

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Servino's Ristorante, 9 Main Street, Tiburon

Mayors' Select Committee:

Met at 5:30 p.m. at Tiburon Town Hall prior to the regular meeting with the Marin Climate and Energy Partnership regarding Greenhouse Gas Reductions.

Members Present

Belvedere: Tom Cromwell

Corte Madera: Michael Lappert, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Daniel Hillmer

Mill Valley: Shawn E. Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters

Novato: Pat Eklund, Carole Dillon-Knutson

Ross: None

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Judy House, Barbara Thornton

San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Mike Kelly, Linda Pfeifer, Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Miles Berger, Richard Collins, Alice Fredericks, Tom Gram, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: George Rodericks, Belvedere; Michael Rock, Fairfax; Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley; Patricia Thompson, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael; Adam Politzer, Sausalito; and Peggy Curran, Tiburon.

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and introduced the Mayor of Tiburon, Alice Fredericks.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Fredericks welcomed everyone to the dinner hosted by the Town of Tiburon and introduced the Tiburon Council Members, Town Manager Peggy Curran and the following Town staff: Diane Crane Iacopi, Town Clerk; Michael Cronin, Chief of Police; Scott Anderson, Director of Community Development; Scott Phillips, Assistant Planner; and Chad Monterichard, IT Coordinator.

Other guests who were introduced: Wendy Friefeld, District Director, Office of Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey; Charles McGlashan, District 3 Supervisor and his aides, Leslie Alden and Maureen Parton; Larry Russell, MMWD Board Member; Amy O'Gorman, Director of Regional Affairs for the League of California Cities; Chuck Dalldorf, Regional Representative for the North Bay Division of the League of California Cities; and Patsy White, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on April 22, 2009.

Moved and seconded to approve the minute with a correction to show that Amy Belser was not in attendance. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Marin County Transit District Board – No report was given.
- b. SMART – Peter Breen stated that he was pleased to report that Chris Coursey had rejoined the SMART staff; that Mr. Coursey used to write for the Press Democrat and was one of the leading proponents of SMART and an asset to the organization.
- c. Major Crimes Task Force – Pat Eklund presented the report. She thanked the City Managers and the County for their help restructuring the Task Force over the last few

months; reported that staff had been reduced by three and the costs re-allocated for the member agencies involved; that the California Highway Patrol had agreed to add an officer to the Task Force; that Novato would contribute an officer instead of some of the funding; that the time required to notify the agency of withdrawal had been reduced from one year to six months; that agencies would be allowed to contribute a person rather than the full dollar amount for their agency; that the FBI would be helping them out and had already given the Task Force some of the money seized during a recent drug bust to help build the asset-forfeiture fund; and that a modified JPA would be developed in the coming months to reflect the changes.

- d. Marin Telecommunications Agency – No report was given.

Special Report: Amy O’Gorman, League of California Cities on State Propositions 1A to 1F:

Ms. O’Gorman introduced her replacement, Chuck Dalldorf, and gave a presentation on the State propositions to appear on the May 19th Special Election Ballot. She stated that the League was supporting all of the propositions. She further stated that the passage of the propositions would keep the State from borrowing property taxes or transportation money from the cities. She described the current budget adopted by the State and how the cities escaped major impacts in that budget; that shortly after the budget was adopted, the State announced further deficits that needed to be addressed. She reported that Prop 1-A was probably the most important of the propositions and that the cities would be very vulnerable to State take-aways if it didn’t pass. She described the provisions of Prop 1-A, and stated that, if it were to pass, the extra 1 cent sales tax would be extended an extra year; that the VLF increase effective May 19th would be extended an additional two years and would apply to the additional 1.5 VLF increase as well (the 1.5 increase to be used to fund various public safety programs including COPS and booking fees); and that the personal income tax surcharge of .25% for the 2009-10 tax year would be extended through the 2012 tax year. She noted that Proposition 1-A did not provide any short-term relief but was intended to stabilize funding for the coming years. She described the other ballot provisions as part of February budget package.

Appointment: Alternate Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board (2-year term):

President Brandborg reported that no applications had been received for the position and stated that the appointment would be continued to the next meeting.

Discussion/Consideration: Request to increase the cost limit for meals at MCCMC meetings to \$55:

Moved and seconded to approve the increase of the cost limit for meals at MCCMC meetings to \$55. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Wendy Friefeld of Congresswoman Woolsey’s office offered assistance to cities with issues or question regarding the Federal stimulus package.

Program: “Stewardship of Richardson’s Bay – Working with Families, Kids and Communities to Protect Our Corner of San Francisco Bay” – Brooke Langston, Director, Richardson’s Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary:

Mayor Fredericks introduced the speaker, Brooke Langston. Ms. Langston presented an overview of the history of the organization and their relationship with the Audubon Society and described the jurisdiction of the organization as encompassing the area from the tip of Strawberry to the Northern third of Blackie’s pasture. She stated that Richardson Bay was an important place for migratory birds from November first to April first; that making the ecology of the area

relevant to children and adults was a key goal of the organization; that they believed in the premise that the earlier a child was exposed to nature, the more likely they were to care for it in the future; that they served 6,000 children and 4,000 other citizens per year with a staff of seven people; that they had answered the phone during the Cosco oil spill for 19 days after the spill and had received many contributions after that from appreciative citizens; presented an overview of the services they provided; and described Aramburu Island, a 17-acre island owned by the County of Marin that was an important bird sanctuary that needed to be maintained.

Adjourn: 8:55 pm to the next meeting hosted by the Town of Corte Madera on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer