

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Hosted by the Town of Fairfax
Deer Park Villa – 367 Bolinas Avenue
Fairfax Madera, CA 94930**

Members Present

Belvedere: None

Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Larry Bragman, Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, John Reed, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Anne Morrison, Larry Chu, Daniel Hillmer, Catherine Way

Mill Valley: John McCauley, Stephanie Moulton-Peters

Novato: Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Madeline Kellner

Ross: P. Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, R. Rupert Russell, Carla Small

San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Ford Greene, Doug Kelly, John Wright

San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough

Sausalito: Linda Pfeifer, Tom Theodores, Ray Withy

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Erin Tollini

Ex Officio: Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael Assistant City Manager Jim Schutz; Tiburon Town Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Diane Crane Iacopi.

Call to Order

President Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Brigitte Moran, representing the Agricultural Institute of Marin, spoke in favor of Measure B, which would establish a permanent building for the Marin Farmer's Market—the third largest farmer's market in the state. Ms. Moran showed the group conceptual drawings of the proposed structure and described the exciting features that will enhance the market for both farmers and the public, including the addition of bathrooms, meeting spaces, a restaurant/coffee shop, and market hall.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor David Weinsoff welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the members of the Marin Youth Symphony and San Domenico String Quarter for their beautiful music during the social hour. He then introduced the members of the Fairfax Town Council and Staff who were present – Chris Morin, Chief of Police; Michael Vivrette, Finance Director; Jim Moore, Director of Planning and Building Services; Linda Neal, Principal Planner; Mark Lockaby, Building Official, and Public Works Manager; Michele Gardner, Town Clerk; Garrett Toy, Town Manager; and Janet Coleson, Town Attorney.

The Mayor also welcomed guest Mike McGuire, and noted that Joan Lubamersky, representing Marc Levine's office, had attended the social hour.

Mayor Weinsoff remarked that this would be Councilmember Ruppert Russell's last meeting (since he is not running for re-election in June); he thanked him for his service and wished him well. Weinsoff also expressed condolences on behalf of the group to Councilmember Carla Small on the recent loss of her husband.

Speaker/Program: Alisdair Neale, Conductor of the Marin Symphony – The Roles of the Arts in our Communities.

Mayor Weinsoff shared his thoughts on why arts are important to the community and introduced the speaker, Alisdair Neale.

Mr. Neale shared his background and inspiration for choosing his profession, as well as his profound joy in being able to do what he loves to do. He talked of the benefits of being part of an orchestra, particularly for young people, who learn important values such as how to relate to one another in a positive fashion through compromise, diplomacy and teamwork. He thanked the members of the Youth Orchestra who had performed during the social hour.

Neale said that the first cavemen had expressed themselves through art. He said that art gives us a chance to express what it means to be human – and gives life a greater meaning.

The conductor answered questions from the audience and told of an upcoming performance that might be of interest to the group.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – April 23, 2014 meeting

There was a motion and second (Eklund/Kellner) to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

MCCMC Committee Reports

- ABAG
- League of California Cities
- GGBHTD
- TAM
- Legislative Committee

ABAG: Pat Eklund thanked the members from 9 of the 11 cities who had attended the meeting of the Marin delegates to prepare for the next round of talks on One Plan Bay Area (OBAG). She said that it was a great brainstorming session. She reported on the next meeting of the Local Government Committee which will take place on June 18; and on June 26, she invited everyone to attend the dedication of the Bay Trail at Hamilton in Novato.

League: Nancy Bennett reported on the League's Legislative Actions Days in Sacramento; she said efforts were being made to schedule next year's session so as to not conflict with a meeting of MCCMC. She also invited everyone to attend the next North Bay Division meeting on July 24 in Benicia; also noting that there is an opening for a Marin County city representative for the second Vice President position.

GGBHTD: Alice Fredericks reported on the consideration in June of a funding plan for the suicide barrier; she said that possible funding sources were CalTrans, MTC, and possibly the District, in addition to other donations. Fredericks also reported on upcoming lane closure on the weekend of January 10-11, 2015 (a historically low volume weekend) to install the moveable barrier.

TAM: Chair Fredericks said that a poll would be conducted to compare priorities and attitudes about transportation issues in the County and the information would be compared to the 2012 study; also reported that metering lights had been pushed to 2015; and that one of the questions considered at the September 13 workshop was, what does it take to change travel modes from single car use.

Legislative Committee: Chair Fredericks said that because there was not a quorum at the last committee meeting, and because some upcoming legislation was important to one of the Marin

cities, she asked for a vote on AB 1147, pertaining to the cities' ability to manage permitting of massage parlors. She said the Legislative Committee members who were in attendance had voted to support the legislation.

