

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

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Hosted by the Town of Tiburon
Sam's Anchor Café – 27 Main Street
Tiburon, CA 94920**

Members Present

Belvedere: Bob McCaskill, Claire McAuliffe
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Diane Furst
Fairfax: John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Kevin Haroff, Anne Morrison
Mill Valley: Jessica Jackson, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Madeline Kellner, Jeanne MacLeamy
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Doug Kelly, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Damon Connolly, Andrew McCullough
Sausalito: No members present
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Frank Doyle, Jim Fraser, Emmett O'Donnell, Erin Tollini

Ex Officio: Novato Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael Assistant City Manager Jim Schutz; Sausalito Finance Director Charlie Francis; Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran and Town Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Diane Crane Iacopi.

Call to Order

President Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. She asked whether there were any new Councilmembers in the audience. Mayor McInerney of San Anselmo introduced the town's newest Councilmember, John Wright. Moulton-Peters welcomed him to the group.

Public Comment

Claire McAuliffe talked about the opportunity to do a summer exchange for kids ages 10-15 who are interested in studying in Japan; she said she could provide the contact information in Sausalito.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Fredericks welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Tiburon Town Council and Staff, Town Manager Curran and Town Clerk Crane Iacopi. She said that Town Attorney Ann Danforth, Police Captain David Hutton, Director of Community Development Scott Anderson, and Director of Administrative Services Bigall had also attended the social hour.

The Mayor also welcomed guests Supervisor Kate Sears and aide, Leslie Alden, and said that Joan Lumbaresky, from Marc Levine's office, had attended the social hour.

Mayor Fredericks noted that 2014 represented the 50th anniversary of incorporation of the Town of Tiburon and that many wonderful festivities were planned in town on May 30 and 31, to which everyone was invited.

Mayor Fredericks turned the meeting back over to President Moulton-Peters.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2014 meeting.

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

MCCMC Committee Reports

President Moulton-Peters said that oral reports were continued to the March meeting. She noted the two written reports were included in the packet: a) SMART General Manager's Report dated February 2014; b) Major Crimes Task Force Annual Report for year-end 2013.

Mayor Fredericks then introduced her co-chair for the evening, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, Mary Jane Burke. Burke welcomed the members of the 16 school districts represented at the meeting. She talked about the mission of Community United and its past programs.

Tonight she said the group would turn its attention to how to best and most efficiently work together for the betterment of the community. She said this collaboration was important, as towns, cities and schools hold the public trust. Burke said that interdependence is our great strength. She said that a panel of speakers would share their experiences this evening and show how collaboration was already going on in our communities.

Program: "Enriching Public Services"

- *Shared Services in Action in Marin* – Chief Todd Cusimano, Central Marin Police Authority
- *Traffic Safety & Congestion Relief* – Marin County Transportation Planning Grant – Mayor Moulton Peters, City of Mill Valley; Planning Manager Robert Betts, Marin Transit District
- *Shared Services between School Districts and Local Agencies* – Superintendent Valerie Pitts, Larkspur/Corte Madera School District; Trustee Bruce Abbott, Dixie School District - Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force
- *Table Discussion* – Can you identify other shared and collaborative projects underway in your jurisdictions with other agencies and school districts? Who are the key contacts for learning more about the projects?

Chief Cusimano talked about the process of merging three police departments into one and thanked those who had supported the process along the way, namely the City Councils and City Managers of the three departments (Larkspur, Corte Madera, and San Anselmo), as well as the membership and leadership of the departments. Initially, the Chief said consolidation was driven by economic realities, such as the budget downturns in 2001 and 2008. But Cusimano also noted the positive outcomes of consolidation such as an enhanced sense or wider vision of service for the people working within the new organization; and that response times had been shortened and were some of the best in the State. He also provided hard examples of the cost-savings of consolidation, including eliminating some now redundant administrative positions.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters described how, as a Mom, she had gotten involved in Safe Routes to School program in Mill Valley and was still working on issues of traffic safety and congestion relief now at another [Council] level. She said that traffic and congestion presented ongoing challenges as enrollment grows in the schools, and more cars are on the road. But she said that Safe Routes was a worthwhile program that is based on 5 "E"s -- education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, and engineering solutions to the problem.

Planning Manager Betts talked about looking into finding ways to maximize opportunities to work with the schools on bus service but also noted the challenges and constraints in trying to use transit district equipment and funding for school purposes, and vice versa. One challenge he noted was that if a transit district bus went onto school property, the public would have to be allowed to board there, as well; not just school riders. But Betts said that a study was underway to determine what opportunities for collaboration might exist between “yellow buses” and the transit district.

Superintendent Pitts said that actually there were fewer school districts now than ever before. So she said that the concept of “shared services” across agencies was a model she that had garnered a lot of acceptance, and less political opposition, than consolidation. She gave examples of how this works—one HR Director, for instance, was shared by two districts, and other sharing opportunities with curriculum and mentoring. She said that the school superintendents all had a common language and used this as a basis to discuss openings when they arose, and other opportunities for collaboration.

Trustee Bruce Abbott followed up on Superintendent Pitts’ remarks with examples of the findings in the published report of the Dixie School District Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force, which he had chaired.

At 8:40 p.m., the program broke for a discussion by table of member ideas and suggestions about shared services. Cards were collected and Superintendent Burke said the results would be provided at a later date.

Adjournment

President Moulton-Peters thanked everyone for their attendance and the speakers for an excellent presentation.

She adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next meeting to be hosted by the City of Belvedere on March 26, 2014.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary