

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Members Present

Belvedere: ---

Corte Madera: Michael Lappert and Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Kathy Hartzell, Dan Hillmer and Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall and Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Carole Dillon-Knutson, Madeline Kellner and Jeanne Macleamy

Ross: ---

San Anselmo: Ted Freeman, Judy House and Barbara Thornton

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

Sausalito: Mike Kelly

Tiburon: Dick Collins and Alice Fredericks

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Anne Montgomery from Mill Valley, Dan Keene from Novato, Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Jean Bonander from Larkspur, and Jim Schutz Assistant City Manager from San Rafael.

Call to Order: President Larry Chu called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Kathy Hartzell welcomed everyone to Larkspur, introduced the Larkspur Councilmembers and the following City staff: City Manager Jean Bonander, Public Works Director Hamid Shamsapour, Park and Recreation Director Dave Wilkinson, City Clerk Cynthia Huisman, Planning Director Nancy Kaufman, Finance Director Amy Koenig, Acting Police Captain Jim Shirk, Police Captain Mike McDuffee, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Shurtz, Public Works Superintendent Mike Myers and Fire Chief Bob Sinnott.

Other guests who were introduced: Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Marin County Administrator Matthew Hymel, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation Spokesperson Mary Currie, MMWD General Manager Paul Helliker, MMWD Boardmember David Behar, Margaret Jones and Judy Binsacca from League of Women Voters, Marin Builders Association Controller Sue Peterson, Amy O'Gorman from the League of California Cities, and the evening's speaker Will Travis from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on April 23, 2008.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Announcement for Openings on Committees

President Chu announced the openings of President and Vice President for the MCCMC Executive Committee. M/S to nominate Susan Brandborg for the position of president. All ayes motion passes. Motion and second to nominate Jeff Slavitz to the position of vice president. All ayes. Motion passes.

Election of Openings on Committees

a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. Primary position currently held by Carole Dillon-Knutson. 2 year term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. M/S to elect Carole Dillon-Knutson. All ayes. Motion passes.

- b. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. Alternate position currently held by Shawn Marshall. 2 year term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. M/S to elect Shawn Marshall. All ayes. Motion passes.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks updated the group on the Tiburon Boulevard exit from Highway 101. This project is scheduled for completion in early Fall 2008. The Central San Rafael project has another realignment scheduled near the Highway 580 over crossing. The second lane for southbound Highway 101 to Highway 580 is scheduled to be open in December. The annual report from the Transportation Authority of Marin will be available in a couple of weeks. A summary of how the Transportation Authority was developed was provided to the group as well as complete list of projects and programs.
- b. Legislative Committee - Barbara Heller summarized the activities of the May 14th Legislative Committee meeting. San Rafael City Librarian David Dodd attended to discuss support for SB 1516 (Simitian). This bill puts a \$5 billion library construction bond on the November 2010 ballot. Along with SB 1516, the Legislative Committee moved to support and bring the following bills to the MCCMC: AB 2364 (Walters) Prevailing Wage Exemption for Volunteers; opposition for Proposition 98 and support for Proposition 99. M/S to support SB 1516, oppose Prop 98 and support for Prop 99. All ayes. Motion passes. Legislative Lobbyist David Jones reported on the budget and said there is a perception the cities are doing very well financially. Next month, the Committee will review SB 375 (Steinberg) and Transportation Planning, AB 2676 (Calderon) Transient Occupancy Tax. A follow up report on AB 2765 – Huffman’s bill on LBAM was provided.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District – Mary Currie provided the report and noted that today marks the 71st anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. An update on the suicide prevention barrier study was provided. The draft environmental review document will be released in June followed by public meetings in July. Three different concepts are being explored. An update on the toll increases was provided. A public hearing on the toll increase issue will occur on June 11th at 7 pm at the Marin Supervisor’s chambers. Comments can also be sent through the Bridge District website.
- d. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Steve Kinsey provided an update on MTC activities including an update on the Regional Transportation Plan, a 25 year document that has to be approved every four years in order to be able to use Federal funds. Climate change is a key issue for MTC as approximately 50% of greenhouse gasses are associated with the use of our transportation systems. In Marin County, we are at 60% of our greenhouse gas contributions coming from transportation. There are three messages emerging from the MTC. (1) Fixing what we have first before investing in new infrastructure. (2) Land use decisions make an important contribution and have a critical impact to transportation systems. (3) User pay financing will become more prevalent, such as congestion pricing. It was noted that in the May revise, the Governor proposed taking approximately \$700 million from the formulas that support transportation related programs. MTC is working with other transit commissions in the region and the state to try to develop strategies to reduce the impact from the governor’s strategies.
- e. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit – Carole Dillon-Knutson reported that the funding plan has been submitted and the board adopted the expenditure assumptions. The budget has been increased \$200 million. It was announced that the SMART project, if approved in November, will be delayed approximately 5 years from earlier estimates. Cities and towns can expect white papers in the near future that will assist in answering questions

and providing key information. SMART committee members will be requesting to be placed on the agenda so as to make council presentations in the near future.

- f. Association of Bay Area Governments – Carole Dillon-Knutson reported that at the last North Bay Executive Board meeting, the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) were approved. There will be upcoming opportunities to apply for Bay Trails grants.
- g. North Bay League of CA Cities – Amy O’ Gorman provided a brief update on the State budget and provided details on the May revise. A recap of Budget Action Days was also provided.

Public Comment: None

Program: Will Travis, Executive Director San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission “The Impacts of Climate Change on Marin County...and What we Should do About It”

Adjourn: 9 pm to the next meeting in Mill Valley on June 25, 2008.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott, Secretary-Treasurer