There was a motion and second (Kelly/Lucan) to place the item on the agenda for a vote at this meeting. The Clerk took a roll call vote by city on the question of support of AB1147. Of the 10 cities present at the meeting, the vote was unanimous; the Clerk noted that there were no representatives from the City of Belvedere at the meeting.

Fredericks said another bill (DeSaulnier) pertaining to regional transportation and housing plans was considered by the committee and had been placed on the "watch list"; she said it would come before the Local Government Committee on June 18. (Councilmember Eklund noted that she would attend this meeting).

Legislative Committee/Bylaws Amendment: Chair Fredericks presented a proposal for a bylaws amendment that would help clarify the voting authority and practice of the MCCMC Legislative Committee (written report in packet). She said that if any item on the committee's agenda exceeds the scope of the authority of the committee, it comes to the group as a whole for consideration. Therefore, the amendment merely reflects what the committee actually does. She said the amendment would be mailed to all members for a vote at the June meeting.

A discussion ensued as to making the Legislative Committee meeting information available on the MCCMC website. Chair Fredericks said that the committee packets provide links to legislation being considered; she said these packets are already emailed to committee members and interested parties.

Pat Eklund asked whether the Legislative Committee agendas could be published on the MCCMC website so that any interested member (not on the committee) could provide input. Madeline Kellner said that each city had a representative on the Legislative Committee and could go through their representative to track legislation and express their views.

Chair Fredericks noted that there were often timing issues pertaining to legislation, but said she thought the idea of posting agendas to the website was a great idea.

Mayors Select Committee Report: April 23 meeting and proposal for formation of Subcommittees

- a) Home for All (Kate Colin)
- b) Sea Level Rise (Claire McAuliffe and Diane Furst)

President Moulton-Peters said there are issues of common interest to all cities that know no boundaries. She said that the Mayors Select Committee had met at the last MCCMC meeting and had voted to endorse the formation of two ad hoc committees listed above.

Council members Colin and Furst gave brief reports and an overview of the scope of study/interest for the committees. They said that no action would be taken but that important information would be developed which could be shared between cities.

Furst said that there were no programs being developed or new bureaucracy being created that would require city staffing. Rather, she said the committee would share resources and information, such as how to assess and interest with FEMA on mapping issues, and the like. She said the committee would report quarterly to the group on its efforts.

Likewise, Colin said her committee's mission was to educate and understand; she said she had approached each city and had a roster of interested council members. She said that Supervisor Sears was also involved and interested. She said the committee had already met and would have

a total of six meeting. At the end of the year, Colin said the committee would have a “toolbox of ideas” it could share with the cities and county on solving the problem of homelessness.

There was a motion and second (Way/Coleman) to form the Home for All Subcommittee; and a motion and second (Kellner/Withy) to form the Sea Level Rise Subcommittee. Both votes passed by acclamation.

MCCMC Committee Appointments

- LAFCO – Term expiration of MCCMC delegate Carla Condon – (appointment in May) [letter of interest submitted by Carla Condon in packet]

There was a motion and second (Eklund/Pfeiffer) to reappoint Councilmember Condon to fill the position. Motion passed by acclamation.

Announcement of upcoming vacancies on MCCMC Committees

- ABAG – Term Expiration of MCCMC delegate (Pat Eklund) and alternate (Dan Hillmer) – (appointment in June)

Councilmember Hillmer took the floor and announced the withdrawal of his nomination for the ABAG alternate position. He said he thought it was good for the group to have diversity in service on the various committees which brought new perspective and allowed other electeds to have experience in serving on these committees.

In that vein, Hillmer nominated Councilmember Doug Kelly (second by Wright) for the delegate position to ABAG and Jessica Jackson as alternate (Coler/Way).

Councilmember John Reed also made a motion from the floor to nominate incumbent Pat Eklund for ABAG delegate and received a second.

President Moulton-Peters said that a vote on the ABAG appointments would take place at the June meeting.

- Executive Committee – President/Vice President – Incumbents Stephanie Moulton-Peters, President; Denise Athas, Vice President (nominations received from the floor and closed at the May meeting; vote at the June meeting, per MCCMC bylaws)

There was a motion and second (Kellner/Morrison) to nominate President Moulton-Peters for the upcoming term and Denise Athas for Vice President. These motions passed by acclamation.

Adjournment

President Moulton-Peters thanked everyone for their attendance and the Maestro Neale for his inspiring presentation. She adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to the next meeting in the City of Larkspur on June 25, 2014.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary