

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo

Ristorante Giorgio

300 Drakes Landing, Greenbrae

5:45 PM Executive Committee Meeting -

President, Vice-President and Past President discussed speaker topics, meeting venues and general membership issues.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Carla Condon

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, Mary Ann Maggiore, Lew Tremaine, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Ron Arles, Dan Hillmer, Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Anne Solem, Andy Berman, Shawn Marshall

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Jean Macleamy

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

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

Sausalito: Paul Albritton, Dennis Scremin, Ron Albert, Amy Belser

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Absent: Ross

Also present were City and Town Managers Linda Kelly, Fairfax, Dana Whitson, Sausalito, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, Interim City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley and Assistant to City Manager Lydia Romero, San Rafael.

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

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Barbara Thornton welcomed everyone and introduced San Anselmo councilmembers and the following staff: Debra Stutsman, Town Administrator, Lisa Wight, Planning Director, Dean Nyberg, Parks Director, Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief, Chuck Maynard, Police Chief, and Kay Coleman, Community Resources Director.

Other Guests: Wendy Friefeld of Congresswoman Woolsey's office, Margaret Jones and Judy Binsacca of the League of Women Voters, Klif Knowles and Sue Peterson of Marin Builders Assn. and Paul Helliker and Larry Russell of MMWD.

Approval of Minutes: April 26, 2006.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Nominations to Committees - President Gill announced that Alice Fredericks, current Vice President has been nominated for President for the 2006-07 term. Nominees for Vice-President should contact the Executive Committee. The election of officers will take place at the June meeting.

ABAG Executive Committee (two year term expiring 6/30/06) - Incumbents Carole Dillon-Knutson, delegate; Paul Cohen, alternate have been nominated. Election at June meeting.

Sex Offender Parolees at San Quentin - Mayor Larry Chu of Larkspur noted that 12 high risk sex offenders were recently released on the grounds of San Quentin Prison in Larkspur. A resolution in opposition to this occurring in the future was presented. He also noted that Joe Nation has introduced AB1672 to rectify the situation.

Moved and seconded to approve a resolution in objection to housing of high risk sex offender parolees on the grounds of San Quentin State Prison. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin - Alice Fredericks reviewed the authority's workload over the next year. TAM partners with MTC, ABAG and SMART, seeking funding for transportation projects. Allocation of Measure A funds is also a key component of TAM's work, and she noted that local infrastructure funds will be coming for regional and local road projects, including the completion of East Sir Francis Drake Blvd. TAM will be approving the budget which may include a follow up study on "hot lanes" on 101.
- b. North Bay Division - League of California Cities - Alice Fredericks reminded the COUNCIL that the next meeting is June 1st in Vallejo; Chris Mackenzie, Executive Director of the League, will be the speaker.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro reported on the 180 cubic yards of adulterated concrete that was recently used on the bridge. The company is currently under indictment.

Although bus ridership has remained the same, ferry ridership has increased, and many boats are filled to maximum capacity. However, the number of ferry crossings cannot be increased, because of the limitations set forth in the EIR.

- d. SMART - Peter Breen reported that SMART is currently very involved in the Railroad Square project in Santa Rosa -- a model of workplace housing and transit oriented development. He explained the estimated cost of the rail project has increased because of the rising costs of steel, fuel and other materials. EIR response is due this summer.
- c. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Dan Hillmer stated a 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast has been reached. Money will be provided upfront for the creation of production facilities. There will be six new access channels; an institutional network will connect all the public agencies in Marin. Members of the board were thanked for their hard work. The League is currently attempting to negotiate with legislators regarding the Nunez bill - it has temporarily been put on suspense. The bill as proposed would weaken consumer protection and limit local control. Federal legislation also endangers local control by the franchising agency.
- b. Joint Oversight Committee - Larry Chu explained recent issues and reports discussed at the committee's meetings. He requested MCCMC members increase their annual MCCMC dues by \$150 per city beginning in September.
Moved and seconded to approve a \$150 per city increase in dues effective 2006-07 to cover the cost of staff support to the Committee. Motion passed.
- e. ABAG - Carole Dillon-Knutson stated that ABAG is doing housing allocation numbers again and need people to be on the Allocation Advisory Committee. She urged a member from one of the small cities to get involved.

Public Open Time - Barbara Heller announced San Rafael will provide Ethics Training pursuant to AB1234 on Thursday, June 22. Cost is \$35.

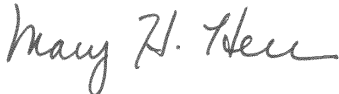
Wendy Friefeld, aide to Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey gave an update on the current telecom bill, which would allow charging more for some services. She urged members to keep the pressure on Congress for the issues they are concerned about.

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PROGRAM: Susan Kennedy, Governor Schwarzenegger's Chief of Staff

ADJOURN: President Melissa Gill adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. to the next meeting on June 28, 2006 in Sausalito.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary H. Herr".

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer