

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

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009**

Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley, CA

**Members Present**

Belvedere: No members attended

Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Carla Condon, John Dupar, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Mary Ann Maggiore

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kathy Hartzell, Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel, Garry Lion

Novato: Madeline Kellner, Jeanne MacLeamy, Carol Dillon-Knutson, Pat Eklund

Ross: No members attended

San Anselmo: Barbara Thornton, Peter Breen, Judy House

San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Barbara Heller, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Jonathan Leone

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: George Rodericks, Belvedere; Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley; Michael Rock, Fairfax; Jean Bonander, Larkspur; Michael Frank, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael; Adam Politzer, Sausalito; Peggy Curran, Tiburon; and Secretary/Treasurer Diane Crane Iacopi of Tiburon.

**Call to Order:** President Jeff Slavitz called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and introduced the Mill Valley Mayor, Andrew Berman.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Mayor Berman welcomed everyone to Mill Valley and its Community Center. He introduced the members of the Mill Valley City Council who were present, along with three former mayors, Chris Raker, Cliff Waldeck, and Dennis Fisco. He introduced members of the City Staff: City Manager Anne Montgomery, City Attorney Greg Stepanicich, Director of Finance Eric Erickson, Director of Planning and Building Michael Moore, Director of Police & Fire Bob Ritter, Director of Public Works Wayne Bush, City Librarian Anji Brenner, and Director of Parks & Recreation Christine Sansom. Berman thanked Montgomery and Ritter for their years of service to the City, noting they will both be retiring at the end of the year. He gave special thanks to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Wilson for organizing the event.

Other guests who were present: Wendy Friefeld, District Director, Office of Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, Marin County Supervisors Charles McGlashan and Steve Kinsey, Supervisorial Aides Cyno Connolly, Maureen Parton and Leslie Alden, County Administrator Matthew Hymel, MMWD Director Paul Helliker, League of Women Voters representatives Patsy White and Margaret Jones, Corte Madera Council candidates Diane Furst and George Topor, and Elliot Hoffman, guest of speaker Hunter Lovins.

Mayor Berman also introduced the technical crew of the Community Media Center of Marin who were present to videotape the presentation.

In his remarks, President Slavitz also acknowledged outgoing Larkspur City Manager Jean Bonander for her 16 years of services to that city, and five years with the Town of San Anselmo.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on September 23, 2009

Larry Chu made the following corrections to the minutes:

- Page 2, first line – “MGSA” should be “MCCMC JPA Oversight Committee”

Page 2, report labeled “Marin General Services Agency” – (1) Replace with JPA Oversight Committee; (2) Replace “Board of Supervisors” with “board of the Marin General Services Authority”; (3) Replace “head of MGSA” with “Chair of the JPA Oversight Committee”

*Moved and seconded to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion passed.*

**Action Item:** Support for Marin Leadership Forum (Alice Fredericks)

Alice Fredericks asked the group to lend its support to a forum to discuss issues of local government reform. She said that a number of groups were participating and that she, Mill Valley Councilmember Shawn Marshall, Novato Councilmember Pat Eklund, and Supervisor Susan Adams had attended a “summit” on this topic in Sacramento over the summer (sponsored by the League of California Cities).

Fredericks said that the format would be a panel discussion with input from local elected officials and leaders. She said it was not a venue to advocate for particular ideas but rather to provide information to local leaders and other stakeholders. Fredericks said that a number of groups, including the North Bay Council, and a partnership of cities, county and schools, had already endorsed the forum and would be participating. She noted that the Marin County Supervisors had voted to endorse the forum the previous evening at their meeting.

Fredericks also mentioned that Marin United was looking for a host city this year for MCCMC.

*Moved and seconded to “host” (add name to list of sponsors of) the forum, along with other groups who have voted to support or host the form. Motion passed.*

### **Committee Reports**

- a. TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) – Alice Fredericks invited everyone to attend the Marin Climate Change “Fantasy Camp” workshop on November 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. She said that ideas for the next steps to further transportation and climate change would be addressed.
- b. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Steve Kinsey seconded Alice’s invitation to the Climate Change Workshop. He reported on the status of Golden Gate Bridge and Oakland Bay Bridge repairs. Kinsey said that MTC had seven, state-owned bridges in its jurisdiction and that two (Antioch and Dumbarton) had not yet been seismically upgraded. He said that tolls would be increased in the next six months to pay for these repairs. Kinsey also said that MTC was wrestling with the idea of congestion pricing on the Bay Bridge. He said that in light of the passage of AB 32 and SB 375 there was a significant relationship between planning and transportation issues that would have to be addressed, and the MTC would start to move its discretionary money to those communities that successfully integrated the two.
- c. Major Crimes Task Force – Pat Eklund gave the report. She said that there had been a vacancy on the task force for the MCCMC-appointed citizen representative for some time. She recommended that each city and the county post the vacancy on their websites and she asked the group to approve an expenditure of up to \$200 to place an ad in the Marin Independent Journal. She said that she would report on its progress at the next meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the process and expenditure.

*Moved and seconded to authorize an expenditure of up to \$200 to place an ad in the Marin IJ for the vacancy on the task force. Motion passed.*

- d. Marin Economic Commission – Garry Lion presented the report. He said that a Marin Economic Forum was being formed that would focus on the three “E’s:” Economic

sustainability, social equity, and the environment. He said that this group was a private/public partnership and did not seek funding from the cities as previously anticipated. He said the emphasis would be on small businesses and the economic vitality of Marin County. Mr. Lion said there were four openings on the task force if anyone was interested or knew anyone who was. He said that he would like to serve as a continuation of his work with the commission.

- e. Marin Managers Association (Pension Reform) – San Rafael Manager Ken Nordhoff gave a power point presentation. He said that the average pension for public employees was substantially less than the six figures reported by the media. However, he said that everyone was aware of abuses to the system. Nordhoff said the League of California Cities and CCSAC had encouraged pension reform, and that the Marin Manager's Association had met to discuss the problems and proactively plan for the future. He presented the group's guiding principles, key findings, and next steps. He said the goal was to create a "better sharing of risk" between employee and employer and to eliminate abuses. He said that one concept was to establish defined benefit plans for long-term, career employees. He said that the Marin Manager's Association were working on local guidelines that would create a two-tier retirement system, use a three-year pension average, and limit pension COLA's. He said this would result in long-term cost-savings and budget stability but still attract and retain quality talent. Nordhoff said that the report would be finalized by early November. In response to a question from a Novato Councilmember, Nordhoff said that they envisioned the concepts being implemented on an agency-by-agency basis.

**Other Reports:**

Greg Brockbank said he had attended a meeting at the Board of Supervisors Chambers on homeless policy. He said that there was no city representative to the group and that it had been suggested that it would be a good idea. He proposed that the MCCMC Executive Committee consider making an appointment and that he would be interested, pursuant to the usual appointment process.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Program: Hunter Lovins, Author, "The Business Case for a Sustainable Marin County"**

Prior to introducing the speaker, Mayor Berman talked about environmental degradation and how daunting it was. He said that after he heard Ms. Lovins' lecture, he found new hope in a global solution to these problems.

Berman outlined some of the steps that were being taken by the City of Mill Valley to address the issue, such as creating a Climate Action Plan, supporting the Marin Clean Energy initiative, installing solar panels at the Police Department, setting a target to reduce paper usage by 20%, banning plastic water bottles, and other programs. He then introduced Ms. Lovins, founder and president of Natural Capitalism, Inc., and co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Ms. Lovins made a case that the current economic crisis was evidence that "business as usual" could not and should not endure. She said that an economic recovery based on old models would only set the stage for the next collapse. She illustrated some of the fallout of climate change world-wide and said that even the skeptics could agree that making changes, regardless of their belief in global warming or other scientific studies, would make good business sense. She said that large companies such as Walmart were saving \$11 billion globally by cutting waste (such as packaging, etc.) and thereby reducing their carbon footprint. She said that these were examples of short-term pay-offs that had long-term implications. Ms. Lovins suggested that the way out of

the recession was through innovation and “green technology.” She gave examples of companies and countries that are leading the way. She challenged everyone in the room to do their part for a sustainable future, starting at the local government level.

During her Q&A, Ms. Lovins was asked what cities could do. She recommended doing a carbon footprint assessment and also said to download the Cities Climate Protection Manual at her website, [www.natcapsolutions.com](http://www.natcapsolutions.com).

**Adjourn:** 9:07 p.m. to the next meeting hosted by the City of Novato Valley on Thursday, December 3, a date selected to replace the November date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi, Secretary-Treasurer