

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

**Monday, October 24, 2012
Hosted by the City of Sausalito
Spinnaker Restaurant
Sausalito, CA 94965**

Members Present

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe, Bob McCaskill
Corte Madera: Diane Furst, Michael Lappert
Fairfax: David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner
Ross: P. Beach Kuhl
San Anselmo: Jeff Kroot, Lori Lopin, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Marc Levine, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Michael Kelley, Linda Pfeifer, Herb Weiner
Tiburon: Jim Fraser

City Managers & Staff: Belvedere Assistant City Manager Felicia Wheaton; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Anselmo Librarian Linda Kenlon; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer; Tiburon Town Clerk (MCCMC Secretary) Diane Crane Iacopi

Call to Order

President Weiner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the City of Sausalito. He provided each Mayor with a poster from the recent Sausalito Art Festival.

Public Comment

Pat Eklund invited everyone to a public meeting in Novato to preview a Safe Routes to School toolkit on October 29, at 1pm at the Novato Police Department.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Sausalito Council who were present, along with the Sausalito City Staff: City Manager Adam Politzer, City Clerk Debbie Pagliaro, Library Director Abbot Chambers, Public Works Director Jonathon Goldman, Chief of Police Jennifer Tejada, Mike Langford, Parks & Recreation Director.

The Mayor also welcomed guests Marin County Supervisors Katie Rice and Kate Sears, League of Women Voters representative Patsy Peter, guest of Councilmember Lappert, Maureen Daly, and Don Carney, speaker.

Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2012 meeting.

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

Committee Reports

League of California Cities: North Bay Division President Kellner invited interested members to submit their names to Nancy Bennett for consideration of committee appointments.

ABAG: Pat Eklund gave a brief report on the topics discussed at the recent General Assembly. She offered to provide the members with information on Disaster Preparedness and a copy of the latest Bay Area Economic Commission report.

Eklund also gave an update on the SCS process. She said that the ABAG Regional Planning Committee will evaluate 20 PDAs for more density. She noted there are few PDAs in Marin County but she said the committee will also look at ways to increase the Priority Conservation Areas in Marin. Eklund raised concerns about the partnership between ABAG and MTC; she said that MTC was driving the planning process because they control the funding. She expressed concern about a lack of transparency in the voting process.

Cal-ID RAN: Len Rifkin said he attended a recent meeting of the board which meets twice a year to review the remote access network (RAN) that is utilized by all the cities police departments to identify fingerprints in the field. He said the group reviews costs for replacement equipment and the like. He said the program is funded by \$1 per vehicle license fee in the county, in addition to funding from the County of Marin. He said the issue had been raised of whether the cities might want to contribute or share in the cost of the program.

Rifkind said he would be willing to represent the cities (MCCMC) on this Board.

Appointments: Cal-ID RAN – vacant seat created by the resignation of Barbara Thornton in November 2011.

There was a motion and second (Weiner/Connolly) to appoint Mr. Rifkind to the Cal-ID RAN board. Motion passed by acclamation.

President Weiner called for a meeting of the City Selection Committee (Mayors) at the end of the regular meeting to ratify the appointment*.

Mayor Kelly introduced the speaker.

Presentation: Youth Court – Successes since 2004

Speaker: Don Carney

Mr. Carney said that prior to working with Marin County Youth Court, he had been Youth and Family Director of the YMCA. Mr. Carney said that since 2004, the Youth Court had been successful in keeping 850 kids out of the juvenile justice system. He said the Court program had a 95% completion rate. He gave examples of the challenges and problems facing youth in Marin County; he said these problems transcended all social and economic levels.

Mr. Carney said that late Supervisor, Hal Brown, was a great advocate and supporter of the Youth Court, and that his successor, Katie Rice, was continuing this support through the funding approved by the Board of Supervisors. He said that in 2010, the Youth Court had won a Heart of Marin Award and that in 2011, the Novato Blue Ribbon Committee, "Healthy Novato," had helped the group obtain a \$100,000 grant for the drug-free communities for five years.

Carney said that elected officials in Marin could support the program by: 1) encouraging their police departments to make direct referrals to the program rather than probation [and school districts can also make direct referrals]; 2) adopt and enforce Social Host ordinances; and 3) support Alco Pop Free zones to stand up against marketing these sweet drinks to children.

During Q&A, Mayor Kelly said that he was very impressed with the way the Youth Court operated and their positive results. He described the process whereby there is a 40-minute hearing, then the "sentence" was negotiated with all parties, and all parties end up being in agreement.

Patsy Peter also spoke enthusiastically of the program and said that everyone should attend one of the hearings which are held every Tuesday evening at the Prandi Center, in Novato.

Lori Lopin asked what percentage of kids in trouble the 850 number represented. Mr. Carney said it was 30%.

Diane Furst asked whether the Court ever heard issues of bullying. Mr. Carney said that in most of the hearings, there was no "victim" other than the person who had gotten into trouble with drugs and alcohol, and members of their family.

Len Rifkind asked for the speaker's opinion of the use of marijuana. The speaker said that his goal was to get it off school campuses. He said that he opposed any substance that impeded the brain development of youth.

Chief Tejada commended Mr. Carney for his work on the Youth Court and stressed the importance, in her mind, of keeping the focus on alcohol which was the most accessible "drug".

Other questions centered around appropriate "modeling" for children with the use of alcohol (the advice was to de-couple the automatic celebration of good times with alcohol, for instance).

Adjournment: President Weiner thanked the speaker and the members for attending the meeting. He announced that the November 28, 2012 meeting would be held in Tiburon. Meantime, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted,
Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary

*The MCCMC City Selection Committee convened at end of meeting.

Mayors present were Jim Fraser, Gary Phillips, Diane Furst (Vice Mayor), Len Rifkind, Garry Lion, Pat Eklund (Mayor Pro Tempore), Jeff Kroot (for Tom McInerney), and President Weiner. The Mayors voted unanimously to ratify Mayor Rifkind's appointment to the Cal-ID RAN board.

There was then a brief discussion, led by MCCMC Vice President Rifkind, of whether MCCMC speakers should be chosen on the basis of political or policy issues affecting cities, or topics of more general interest. There was support for both points of view among the group. It was suggested that the MCCMC Executive Committee might want to survey the membership for their thoughts, as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.