

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
Draft Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Hosted by the Town of Fairfax
The Marin Museum of Bicycling
1966 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax

Members Present

Belvedere: no attendees

Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, Peter Lacques, John Reed, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Ann Morrison, Catherine Way

Mill Valley: Stephanie Moulton-Peters

Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy

Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, P. Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Robbins, Carla Small

San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, John Wright

San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips

Sausalito: Tom Theodores

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy, Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola, Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn, San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman, San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz, Corte Madera Town Clerk Michele Gardner and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

Call to Order

President Denise Athas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Barbara Coler introduced honored guests including Mark Vendetti, Museum President; County Supervisors Katie Rice and Damon Connolly; Marin Municipal Water District Board Member Larry Bragman and Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Vice President Richard Pedemonte. She also welcomed Town staff members Town Manager Garrett Toy, Police Chief Chris Morin, Police Sergeant Rico Tavaranza, Finance Director Michael Vivrette, Director of Planning and Building Jim Moore Principal Planner Linda Neal, Chief Building Official Mark Lockaby, Town Attorney Janet Coleson and Town Clerk Michele Gardner.

Public Comment: None

Dinner and Committee Reports

TAM Report: Councilmember Fredericks reported that TAM had approved the constrained list of projects and programs for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a 25 year proposal which is updated every four years. She explained that the RTP was a list of prioritized local and countywide projects that were eligible for State and Federal gas tax money and said that the projects were prioritized to maximize regional funding for Marin, which was a complicated process since most projects needed funding from more than one source. She added that requests for funding for projects that qualify for inclusion in the RTP totaled \$252.5M in this

year's dollars. She reported that, at its next meeting TAM would consider prioritizing the constrained list and urged each jurisdiction to look at the list

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report: Councilmember Fredericks reported that the Legislative Committee work was winding down until January when some bills would be resurrected, and that, in anticipation of next session, the Committee took a watch position on AB 1X-24 which addressed concerns about MTC's proposal to defund ABAG and subsume the ABAG planning staff into MTC's planning staff.

She concluded by stating that the Legislative Committee then had a brief discussion about the need to pursue opportunities for yellow school bus funding.

GGBHTD Report: Councilmember Fredericks provided some statistics from August, stating that car counts were up 3% from August of last year, between 17K and 22K people per day walked or biked across the GGB, ferry ridership increased 5.6% from the same time the previous year, and, the Bridge District now runs five ferry shuttle routes, two of which are pilots to assess ridership and need.

She reported Strategic Financial Plan Updates, stating that the plan was a list of initiatives to close the projected five year deficit of \$35M, and was essentially a work plan to reduce expenses and create revenue enhancements. She outlined the initiatives, which included ferry WiFi, evaluation of service to Tiburon, long range planning to assess the feasibility of parking options and working with Marin Transit to provide access to SMART

SMART: Councilmember Moulton-Peters said that work was progressing on the Bettini Transit Center which would be impacted if SMART went through San Rafael and that bus services would need to be relocated during construction. She stated that there would be a bike path running parallel to the track going through San Rafael, and that an engineering study had been commissioned. She concluded by stating that the construction of the rail was nearly complete, and that they were now focusing on ancillary structures.

ABAG: Mayor Pro Tem Eklund reported that 68 applications for new PCA designations had been submitted for the SF Bay area, three of which were from Fairfax and four from Novato, and were approved. She said they would be prioritized following funding. She discussed the ABAG and MTC issue, stating that the resolution she was requesting be adopted was to request full funding for ABAG through 2021, and also asked that MTC not to take land use planning and staff away from ABAG. She reported that, earlier that day, it had been decided to fund ABAG through June of 2016, and held further decisions in abeyance. She added that SEIU had made a proposal for a full merger of the two agencies. She concluded by thanking the cities who had already sent letters, and encouraged others to do so.

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise: Councilmember Moulton-Peters gave a brief report, stating that a partnership was being formed with the County to study what sea level will be like in the future, which would involve all 11 cities and would look at what the effect would be of various levels of rise and what plans should be made to prepare.

Program: Ethan Elkind, Associate Director of the Climate Change and Business Program Center for Law, Energy & the Environment, UC Berkeley School of Law: “All Environmentalism is Local: How Marin Can Address The State’s Climate And Energy Goals”

Mayor Coler introduced Mr. Elkind, who spoke about the Environmental Research Center, stating that they worked with businesses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and issued reports on the topic. He explained the four-pronged approach to reducing GHG emissions. He reported that the major source of emissions in California was transportation, followed by industrial. He said that we needed to be more energy efficient, and that there were three ways to offset usage, including repurposing used batteries for bulk storage, using technology to run energy usage and avoid peak power times, and to electrify transportation, drive less and create infill development, locating development near transit. He concluded by stating that, in California, we’ve proven that we can cut carbon and still grow the economy.

Business Meeting

Presentation to Outgoing MCCMC President Moulton-Peters - President Athas presented outgoing President Moulton-Peters with a plaque and listed her proudest accomplishments. Councilmember Moulton-Peters expressed her appreciation and well wishes to the group.

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2015 meeting

There was a motion/second (Eklund/Phillips) to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Nominations to Fill Upcoming Vacancies 2016

There was a motion/second (Lucan/Eklund) to nominate Alice Fredericks to the GGBHTD Board. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Way/Coleman) to nominate Pat Eklund as representative to the Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Morrison/Eklund) to nominate Catherine Way as representative to the Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps (“DC3”). Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Coler/Weinsoff) to nominate Stephanie Moulton-Peters as representative to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second to nominate Maribeth Bushey to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the 2017 term as representative to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Moulton-Peters/McCullough) to nominate Eric Lucan as alternate to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Way/Bushey) to nominate Ann Morrison as representative on the Marin County Homeless Policy Steering Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Appointments to occur at the November 2015 meeting.

Presentation – The Role of City/Town Clerks, Sheri Hartz

Ms. Hartz gave a brief presentation on the City Clerk’s role in local government, which included acting as the Elections Official, local legislation auditor, municipal officer, political reform filing officer, records and archive manager, City Council support services and public inquiry liaison. She said that public service could be envisioned as a balanced triangle, with the City Council setting policy, the City Manager in charge of providing the product or services and the City Clerk to ensure that the decision-making process was transparent, complies with pertinent regulations and was properly recorded.

At 8:48 p.m., President Athas adjourned the meeting to the November 18, 2015 meeting in the City of Larkspur.

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary

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