

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Hosted by the City of Larkspur

Ristorante Giorgio

300 Drakes Landing Rd, Greenbrae

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Tom Cromwell, Jerry Butler

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Carla Condon, Michael Lappert

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg.

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Joan Lundstrom, Kathy Hartzell

Mill Valley: Shawn Marshall, Christopher Raker

Ross: Scot Hunter, Rick Strauss, William Cahill

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Barbara Thornton, Judy House, Wayne Cooper, Ted Freeman

San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Al Boro, Gary Phillips, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Mike Kelly, Paul Albritton, Herb Weiner, Jonathon Leone

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Absent: Novato

Also present were City and Town Managers Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley, George Rodericks, Belvedere, David Bracken, Corte Madera.

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice Fredericks called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Ron Arlas welcomed everyone and introduced fellow councilmembers Joan Lundstrom, Kathy Hartzell and Larry Chu and the following staff members: Cynthia Huisman, Hamid Shamsapour, Amy Koenig, Nancy Kaufman, Bob Sinnott, and Phil Green, Twin Cities Police Chief.

Other Guests: Klif Knowles and Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Association Patsy White, Marin Economic Commission, Judy Binsacca, League of Women Voters, Suzanne Dunwell of Senator Migden's office, Madeline Kellner, Hal Brown and his aides Sandy Blauvelt and Cynthia Rose, Clark Howatt of ABAG, Farhad Mansourian, Marin Public Works, and Phil Kranenburg, Marin Community College Board.

Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2007

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Amendment to Bylaws - President Alice Fredericks presented the proposed amendment to bylaws, as included in the packet. The amendment would establish a standing Mayors Select Committee which would review any issue of interest to the group which does not fall within the purview of the Legislative Committee. *It was moved/seconded and unanimously voted to approve the following amendment to the MCCMC Bylaws:*

Add to Article V: Committees/Authority Assignments , Section 1c:

c. MAYORS SELECT COMMITTEE: The Mayors Select Committee shall consist of the Mayor from each of the member cities and the Executive Committee of MCCMC. Its duties will be to form a consensus on and a recommended advocacy action for citywide and/or regional issues that directly and immediately affect all member cities and for which there is no other appropriate forum.

Suggested By-laws/Policies of the Mayors Select Committee

Membership: The currently sitting Mayor of each of the 11 cities represented in MCCMC and the Executive Committee of MCCMC.

Chair : The Chair of the Mayors Select Committee will be the current President of MCCMC.

Quorum: Two thirds of the current sitting Mayors of the Member cities of MCCMC.

Meetings: Meetings may be called by the President of MCCMC, subject to ability to call a quorum.

Purpose:

- a. to form a consensus on issues immediately and directly affecting the interests of MCCMC member cities for which there is no current forum and to bring a recommended advocacy action to the full MCCMC membership.
- b. to formalize the consensus by a vote of the membership of MCCMC at a meeting called as allowed under the by-laws.
- c. to communicate that formalized consensus to the appropriate local or regional agencies or legislative bodies charged with authority to effectively act in the interest of the cities.

Agenda Criteria:

Agenda would be limited to city wide and/or more regional issues directly and immediately affecting Marin Cities for which there is no other MCCMC forum.

Procedure: Upon vote of at least 2/3 of the members of Mayors Select Committee who are current mayors, the proposed advocacy actions will be brought for vote to the full body of MCCMC. If no consensus is developed on the need to bring the issue forward or about the proposed action, MCCMC President will report that finding to MCCMC at the next scheduled meeting.

Committee Reports

- a. North Bay Division - League of California Cities - Shawn Marshall announced the next North Bay meeting would be held on April 30th in Novato. Jason Dickerson will be the speaker. She also noted that Legislative Action Days will be held on May 15-16 in Sacramento. The League opposes SB 303 which would make major changes to land use practices in California.
- b. Legislative Committee- Barbara Heller reported the Governor has appointed a pension reform committee to study the issue and will submit its report in January, 2008. She reviewed the two bills outlined in the memo. The committee supports SB418 (Migden) Local Government Finance - an attempt to preserve excess ERAF funds from State takeaway. Waiting for committee review: Leno's SB1358 called the "Complete Streets Act." It would ensure that transportation plans of each community meets the needs of all users of the roadway.
- b. Golden Gate Bridge District - Al Boro reported that a consultant has been retained to design a third high-speed ferry which would accommodate 499 passengers. Service

would begin in 2009. The Sausalito boat will be back in May after a complete interior remodel. The Muir Woods bus will be coming back this summer. Shuttle service will begin 6/1 from San Rafael to the ferry for afternoon service. There will be no ferry service for nine weekday games at ATT Park.

Public Comment - Wendy Friefeld, Lynn Woolsey's office, gave an update on recent meetings held with FEMA. The Congresswoman has offered to work with any cities that are still having difficulties in seeking reimbursement from flooding of last January.

DINNER

Program: Supervisor Hal Brown introduced Farhad Mansourian, Marin County Public Works Dept. who gave a presentation regarding the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program.

ADJOURN: President Alice Fredericks adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next meeting on April 25th in Mill Valley.