

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Hosted by the City of Novato

Margaret Todd Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams

Corte Madera: Jin Yang,

Larkspur: Kathy Hartzell, Larry Chu

Mill Valley: Anne Solem, Andrew Berman

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Jim Leland, Pat Eklund, Judy Arnold, Jean McCleamy

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Barbara Thornton, Wayne Cooper, Ian Roth, Ted Freeman

San Rafael: Al Boro, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Mike Kelly, Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin, Ron Albert

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Absent: Fairfax, Ross

Also present were City and Town Managers Dan Keen, Novato, Dana Whitson, Sausalito; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Jean Bonander, Larkspur and George Rodericks, Belvedere, and Interim City Manager Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael, Assistant City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley and Heidi Bigall and Matt O'Detto, Tiburon.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Alice Fredericks called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Carole Dillon-Knutson welcomed everyone to Novato and introduced councilmembers and the following staff members: Dan Keen, City Manager, Mary Neilan, Assistant City Manager, Ron Gerber, Director of Community Development, Larry Dito, Director of Parks and Recreation, Joe Krein, Police Chief, Jennifer Goldfinder, Shirley Gremmels, City Clerk and Vickie Gerber, Administrative Assistant.

Other Guests: Margaret Jones, Judy Binsacca and Patsy White of League of Women Voters, Clif Knowles, Sue Peterson and Terry Hennessey of Marin Builders Assn.

Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2006.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Nominations and Appointments to Committees

- a. Call for Nominations: LAFCO Delegate (four year term 5/06-5/10). Vice President Fredericks opened nominations for MCCMC's delegate to LAFCO. Incumbent Jeff Slavitz has indicated he seeks reappointment. Anyone interested in the position should submit a letter to President Gill.

Committee Reports

- a. SMART - Peter Breen introduced the newest board member, Carole Dillon-Knutson. The Board received 132 comments on the EIR, the strongest support is coming from the Ross Valley. Staff will be working to develop a model to include a more robust bus system. Legal counsel has advised that the draft does not have to be re-circulated.
- b. Marin Economic Commission - Gary Phillips commented on a recent IJ editorial on the Commission, noting a strong economy should be part of the county's blueprint. A position is being developed by the County to hire a contract employee to work with the Commission.

- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro gave an update on the Bridge retrofit project, noting improvements would begin in April and completed by the fall. Fundraising efforts have begun to secure federal funding for a removable median barrier. \$625,000 has been allocated from private donations and from MTC for a suicide barrier. The District currently has one ZEB (zero emissions bus) on trial in Marin.

- d. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem asked cities/towns to send letters and resolutions regarding the following:

AB 1234 Land Use - Oppose. This would take away local land use planning control. Moved and seconded to oppose AB 1234. Motion passed.

The committee also recommends opposition to President Bush's proposed cut in CDBG funding.
Moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 06-01 supporting preservation of existing CDBG program. Motion passed.

- e. North Bay Division - League of CA Cities Alice Fredericks reminded the members that they are now required to take ethics training, pursuant to AB 1234.

Public Open Time - Pat Eklund announced the Countywide Planning Agency is being resurrected as part of LAFCO. A future meeting will look at the cumulative impact of all affordable housing decisions made along the 101 corridor.

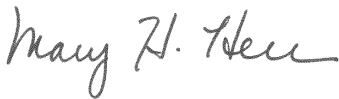
Patsy White, League of Women Voters read a letter asking the towns to integrate efforts to solve problems of traffic and housing, under the Countywide Planning Agency.

DINNER

PROGRAM: Lt. Rick Russell, Marin County Major Crimes Task Force gave a presentation on the work of this unit.

ADJOURN: Vice-President Alice Fredericks adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next meeting on April 26, 2006 in Ross.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer