

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Hosted by the City of Mill Valley

Community Center, 180 Camino Alto Ave.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Carla Condon, John Dupar

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg.

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Joan Lundstrom, Kathy Hartzell, Dan Hillmer

Mill Valley: Christopher Raker, Dick Swanson, Anne Solem, Shawn Marshall, Andy Berman

Novato: Jeanne Macleamy

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

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

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

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Absent: Belvedere, Ross

Also present were City and Town Managers George Rodericks, Belvedere, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael, and Peggy Curran, Tiburon, and Assistant City Manager Jim Schultz from San Raphael.

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice Fredericks called the business meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. She reported that the Mayors Select Committee, formed at the last meeting, had just met and discussed procedures that will be used. City staff from the city requesting the group that brings an issue to the committee for presentation to MCCMC will handle staff support. They will be looking into best practices for various issues and as they are considered, the president will announce the topic and then bring it before the entire MCCMC membership for voting.

She reminded the group that nominations for MCCMC President and Vice-President for the 2007-08 term will be open in May and the election will be held at the June meeting.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Christopher Raker welcomed everyone to Mill Valley and introduced councilmembers Dick Swanson, Anne Solem, Shawn Marshall and Andy Berman and former councilmembers Clifford Waldeck and Dennis Fisco. The following staff members were introduced: City Manager Anne Montgomery, Assistant to the City Manager Linn Walsh, Director of Public Works Wayne Bush, Director of Finance and Human Resources Eric Erickson, City Librarian Anji Brenner, Director of Planning and Building Rory Walsh, City Attorney Greg Stepanich and City Clerk Mary Herr.

Other Guests: County Administrator Matthew Hymel and Chief Assistant County Administrator Alex McIntyre, Amy O'Gorman of the League of California Cities, Paul Helliker and Larry Russell of MMWD, Peter Banning of LAFCO, Terry Hennessy of Marin Builders Association, Patsy White, Judy Binsacca and Margaret Jones of the League of Women Voters, Assemblyman Jared Huffman and his aide Joshua Townsend, Phil Kranenberg and Madeline Kellner.

Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2007

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. SMART - Peter Breen reported that the SMART Board has appointed an ad hoc committee to review the issues that arose after defeat of Measure R last November. After holding six meetings throughout Sonoma and Marin the committee recommended a ballot measure be drafted for another 1/4 cent sales tax. They recommended staff provide an analysis of a number of technical issues and issues specific to individual jurisdictions be explored and explained so the public is clear on how the money will be spent. He reviewed several issues

which will need to be reviewed such as cost comparisons, shuttle bus connections and the impact of bio-diesel fuel. The committee met with Larkspur officials to go over questions which need to be researched specific to the area, such as the impact on required housing numbers, and pledged better communication with Larkspur through the process. He summed up that the board is moving ahead in a reasonable, thoughtful manner.

- b. North Bay Division - League of California Cities - Amy O’Gorman noted that the North Bay is gaining ground through their work with the legislature. The League supports SB 286 and AB1256, and opposes SB303, as noted in the memo received in the packet. She urged strong opposition to SB 964 which would prohibit councilmembers from communicating with staff on any issue except at a public meeting. The next North Bay meeting will be held on April 30th in Novato. Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst Jason Dickerson will speak about the present state of health care and other post employment benefits as they relate to public agencies. Legislative Action Days will be held on May 16-17 in Sacramento.

The League’s Grassroots Renewal Program, which she heads, is up for renewal and urged the cities’ support to continue this program when they vote at the annual League conference.

- c. Transportation Authority of Marin - Alice Fredericks indicated that TAM is attempting to develop a policy for maintenance of the 5.5 mile bike path in southern Marin. She described the challenge for funding (cost is \$10,000/year per mile), as Measure A funds will not cover the cost of the deferred maintenance required. She also noted the allocations that will be coming to cities from the non-motorized transportation pilot program and the deadlines and requirements for receiving the NTPP grant money.
- d. Legislative Committee- Barbara Heller reiterated what was contained in her memo included in the packet. They moved to support SB 286 (Transportation bonds: Implementation,) Oppose SB 303 – (Local Government Housing) and Support AB 1254 (Density bonus: exemption: – local inclusionary ordinance). She also noted that Senator Carole Migden has requested that the state budget be augmented \$200,000 for the Marin Community Clinic.
- e. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) - Barbara Heller and Jeff Slavitz, delegates, and Carla Condon, alternate, all gave brief reports. The state of the LAFCO budget is excellent. The Ross Valley Service Review and Update has been released, which covers all cities and districts in the Ross Valley. It contains recommendations for shifts in spheres of influence and she urged all cities in the Ross Valley to review the document and submit recommendations to LAFCO for their meeting on May 10th in San Rafael.

Public Comment - Judy Binsacca, League of Women Voters commented on the recent IJ article regarding the public hearing on the Marin Countywide Plan and the proposed Vincent-Silvera housing project specifically. She noted that the article failed to mention that 350 people showed up to support this affordable housing project. She stressed the importance of getting the public who favor affordable housing to attend these meetings and voice their support. The LWV will sponsor a breakfast for all planning commissioners and planning directors on May 17th.

DINNER

Program: Assemblymember Jared Huffman spoke on the current bills he is sponsoring and the work he is doing for the cities and towns of Marin. Amy O’Gorman commented that Mr. Huffman has been very supportive of Marin cities and has been one of the most accessible officials she has worked with over the years.

ADJOURN: President Alice Fredericks adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. to the next meeting on May 23rd in Novato.