

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2008

Deer Park Villa
367 Bolinas Road

Fairfax, CA

(Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo)

Members Present

Belvedere: ---

Corte Madera: Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Jill Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn E. Marshall, Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Jeanne Macleamy

Ross: Chris Martin

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Ted Freeman, Ford Greene, Judy House, Barbara Thornton

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

Sausalito: Jonathan Leone, Linda Pfeifer

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: George Rodericks, Belvedere; Patricia Thompson, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael; and Adam Politzer, Sausalito

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. President Brandborg introduced the Mayor of San Anselmo, Ted Freeman.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Ted Freeman welcomed everyone to the dinner hosted by the Town of San Anselmo and introduced the San Anselmo Council Members and the following Town staff: Debbie Stutsman, Town Manager; Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief; Charles Maynard, Chief of Police; Rob Epstein, Town Attorney; Doug Long, Community Development Director; Lisa Wight, Planning Director; and Joanne Kessel, Administrative Services Technician.

Other guests who were introduced: Ken Kirkey, Planning Director, ABAG; Steve Kinsey, District 4 Supervisor; Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Association; and Wendy Friefeld, District Director, Office of Lyn Woolsey.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on October 22, 2008.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) – Alice Fredericks presented the report. She described the agreement for the funding for the Doyle Drive project that included TAM's share of four million dollars; stated that TAM had not wanted to set a precedent but that it was not uncommon for jurisdictions that benefited from a project to pay a portion of the cost; that TAM was taking future STIPP funds and using them for the project along with the contribution from the Golden Gate Bridge District; and that those amounts were all that Marin would be asked to contribute. She also reported on the opening of the Central San Rafael on-ramp; that two lanes would be open to Highway 580 in mid-December; and that other portions of the project were scheduled to open in January.
- b. Legislative Committee – Barbara Heller, outgoing chair of the Committee, presented the report. She referred to a report given by David Jones, lobbyist, who had informed them

that the Democrats were still short the votes needed in the Assembly and the Senate to pass a State budget; reported that a group of people was working on changing to a simple majority requirement to pass the State budget; announced that Alice Fredericks was the new chair of the Legislative Committee; and that the Committee's next meeting would be on January 12th at 8 a.m. at San Rafael City Hall.

- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District – Al Boro noted that Marin had four members on the District Board and that they had agreed to contribute to the Doyle Drive Project because a regional approach for the funding had been used, not just contributions from the North Bay; that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) would contribute 75 million and the Bridge District would match that amount; that the contribution amount would be refunded if the Legislature determined that tolls were to be used for the project; that all the money would be returned if the project wasn't completed by January 1, 2014; that the District had purchased two high-speed ferries from the State of Washington for two million dollars each; stated that the two ferries would be purchased and refurbished for a total of 24 million dollars whereas each ferry would cost 18.5 million dollars if purchased new; that the Del Norte had been dry-docked for engine repair; and that the District had been informed by MTC that several million dollars had been cut from expected funding causing a loss of over two million dollars to the District's budget.
- d. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Steve Kinsey reported that San Francisco was taking money for Doyle Drive, that the State was taking money; that the Federal Government was taking money to bail out the automakers; that the State was trying to get out of the transportation business; that a regional transportation plan was done every four years and one would be adopted in January; that high occupancy toll lanes were being discussed and studied for the Marin-Sonoma corridor; that if the lanes were done area-wide, it would provide funding for other purposes; that it was also to be discussed by TAM; and that the Commission was trying to make sure that the Federal bail-out money would get down to the local level.
- e. Marin Economic Commission – No report was given
- f. SMART – Peter Breen reported on the increase in the percentages in the various communities who supported SMART at the last election. He thanked Charles McGlasham, Cynthia Murray, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Carole Dillon Knutsen and the City of Larkspur for their help passing the measure; presented an overview of the schedule for implementation including the vehicle selection and development of the strategic plan in 2009, engineering from 2009 through 2011, delivery of the vehicles in 2013 and the start of service in 2014; reported that the Federal economic stimulus package could include train startups and move the start date up a year; and stated that transit-oriented housing development was part of the plan.

Public Comment:

Ken Kirkey, Planning Director, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), presented an overview of draft alternative growth scenarios for the San Francisco Bay Area; described conservation projects being done in the Bay Area, including 1.8 million dollars worth of work on Bahia and 1.3 million on the Corte Madera Creek Watershed. He also described Senate Bill 375 that set performance measures for environmental impacts.

Joan Lundstrom, Larkspur Council Member, stated that ABAG had projected that Larkspur would have a population of 30,000 in the scenario they had developed, that Larkspur's current population was 12,400 and that only 8% of Larkspur was undeveloped. She noted that unincorporated Marin had not been assigned population numbers by ABAG and she invited representatives from ABAG to attend a Larkspur Council meeting to discuss the issue.

Barbara Thornton, San Anselmo Council Member, reported on the Environmental Forum of Marin. She noted that the Forum had been in Marin for over 35 years; that they offered classes to government leaders and non-profit organizations in environmental education; that upcoming classes were available starting January 31st for 7 consecutive Saturdays on watershed, water resources, and climate change as well as land use and planning; and that it was also possible to sign up for individual classes.

Larry Chu, JPA Oversight Committee, stated that the Committee met the first Thursday of every month; that the Committee hadn't been able to reach a quorum; and asked if the Council wanted to continue to have the Committee serve as oversight of the other JPA's. There was a consensus of the Council to discuss the role of the Committee at a future MCCMC meeting and for Larry Chu to provide a summary of information about the JPA to facilitate that discussion.

Wendy Friefeld, of Lynn Woolsey's Office, asked for input from the cities regarding projects at that local level to be made a part of the Federal stimulus package.

Linda Pfeifer was introduced as a newly elected member of the Sausalito City Council, elected in November.

Program: Teresa Bowman, Executive Director; Bryan Findley, Program Director; Jean Taylor, President, Board of Directors; and Gregory Franklin, Board of Directors, all spoke about the program at the Helen Vine Detox Center. They described the work they did in cooperation with local police agencies to assist those with alcohol and drug problems. They provided statistics of the services provided and related stories of those whose lives had been positively affected by the Center.

Adjourn: 9:05 pm to the next meeting hosted by San Rafael on Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer