

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

Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo
Jason's Restaurant
300 Drakes Landing Road, Greenbrae

Members Present

Belvedere: Bob McCaskill, Claire McAuliffe
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Renee Goddard, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kevin Haroff, Dan Hillmer, Ann Morrison
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Eric Lucan
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, P. Beach Kuhl, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Ford Greene, Doug Kelly, John Wright
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, John Gamblin, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Jill Hoffman, Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan, Larkspur Town Manager Dan Schwartz, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato City Manager Michael Frank, San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman, San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle, Sausalito Town Manager Adam Politzer and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

Call to Order

President Stephanie Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor John Wright welcomed the members and guests, who included Steve Kinsey, District 4 Supervisor, County of Marin; Katie Rice, District 2 Supervisor, County of Marin; Maureen Parton, Aide to District 3 Supervisor Kate Sears; Mark Van Gorder, PG&E Government Relations Representative, Marin & Napa; Nancy Hall Bennett, League of California Cities, Regional Public Affairs Manager, North Bay Division and Margaret Jones, League of Women Voters. Also present were San Anselmo staff members Sean Condry, Public Works Director; Dave Donery, Community Development Director; Daria Carrillo, Finance & Administrative Services Director; Linda Kenton, Town Librarian; Diane Henderson, Interim Planning Director; Joanne Kessel, Administrative Services and Carla Kacmar, Administrative Services

Public Comments: None

Speakers: Matt Willis, MD, Public Health Officer, County of Marin and Kristen Law, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, Marin County Department of Health and Human Services

Presentation: "Mobilizing Marin Communities to Address Substance Abuse: Tools for Elected Officials to Promote Understanding and Action"

Dr. Willis described the role of the Public Health Officer, which included communicable disease prevention and disaster preparedness, and said that substance abuse was an important health care priority. He stated that Marin County had a high prevalence of both alcohol and marijuana use by youth, and that, asked where they are getting it, the most common answer was at parties

or friends' homes. He added that prescription drug use/misuse had also increased and drug overdoses caused more deaths in Marin than traffic accidents. He concluded by saying that we have opportunities for influence over this complex social problem which needs to be addressed through engagement and that a new community wide coalition - Rx Safe Marin – has formed to implement data collection and monitoring and includes several specialized teams.

Ms. Law spoke on the topic of why coalitions work, stating that they are a proven method for addressing issues. She said that coalitions increase the critical mass behind a community effort, help groups to trust one another, and reduce the likelihood of resource squandering through unnecessary competition among groups.

She reported that the root causes and risk factors for alcohol use among youth include ease of access, insufficient laws and policies, insufficient enforcement of laws, low or discount pricing, inappropriate promotion of use and easy retail access. She discussed seven prevention strategies which included providing information, enhancing skills, increasing access to protective factors, addition of programs and increasing enforcement of social host ordinances, stating that no one organization can do all of these things alone and that was where coalitions came into play. She concluded by listing the many community-based prevention groups in Marin County.

Larkspur Mayor Larry Chu and Corte Madera Vice Mayor Bob Ravasio, Co-Chairs of the Twin Cities Coalition for Healthy Youth, related their experiences in this area, reporting that instances of binge drinking had greatly increased at Redwood High. Mayor Chu reported that an application for a County grant had been submitted and that they had received \$180,000 to be disbursed over four years, allowing them to create coalition made up of 12 different community stakeholders. He stated that stakeholder groups have a decision maker at the meetings so that decisions can be made on the spot. Vice Mayor Ravasio announced that there was a wellness center at Redwood High where students could access preventative services and talk to counselors before things got out of control. He said that they were working to get a consistent social host ordinance in the tri-cities area.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2015 meeting

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

Appointment to fill League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Committee

Alternate Position: There was a motion/second (Lion/Fredericks) to appoint Jessica Jackson as alternate. Motion passed by acclamation.

Formation of a MCCMC Website Update Subcommittee: There was a call for 2 to 3 volunteers to participate. No one came forward, but President Moulton-Peters invited anyone who was interested to contact her directly.

MCCMC Committee Reports

MTC Report – Supervisor Kinsey expressed his thanks for having been reappointed and stated he would attend to make a report on quarterly basis or more frequently if asked. He reported on three items relevant to Marin:

- Regarding the carbon trading market, he said that legislators and the governor had agreed to use \$3.25 M and put in place a program for affordable housing and sustainable communities. He stated that finalists will be decided and that MTC's role was to provide guidance on concept applications and review on final candidates, with importance being placed on recognizing communities of concern.

- He said that the Regional Transportation Plan, which amalgamates all projects in the region which may be funded over a 25 year span, was back in the planning mode, and that approval was anticipated in 2017. He stated that there was an approved public participation plan, which would include an equity working group and that there would be wide variety of times and locations to allow participation, along with an interactive website. He added that the policy advisory council meetings will be public as the effort would be made to expand outreach and that City representatives on TAM would have best opportunity to identify projects of importance for the Plan.
- He reported that there had been a lot of controversy lately regarding the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and that two new projects set up as four year pilots had been funded and authorized to go forward. He said there was a desire for the project to go forward more quickly than the 2018 target date which was unacceptable. He stated that work was being done to find an environmental clearance process that would be quicker given that project was almost entirely built on existing infrastructure.

ABAG Report – Novato Mayor Pro Tem Eklund announced that she had sent out a Doodle poll for ABAG delegates to meet to talk about methodology for projecting housing and jobs in county this year.

GGBHTD: Tiburon Councilmember Fredericks reported that transit ridership continued to rise, and transit agencies were looking at creating seamless systems, without regard to who was providing the service. She reported that the Board had suspended fare increases that had been approved and that the recently-installed median barrier had already prevented some serious collisions on the bridge.

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report: Councilmember Fredericks gave a reminder that the legislative committee had a constrained focus on what bills to consider, looking mostly at what cities can provide. She discussed AB 266, the marijuana dispensary bill, which proposed to create a framework for quality and regulation of dispensary operations. She said, however, that it didn't give cities a share of the revenue which goes to the state. She also reported, regarding drones, that the FAA was being pushed to make federal regulations and that an ACLU sponsored bill sought to limit their use by public agencies.

TAM Report: None given, as topics were covered by Supervisor Kinsey in his report.

SMART Report: Mill Valley Councilmember Moulton-Peters stated that we would start seeing SMART trains as early as April 2015 as the tracks were being tested. She reported that, during the last 10 months, 40 miles of track had been built in Sonoma and Marin Counties, which included 63 street crossings. She added that a new system of positive train control would be implemented which would prevent crashes at grade crossing.

League of California Cities Report: Novato Councilmember Kellner made a brief report on the recent two day Board meeting which she attended in her role as an at-large member. She stated that the marijuana issue took up a lot of time, and that regulatory framework needed to be put in place to keep local control. She encouraged attendance of Legislative Action Days on April 29th, stating it would be great to have a Marin delegation there. She also mentioned that the Executive Forum was being reinstated, with the next one being held in June in Monterrey where there would be several informative sessions presented.

Marin Transit Report: Councilmember Kellner stated she had attend a recent workshop last on the finances of Marin Transit, its current services and what some of its unfunded needs were. She said they would end the year with a short range transit plan.

Homeless Subcommittee Report: Councilmember Colin reported that the group had met the previous week to discuss a joint funding proposal and that a staff report would be put together that cities could take to their councils in April or May.

At 8:41 p.m., President Moulton-Peters adjourned the meeting until the March 25, 2015 meeting in the City of San Rafael

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary

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