

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Hosted by the Town of Ross

Marin Art and Garden Center Livermore Room ~ 30 Sir Francis Drake, Ross

Members Present

Belvedere: Kemnitzer, McAuliffe
 Corte Madera: Andrews, Bailey, Furst, Ravasio
 Fairfax: Coler, Lacques, Goddard, Weinsoff
 Larkspur: Haroff, Hillmer
 Mill Valley: McCauley, Wickham
 Novato: Athas, Drew, Eklund, Lucan
 Ross: Brekhus, Kuhl, Robbins, Russell
 San Anselmo: Brown, Coleman, Greene, McInerney
 San Rafael: Bushey, McCullough
 Sausalito: Burns, Hoffman, Withy
 Tiburon: None

Ex Officio: Belvedere City Manager Craig Middleton; Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Regan Candelario; Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn; San Anselmo Town Manager David Donery; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Supervisor Katie Rice, Supervisor Dennis Rodoni, San Rafael Chief of Police Diane Bishop, Cassidy DeBaker from Garcia and Associates, Guest Speaker LaRae Quy,

Call to Order

President Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for May 24, 2017.

Public Comment

- Kay Coleman, San Anselmo, discussed the June 28, 2017 MCCMC meeting that will be hosted by San Anselmo and announced that it will be a picnic in Imagination Park. She stated that Ensalada's will be providing the dinner, advised everyone to check the weather, dress accordingly and it will be a lot of fun.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Robbins welcomed everyone to the Town of Ross. She introduced the following special guests: Supervisor Katie Rice and Supervisor Dennis Rodoni and members of the Ross Town Council: Elizabeth Brekhus, Beach Kuhl and Rupert Russell. The following Town staff were introduced: Town Attorney Greg Stepanicich, Town Manager Joe Chinn, Planning Manager Heidi Scoble, Public Works Director Richard Simonitch. She also thanked Town Clerk and Administrative Manager Linda Lopez for organizing this event.

1 **The meeting resumed after dinner service.**

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3 **4. Presentation:**

4 4.a. Cassidy DeBaker, Garcia and Associates: Presentation on Assembly Bill 52, Tribal Consultation
5 Requirements and Best Practices

6 Cassidy DeBaker is an archaeologist. She is a third generation Fairfax resident and has been back
7 in Marin for 10 years doing archaeology and cultural resources management. She discussed the
8 Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, whose ancestral land covers much of Marin. Coast Miwok
9 and Southern Pomo came together to receive federal recognition in the 1990's. Their territory
10 extends from the Marin Headlands out to Bodega.

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12 She provided a brief overview of Assembly Bill 52, which became law in July 2015 and established a
13 formal consultation for native American groups in California to have their tribal cultural resources
14 recognized. It created a new class of resource was created, (TCR) Tribal Cultural Resource, to set a
15 process for native groups to have their resources recognized.

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17 Example: project in Sonoma County where certain areas in the watershed and riparian corridors are
18 considered "tribal cultural resources". Planning must be done to mitigate for this.

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20 Important facts to know about AB 52:

- 21 • There are a lot of training documents available covering how AB 52 is carried out
- 22 • Working with Tribes and building relationships with Graton Rancheria (they have a tribal
23 historic preservation officer)
- 24 • Get information up front from Tribe and give them information and ask specific questions
25 about your project and what they want out of it as far as resource protection and mitigation
26 measures
- 27 • Confidentiality - Don't disseminate location of sacred sites
- 28 • You can't release an environmental document without Tribe's input and consideration.
- 29 • If there are TCRs identified in your project area, that document cannot be certified until
30 consultation has been completed
- 31 • Any mitigation measures must end up in final environmental document
- 32 • There is a new up to date check list, updated in 2016, that includes TCR's
- 33 • It is important to talk with tribes about what is working and what isn't working and how can
34 consultation be improved

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37 **Committee Reports:**

38 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments – Written and verbal report from Pat Eklund, Novato.

39 Pat Eklund thanked Mill Valley for hosting the Plan Bay Area workshop this past Saturday. She
40 thanked those who attended, particularly supervisors Connolly and Rodoni. She also thanked
41 Stephanie Moulton-Peters for being a moderator and speaker, Renee Goddard for helping with
42 mics, Pam Drew for keeping time for the speakers. Around 100 people attended, which surpassed
43 every other county in terms of attendance.

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45 She reminded delegates to register for General Assembly.

46 Finally, she reminded the group that the end of public comment period for Plan Bay Area is June 1st.

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48 There are some assumptions in the EIR that your staff need to look at. Assumption that they will be
49 assigning higher densities in the PDAs than previously projected, she advised the group to really
50 look at the land use assumptions and get more people to put their questions in writing.

1 Please also take a look at the Plan of Action. Marin ABAG delegates three years ago stated they
2 wanted to see water in the document, but it is not mentioned.

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5 5.b. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
6 Alice Fredericks did not attend the meeting, but her report is available in the agenda packet.

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8 5.f. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission – Verbal report from Dan Hillmer,
9 Larkspur

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11 Dan Hillmer discussed the latest on train schedule issue, particularly the 90 minute gaps in
12 arrival/departure times in San Rafael during rush hour. They're trying to close those gaps.

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14 Regarding safety, please urge friends and family to be aware and alert around crossings.
15 Jurisdictions that have established quiet zones will not have trains sounding horns unless there is an
16 emergency. Please do not walk on tracks.

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18 SMART hopes to open in early spring and testing has been going well.

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20 Questions:

- 21 • Matt Brown, San Anselmo – SMART will be opening in early spring of what year?
22 Response: This year.
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24 • Nancy Kemnitzer, Belvedere – We have not had training at our schools, but were promised
25 that would take place. Please reach out and encourage your schools to request this training.
26 Response: Send email to Dan to request this training at your schools and he will pass the
27 requests on to SMART

28 29 6. Program / Guest Speaker

30 **Speaker: LaRae Quy, former undercover and counterintelligence FBI Agent**

31 **Presentation: Resilience – How to Hunt the Good Stuff**

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33 Mayor Pro Tem Robbins introduced LaRae Quy who is a former undercover FBI agent who worked
34 in the FBI for 24 years. She is the author of "Secrets of a Strong Mind – Mental Toughness for
35 Female Leaders"

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37 Ms. Quy discussed one of her first cases, working on the case of a boy who had gone missing.
38 Eventually their search was expanded beyond Phoenix and had a break in the case and found the
39 buy just before he was about to be smuggled out of the country.

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41 She explained that resilience is the ability to recover from setbacks, the ability to adapt well to
42 change and keep going in the face of uncertainty and ambiguity. Negative information, or change, if
43 not handled well, can lead to negative behavior, which is contagious.

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45 Spent four months at the FBI academy. Three months in, she found out one of the physical fitness
46 requirements was to jump into pool from 25 feet and swim across while carrying her weapon.
47 The FBI taught her how to be resilient and how to survive any situation.

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49 What "Hunt the Good Stuff" means: There are ways to use your brain to help you overcome
50 setbacks and adversity. Since caveman days, we are taught to catch lunch, not be lunch. We will
51 react to negative information much more rapidly because it could be a threat to our survival.

1 Negative information is like Velcro, everything sticks and positive information is like Teflon, nice to
2 have, but it easily falls away. When confronted with negative information, we will pay attention to that
3 first.
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5 In your communities, you will deal with negative information and complaints on a regular basis.

6 She discussed five ways to deal with any negative information that comes your way:

- 7 1. The first is to come up with five positive thoughts for every negative thought
- 8 2. Reflect on each one of those positive thoughts for about 20 seconds
- 9 3. Stop using the word “can’t” or other negative words, which creates a stronger negative
10 feedback loop in your brain. This reinforces fight or flight reaction
- 11 4. Label your emotion. Acknowledge your negative emotion, but do not dwell on it
- 12 5. Nip negativity in the bud. Negative thoughts are least powerful when they first show up

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14 Questions/Comments:

- 15 • David Weinsoff, Fairfax – Thanked Ms. Quy and stated that he felt this was a good
16 companion piece to a discussion in Novato a few years ago, regarding what a Mayor can do
17 in event of natural disaster and how you bring your citizens to the point where they are
18 confident in the leadership.
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- 20 • Elizabeth Robbins, Ross – What was percent of your class was female?
21 Response: In a class of 40, there were 6 women
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- 23 • Peter Lacques, Fairfax – Do you have any tips for developing rapport when interviewing
24 someone?
25 Response: She discussed the concept of interview versus interrogation. She said that in
26 order to get people to talk, you need to develop a rapport with them. Mirroring someone’s
27 expressions is an effective way to develop rapport. Being able to understand the other
28 person’s emotions is also huge as well as being able to pick up on verbal and non-verbal
29 cues.
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31 32 **BUSINESS MEETING**

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34 President Bailey thanked Ms. Quy and continued to the Business Meeting portion of the meeting.

35 7.a. Nominations for Executive Committee – President and Vice President for 2017-18 Term
36 *(Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting and letters of interest*
37 *solicited. A vote by the membership will be held at the June 28, 2017 meeting)*
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39 Kate Colin, San Rafael, was nominated by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur, for the office of MCCMC
40 President for 2017-18. The nomination was seconded by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael, and
41 was approved by acclamation.
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43 Ray Withy, Sausalito, was nominated by Denise Athas, Novato, for the office of MCCMC Vice
44 President for 2017-18. The nomination was seconded by Jill Hoffman, Sausalito, and was
45 approved by acclamation.
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47 7.b. Review of Draft of June 28, 2017 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo
48 There were no comments on the draft June 28, 2017 agenda.
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7.c. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2017 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the City of Novato

President Bailey noted one typographical error, requesting to change “Novato” to “Ross” at the end of the minutes.

There was a motion/second (McCauliffe/Withy) to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed by acclamation.

Adjournment

President Bailey thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:58p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 28, 2017 hosted by the Town of San Anselmo.