

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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MINUTES

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera
498 Tamalpais Drive Corte Madera, CA

Members Present

- Belvedere: Kemnitzer, McCaskill
Corte Madera: Andrews, Condon, Furst, Ravasio
Fairfax: Ackerman, Coler, Goddard, Lacques, Reed
Larkspur: Chu, Haroff, Hillmer, Morrison, Way
Mill Valley: Moulton-Peters, Wickham
Novato: Athas, Drew, Eklund, Fryday, Lucan
Ross: Kuhl, Russell
San Anselmo: Brown, Colbert, Coleman, Wright
San Rafael: Bushey, Gamblin, Phillips
Sausalito: Cleveland-Knowles, Cox, Hoffman, Withy
Tiburon: Fredericks, Thier, Welner

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Craig Middleton; Corte Madera Town Manager, Todd Cusimano; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Larkspur City Manager, Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn; San Anselmo Town Manager David Donery; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Marin County Board of Supervisors Dennis Rodoni and Katie Rice; Marin County Superintendent of Schools Mary Jane Burke; League of CA Cities North Bay Public Affairs Manager, Nancy Hall Bennett; Corte Madera Library Director, Julie Magnus; Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Julie Kritzberger

Call to Order

Vice President Ray Withy called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for February 28, 2018. He then called for public comment.

Public Comment

- 1. Leelee Thomas – County of Marin Community Development Agency. Spoke about the County’s Fair Housing Source of Income Ordinance. Funding is received from Housing and Urban Development for funding HOME and CDBG programs, used for housing and critical services for low income families (such as for scholarships for childcare or accessibility improvements for the disabled) One of conditions of the funding is to look at housing discrimination through Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, and one of the ways that the County has done this is through the Source of Income Ordinance that was passed in 2016, which works to prevent discrimination against those using Section 8 vouchers. Ms. Thomas asked the membership to join the County and work within their cities and towns to help maintain a level playing field and prevent discrimination against families.
2. David Levin – Managing Attorney at Legal Aid of Marin. Mr. Levin about the importance of equal consideration for fair housing in Marin and stated that every day, their agency hears from clients who have vouchers and are unable to use them. The Board of Supervisors’ ordinance does not cover all of Marin, it’s up to the individual Cities/Towns to implement their own legislation. He discussed several recent clients. One client was evicted from a long-time tenancy in Sausalito after the building was sold and the new owners said that they would not accept Section 8 vouchers. Another client

1 applied for a multi-unit apartment building on Sir Francis Drake but the unit was on the side of
 2 Sir Francis Drake not covered by this ordinance, and his Section 8 voucher was not
 3 accepted. And finally, while helping another new client, a search of Craigslist showed that
 4 there were 28 properties that stated they would not accept Section 8 vouchers. He asked for
 5 assistance from Marin Cities/Towns to ensure equal access to housing in Marin.
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7 3. Sharon Rushton – Chairperson of Sustainable TamAlmante.

8 Ms. Rushton thanked the membership for opposing Senate Bill 827 and asked the group to
 9 oppose SB 828, as well. SB 828 would change housing element law and target communities
 10 with high rates of income, and high rental and home prices. The bill would raise the Regional
 11 Housing Needs Allocations that cities and counties must plan for, by changing the
 12 methodology that assesses housing needs and requiring a jurisdiction to automatically plan
 13 for 200% more housing units than its planned allocation and rolling over unmet allocations.
 14 Communities should not have to plan for more growth than is sustainable. Ms. Rushton
 15 referred the group to review the letter that she submitted, which was available on each table
 16 and asked that the group oppose Senate Bill 828.
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18 4. Nicolo Calderra –

19 Spoke about the housing shortage and homelessness problem in the county and informed the
 20 group that Denver has now started a program where they are subsidize low income people to
 21 live in the luxury housing that has been built because there are not enough people buying
 22 them. During Senator Weiner’s term as a Supervisor in San Francisco, 23,000 units of luxury
 23 housing were built, but to make way for those units, they destroyed 1200 units of affordable
 24 housing. Mr. Calderra asked that cities consider setting up housing development corporations,
 25 and also a housing bank to finance low cost housing.
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27 5. Susan Kirsch – Founder, Citizen Marin

28 Ms. Kirsch is also a convener of a nine county coalition that is paying attention to the kinds of
 29 things that Citizen Marin has been paying attention to over the last ten year. Ms. Kirsch stated
 30 that there is a groundswell of opposition to SB 827 and 828 and the ongoing encroachment
 31 and usurping of power happening at the state level taking away power from local communities.
 32 The Coalition has adopted a theme called “Kill the Bills”. And encouraged the membership to
 33 “Don’t wait, initiate”. Ms. Kirsch mentioned that she came across a Dick Spotswood article from
 34 2007, titled “Latest State Housing Legislation is an Outrage” and eleven years later, we are
 35 facing a similar situation. She stated that SB828 is under the radar of many and used the
 36 example of how Mill Valley, as well as Larkspur, sent letters combining their opposition of both
 37 pieces of legislation. She urged the membership to send their letters of opposition.
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39 6. Linda Jackson – Representing Aging Action Initiative in Marin County.

40 She explained that she participated in a focus group about housing crisis. Many people who
 41 work in the community cannot afford to live here, many commute over an hour each way, many
 42 young people cannot afford to live in the communities they grew up in. If there are no places
 43 for older people to downsize to, then there is no room for new families to move in. We have to
 44 look at new ways to say yes to housing in Marin.
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46 Following Public Comment, Vice President Withy introduced Corte Madera Mayor Carla Condon.
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 49 **Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

50 Mayor Condon welcomed everyone to Corte Madera and began with Two Truths and a Lie as an ice
 51 breaker. She introduced the following members of the Corte Madera Town Council present: Vice
 52 President Diane Furst and Councilmembers Jim Andrews and Bob Ravasio. The following Town staff
 53 were introduced: at Town Manager Todd Cusimano, Director of Public Works Peter Brown, Director

1 of Finance Daria Carrillo, Parks and Recreation Director Mario Fiorentini, Police Chief Michael Norton,
 2 Fire Chief Scott Shurtz, Town Attorney Teresa Stricker, Customer Service Rep Lorena Barrera, and
 3 Town Clerk Rebecca Vaughn. Two Marin County Supervisors were in attendance: Dennis Rodoni and
 4 Katie Rice. She also thanked all of the Town staff who worked to put this event together. She
 5 introduced George Warman, the Town's outgoing Director of Administrative Services/Town Treasured
 6 who is retiring after 41 years with the Town of Corte Madera. Finally, she introduced other special
 7 guests in attendance: Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools; Nancy Hall Bennett,
 8 League of California Cities/North Bay Division; Julie Kritzberger, Corte Madera Chamber of
 9 Commerce; Julie Magnus, Corte Madera Library; Sybil Boutilier Age Friendly Sausalito; Patricia
 10 Hibben; Marin Village; Jody Timms, Age Friendly Fairfax, Pati Stoliar, Age Friendly Corte Madera.

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 12 Once dinner service was underway, Vice President Withy called on Supervisor Dennis Rodoni to
 13 give a brief presentation.

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 15 **4. Presentation:** Supervisor Dennis Rodoni – Introduction of the Marin County Board of
 16 Supervisors' designation of 2018 as the "Year of the Older Adult"

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 18 Supervisor Rodoni stated that he was honored to be in attendance at this meeting. He informed the
 19 group that the Marin County Board of Supervisors has adopted a resolution declaring 2018 to be the
 20 Year of the Older Adult and explained that the Board will initiate new policies, programs and
 21 resources to promote an age-friendly Marin County. The following points guiding the adoption of this
 22 initiative:

- 23 • Better promote Marin as a place to grow old;
- 24 • Bring all ages together to better understand and celebrate the social, cultural and economic
 25 contributions of older adults;
- 26 • Raise community awareness about how age-ism affects older adults;
- 27 • Align and showcase collaborations among neighbors, businesses, government, education,
 28 community organizations to expand opportunities for older adults;
- 29 • Identify new strategies, programs and resources to address the needs of Marin's older
 30 adults.

31 Supervisor Rodoni then introduced some of the events that will take place throughout the year, a
 32 listing of which is available on the following website: <https://www.marinyearoftheolderadult.org/>

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 34 Vice President Withy thanked Supervisor Rodoni for his presentation and then proceeded to
 35 Committee Reports.

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 37 **5. Committee Reports:**

38 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - Pat Eklund, Novato

39 Ms. Eklund stated she will be sending out a link from MTC/ABAG to take a survey on futures,
 40 please make sure that Marin is represented. At today's MTC meeting, Steve Hemminger
 41 updated the Commission on the CASA (Committee to House the Bay Area) efforts. They have
 42 come to an agreement of 15 key elements of CASA Compact and will be finishing the work by
 43 the end of the year. The first two elements are: 1) Proposing legislation and programs to reduce
 44 cost of producing market rate and affordable housing (through codes, fees, regulations and
 45 review process); and 2) Looking to use public and surplus land for affordable housing. She will
 46 be briefing ABAG delegates on the 15 elements.

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 48 At the MTC meeting, Steve Hemminger also mentioned that they are looking to reward
 49 jurisdictions that produce housing. There are 15 jurisdictions that have issued the most permits
 50 meeting the production criteria for their housing improvement program in 2015-2016 and no
 51 Marin cities are on that list. One of the agreements that MTC has tentatively made is that there
 52 is at least one city from each county. So they are proposing to remove some cities from that list

1 and put on a city from each of the counties not currently represented. They will not be making a
2 decision on that until the summer.

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4 Ms. Eklund's report also includes an introduction of ABAG's new housing portal, of which she
5 provided a brief overview of as part of her presentation. The website can be accessed from
6 ABAG's home page by clicking on the link to the Housing Data Portal (or directly accessed via
7 this link: <http://housing.abag.ca.gov/>). Some highlights include: lists and links to other cities'
8 housing policies, all of the locations of permits that were issued for 2014-2016, and what other
9 cities' housing elements look like. Finally, she announced that April 1 is deadline for submitting
10 housing element reports to HCD and urged all Councils to make sure that they review the report
11 prior to submittal.

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15 5.b. Marin Transit - Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley

16 Ms. Moulton-Peters stated that Marin Transit is here to serve you. They have a lot of things in
17 motion right now, but no major milestones to report. Marin Transit will be coming with TAM to
18 your city council meetings as part of the informational briefings on renewing Measure A, so you
19 will be getting details about what Marin Transit does for you in your neighborhoods.

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21 5.c. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit - Dan Hillmer, Larkspur

22 Copies of the General Manager's February report are available for review. There have 383,000
23 passengers since the opening, 24,000 bicycles, and 14,000 wheelchairs. Please visit
24 www.sonomamarintrain.org for more information.

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26 5.d. Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District – Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

27 Ms. Fredericks reported that there are periodic videos on the District's Facebook page. They are
28 the General Manager on site showing you what's going on. If you "like" their page, you will get
29 updates with visuals anytime you want.

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31 She also reminded the group that tolls will be going up by 25 cents in July, consistent with their
32 financial strategy plan. This will keep revenues constant and also keeps the subsidies for the
33 buses constant.

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35 5.e. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

36 Ms. Fredericks reported that TAM will be coming to your council meetings to talk about the
37 Measure A sales tax renewals. She stated that 77% of revenues for road and transportation
38 projects comes from this tax. TAM has a newsletter now, the TAM Traveler, and you can
39 subscribe on the [Tam website](#) to automatically receive it by email

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41 5.f. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

42 The Committee voted this month to support two propositions.

- 43 1. Proposition 68, the Parks bond, which will fund parks, drought needs and water supplies, and
44 there is a minimum \$200,000 allocation to each jurisdiction and other funds available by grant
45 process.
- 46 2. Proposition 69 protects Senate Bill 1's transportation revenues, keeps them for transportation
47 use only, and prohibits the legislature from borrowing from them or using it to pay off
48 previously passed bonds for transportation.

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50 Several bills on the watch list, and the Committee continues to take strong positions on bill
51 language that erodes local land use authority.

- 52 • AB 1759 – Proposes to condition funding from road maintenance and rehabilitation program,
53 which gets money from SB 1, on the State Department of Housing and Community

1 Development's determination that a city has met its minimum housing goals. It is being
2 amended and is on the watch list.

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- 4 • SB 828 – This bill is also on the Committee's watch list. The Committee will take a position
5 on it after it comes out of the Rules Committee, where it sits awaiting language that makes it
6 a bill. If there are any questions about how the legislative process works, or why it the
7 Committee may want to keep a bill on its watch list, she advised people to contact Nancy Hall
8 Bennett, with North Bay Representative for the League of California Cities.

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10 Questions:

11 Joan Cox, Sausalito – You said that SB 828 is on the watch list. Do you recommend that we
12 oppose it now, or wait until it comes out in full text?

13 Nancy Hall Bennett, League of California Cities – The Legislative Committee has placed the bill
14 on their watch list based on both her recommendation, and that of the MCCMC lobbyist.
15 The bill states an intent to legislate (also called "spot" language). It will stay in the Rules
16 Committee until it is amended, at that point it will be assigned to a committee. Right now, it just
17 has a title and intent, but no final language to oppose. When the bill has language in it, the
18 legislative committee will take a position.

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20 5.g. Disaster Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee - Catherine Way, Larkspur

21 The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will be Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30pm at the Central
22 Marin Police Authority Community Room. There is a homework assignment that she will be
23 handing out to committee members.

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25 5.h. OPEB/Pension Reform Ad Hoc Committee - Larry Chu, Larkspur

26 The Committee had its first meeting on Monday, February 26th. Meeting notes and
27 presentations to the Committee will be posted on the MCCMC website: <http://mccmc.org/>

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30 **6. Keynote Speakers:**

- 31 • JODY TIMMS, PHD, Chair of Age-Friendly Fairfax Task Force: "The Age-Friendly
32 Movement: From Global to Local";
- 33 • PATI STOLIAR, Co-Chair of Age-Friendly Corte Madera Task Force: "Becoming
34 An Age-Friendly City";
- 35 • CARLA CONDON, Corte Madera Mayor and Member of Age-Friendly Corte
36 Madera Task Force: "Creating Corte Madera's Intergenerational Center"

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38 Corte Madera Mayor Carla Condon introduced the evening's presentation and speakers. First, was Jodi Timms,
39 presenting the "Age Friendly Movement From Global to Local". Ms. Timms holds a Ph.D., chairs the Age Friendly
40 Fairfax task force, as well as the Marin Network of Age Friendly Communities and Cities and sits on the Marin
41 County Commission on Aging representing the Town of Fairfax.

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43 Jodi Timms – Chair, Age Friendly Fairfax Task Force

44 Ms. Timms explained that most individuals, and many families, are unprepared and unsupported when it comes to
45 aging. She would like to see us evolve, culturally, to a point where much more respect is given to the aging
46 process. The World Health Organization (WHO), early this century, began to envision the need for an age-friendly
47 word.

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49 She spoke of two global trends that spurred on WHO's efforts: 1) The urbanization and the fact that many people
50 were moving into cities and 2) The aging of the world's population. The world's population over age of 60 will
51 double to 2 billion by 2050.

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53 Why should Marin consider becoming age friendly?

54 In the 2007 Marin County Civil Grand Jury report, the group identified the "Silver Tsunami", which Marin County
55 was not preparing for effectively. The report identified a slow moving wave of population growth.

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2 The fastest growing age group in Marin is adults 60+, which will reach 30% of the population by 2030. Becoming
3 "Age Friendly" is a sound economic and social investment. Ms. Timms then spoke about the commitment to
4 becoming an Age Friendly city.

5 The process includes gathering a group of dedicated volunteers to meet and discuss this idea and commit to the
6 process. You need a strong working group or task force to move this five year process forward. The applications,
7 itself, requires the Mayor's letter of commitment along with answers to a number of questions. AARP can also
8 help with application process now. Once you receive the designation, the assessment process can take up to two
9 years, and then you create a two to three year strategic plan.

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11 Currently, the WHO has granted the Age Friendly designation to 541 communities in 37 countries. In Marin, we
12 have six cities/towns with the Age Friendly designation.

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14 Mayor Condon added that Ms. Timms has been a tremendous mentor to Corte Madera while the Town was going
15 through its assessment process. She then introduced Pati Stoliar. Ms. Stoliar is a registered nurse who began
16 the Age Friendly process four years ago and is currently Co-Chair. Ms. Stoliar spoke about the "how to's" of the
17 Age Friendly designation and the differences between Age Friendly and Marin Villages.

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19 Ms. Stoliar provided a brief snapshot of how Corte Madera went through the WHO Age Friendly designation
20 process and encouraged everyone to use the AARP assistance. She also stated that she will differentiate
21 between Age Friendly and Marin Villages.

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23 She began Age Friendly Corte Madera with mentoring from Age Friendly Sausalito. In 2015, the Town received
24 WHO designation as an Age Friendly city.

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26 What is an Age Friendly world?

27 Ms. Stoliar read the following definition, as provided by WHO:

28 "An age-friendly world enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats
29 everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected
30 to people that are important to them. And it helps people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages and
31 provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves." It supports healthy and active
32 aging. We want to improve our Town's infrastructure and address the needs of aging adults.

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34 Now that AARP has taken over the handholding role, it's as simple as submitting an online form and letter of
35 commitment from your Mayor. Once you join the network you can start making your strategic plan.

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37 One trend that is growing tremendously is intergenerational opportunities and programs. It becomes a win-win
38 proposition when generations can enjoy activities together. An important undertaking has been marketing and
39 messaging within the community. And an early undertaking by Age Friendly Corte Madera was request to have
40 the Town install countdown timers on crosswalks and increasing the amount of crossing time for pedestrians.

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42 Ms. Stoliar spoke about several ongoing projects and initiatives. The group is envisioning a Town Summit to
43 include representatives from each department to discuss and brainstorm how they can view their respective
44 planning through an Age Friendly lens. The group also has a goal to create an Intergenerational Center as a
45 public/private partnership to promote intergenerational opportunities. They will be launching their first
46 Intergenerational Center this spring using a portion of the currently community center building. This will be Age
47 Friendly Corte Madera's fourth year honoring nonagenarians and centenarians. Finally, the group also hosts a
48 "Third Wednesday" speaker series to educate and inform the community about topics of interest to seniors.

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50 Regarding Marin Village, Ms. Stoliar explained that Marin Village is everywhere. The Village idea started with
51 several neighbors in Boston. Now it's a nationwide membership group designed to provide social and education
52 programs, transportation options, resources and a network of volunteers to enable older adults to remain
53 independent in their homes. In 2016, Corte Madera started development of Twin Cities Village which now has
54 over 70 members and volunteers

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56 One mandate of WHO is that Age Friendly cities must help other cities become age friendly and Ms. Stoliar asked
57 the attendees to please let her know how she can help.

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59 Mayor Condon then spoke about the soon to be launched Intergenerational Center.

1 Mayor Condon explained that once Age Friendly Corte Madera was formed, it became apparent that Corte
 2 Madera lacked programs for seniors, teens and young children because of an absence of a true community
 3 center. Corte Madera has an identified need for an Intergenerational Center. But Age Friendly Corte Madera
 4 investigated alternative sites without success.
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6 The site of the proposed mini Intergenerational Center is the east side of the current community center building.
 7 Mayor Condon explained the comprehensive need for an Intergenerational Center has been researched by many
 8 leading universities and displayed a partial list of universities that have participated in research on interaction
 9 between older adults and children.
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11 She explained that research has shown that intergenerational programs are not just nice, but necessary.
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13 Benefits of Intergeneration Centers include: programs for young children, teens and seniors scheduled in a way to
 14 promote integration of all ages. This does not mean that every activity includes all ages, but there are
 15 opportunities for interaction throughout the day. Other benefits include: improved quality of life, reduction in
 16 depression and cognitive decline, and can improve mobility.
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18 Meanwhile, youth who take part in intergenerational centers learn to develop social relationships, improved
 19 communications skills, are less likely to begin using alcohol and drugs and are less likely to skip school.
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21 We may see older adults creating and caring for a community garden, or reading stories to you children.
 22 Combatting isolation through social opportunities needs to be enhanced since isolation has profound negative
 23 effects on health and well-being. Age Friendly Corte Madera is looking at having high school students teach
 24 electronics and technology classes to seniors, and she displayed a video about teenagers helping seniors with
 25 technology.
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27 Mayor Condon announced a list of potential classes and programs that the Center will offer and stated that she is
 28 hopeful that the mini Intergenerational Center will elicit enough response and interest to build a larger, stand-
 29 alone center. She thanked Supervisor Dennis Rodoni for not only supporting the concept of the Intergenerational
 30 Center, but for helping Age Friendly Corte Madera to find financing to help them reach their goal, as well as Town
 31 Council and staff for helping make their dream a reality. Finally, Mayor Condon announced that the Center's
 32 Grand Opening has been set for Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 2-4pm and everyone is invited to attend.
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34 Vice President Withy thanked Mayor Condon for her presentation and proceeded to the Business Meeting.
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37 **7. BUSINESS MEETING**

38 39 7.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Amended MCCMC Bylaws 40 (Report and Presentation by Sloan Bailey, Corte Madera) 41

42 Vice President With stated that Sloan Bailey was unable to attend the meeting, and
 43 therefore, it was recommended that the membership take comment on the item, but continue
 44 comment and possible action on the item to the March 28, 2018 meeting in order to give everyone
 45 30 days to review the proposed amendments to the bylaws.
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47 7.b. Review of Draft Agenda for March 28, 2018 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of 48 Fairfax. 49

50 It was noted that Pat Eklund, Novato, will be providing additional information about the
 51 Major Crimes Task Force.
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53 7.c. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2018 54 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Belvedere. 55

1 There was a motion/second (Eklund/Cox) to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed
2 by acclamation.
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6 **Adjournment**

7 Vice President Withy thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:32p.m.
8 to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018 hosted by the Town of Fairfax.
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12 **8:30 PM ADJOURN: to the March 28, 2018 meeting hosted by the Town of Fairfax**
13 *Deadline for Agenda Items – March 21, 2018*
14 *Please send to: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com*
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