Carole Dillon Knutson

Ross: - - -

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Judy House, and Barbara Thornton

San Rafael: Cyr Miller, Al Boro, Barbara Heller, Paul Cohen, and Gary Phillips

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

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Adam Politzer from Sausalito, and Ken Nordhoff from San Rafael.

Call to Order: President Larry Chu called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Chu introduced San Rafael Mayor Al Boro who made the following introductions:

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Al Boro welcomed everyone to Checkers in San Rafael, and introduced and thanked the owner, former Ross council member Charlie Goodman and his wife Barbara. He then recognized the San Rafael elected members Cyr Miller, Barbara Heller, Paul Cohen and Gary Phillips. The following City staff members were introduced: City Manager Ken Nordhoff, Assistant to the City Manager Terri Hardesty, Assistant City Manager Jim Schultz, Fire Chief Chris Gray, Police Chief Matt Odetto, Finance Director Cindy Mosser, Director of Human Resources Leslie Loomis, Director of Planning Bob Brown, City Clerk Jeanne Leoncini, Community Services Director Carlene McCart, and Redevelopment Director/Deputy City Manager Nancy Mackle.

Other guests who were introduced: Sue Peterson of Marin Builders Association, Patsy White and Judy Binsaka of the League of Women Voters, Suzanne Dunwell aide to Senator Migden, Susannah Clark, Aide to Supervisor Adams, Cynthia Gray, Cecilia Zamora Marin Women's Commission/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Dick Spotswood of the Marin IJ, George Sullivan friend of Mayor Boro, Bob Ravasio Corte Madera council member elect, and the evening's speaker Mario van Dongen Publisher of the Marin Independent Journal.

President Chu continued with the business phase of the meeting. He first recognized those council members that were retiring from their elected positions. He thanked them for their service to their respective communities and to the MCCMC.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on September 26, 2007

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Marin Economic Commission – Gary Phillips announced the 9th Annual Marin Economic Commission Awards for Excellence luncheon on November 16th and encouraged everyone to attend. He noted that each year the Marin Economic Commission recognizes local businesses, organizations, and individuals for achievement in a variety of categories including green business practices, workforce training and preparedness, business development, agriculture, and provision of workforce housing. Awardees are

selected from nominations made by local businesses, organizations, and individuals and are recognized by the community at the Awards of Excellence Luncheon, held each autumn. The Board of Supervisors recognizes its Business of the Year recipient at the luncheon as well.

- b. Golden Gate Bridge District - Al Boro updated the group on the partnership program for the GG Bridge. He noted that this would not involve any major signage or naming the bridge on behalf of a sponsor. No banners or other large graphics will be utilized. Mayor Boro stated that only small and appropriate logos of the sponsors would be used in areas such as the visitor's area near the Toll Plaza. A wall of recognition, which would involve a plaque with sponsor names, is also an option under consideration. Mayor Boro announced that *TransLink* has been launched which enables passengers to use one card on multiple public transit systems. Golden Gate Bridge District and AC Transit are the first transit agencies to utilize the new Trans Link system. Mayor Boro noted that the EIR for the proposed suicide barrier has been delayed approximately 10 months. He also summarized the newly discovered seismic problems at the north end of the bridge and detailed potential mitigation strategies.
- c. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) - Peter Breen noted that the revised EIR/EIS closed last evening. Most of the comments collected were in regard to freight service through Novato. He hopes that the final EIR will be out in the spring of 2008. Council Member Breen noted the progress of SMART officials meeting with Larkspur officials in regard to the southern terminus. He also updated the group on the lawsuit filed by the City of Novato against the North Coast Railroad Authority. This pertains to new freight service the City wants halted until a comprehensive environmental study is completed.
- d. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks announced the distribution of the Transit Oriented Development and Pedestrian Design tool kits. Additionally, she urges everyone to keep abreast of the Central San Rafael Gap closure schedule, as planned shutdowns of the Highway 101 freeway will be occurring.

Public Comment: Paul Cohen announced that this is his final MCCMC meeting as a San Rafael council member. He thanked everyone for their help, support and dedication to our Marin communities and MCCMC. He is currently running for the San Rafael City Schools District board and has been appointed to the MTC advisory panel for the 2035 plan. Mayor Boro reported on the meeting that occurred prior to this evening's MCCMC event, that included representation from several cities and towns and which focused on homelessness. He noted that San Rafael would be hosting a gathering for the 10-year plan to end homelessness on December 5, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church starting at 9 am. Captain Tom Stambaugh of the San Rafael chapter of the Salvation Army addressed the group on the status and efforts of the Salvation Army in the areas of disaster relief, homelessness and programs to aid the elderly and infirmed. He invites the group to contact him at anytime to coordinate efforts or to discuss current or new programs.

Program: Mayor Boro introduced Marin Independent Journal Publisher Mario von Dongen, who provided a presentation and overview on the Marin IJ and the current status and challenges of publishing a competitive, informative and qualitative daily newspaper. He noted that the IJ is read by over 100,000 each day and that over \$1 million per year is spent to promote local non-profits.

Adjourn: President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m. to the next meeting on November 28, 2007 in Sausalito.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott
MCCMC Secretary-Treasurer