

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

Mill Valley Community Center  
180 Camino Alto  
Mill Valley, CA

**Members Present**

Belvedere: ---

Corte Madera: Carla Condon and Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: ---

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Kathy Hartzell

Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner

Ross: ---

San Anselmo: ---

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

Sausalito: Amy Belser and Jonathon Leone

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: David Bracken from Corte Madera, Anne Montgomery from Mill Valley, Jean Bonander from Larkspur, and Ken Nordhoff from San Rafael, Adam Politzer from Sausalito and Michael Rock of Fairfax.

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

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Mayor Shawn Marshall welcomed everyone to Mill Valley, introduced the Mill Valley Councilmembers and the following City staff: City Manager Anne Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Wilson, Public Works Director Wayne Bush, Public Safety Chief Bob Ritter, Community Development Director Rory Walsh, Librarian Anji Brenner, City Attorney Greg Depositch, and Finance Director Eric Erickson.

Other guests who were introduced: Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Marin Supervisor Charles McGlashan, MMWD General Manager Paul Helliker, MMWD Boardmember Larry Russell and his wife Grace, Margaret Jones and Judy Binsacca from League of Women Voters, ABAG Planning Director Ken Kirkey, Climate Change Expert Bruce Riordan, Patsy White from the Marin Economic Commission, Judy Binsacca and Margaret Jones from League of Women Voters, Marin Parks and Open Space General Manager Sharon McNamee and Tori Estrada from Marin Community Foundation.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on May 28, 2008.

*Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.*

**Election of Openings on Executive Committee**

a. MCCMC President for the 2008-09 term. One year term. Nomination: Susan Brandborg.

M/S to elect Susan Brandborg to the position of MCCMC president. All ayes. Motion passes.

b. MCCMC Vice President for the 2008-09 term. One year term. Nomination: Jeff Slavitz. M/S to elect Jeff Slavitz to the position of MCCMC vice president. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks updated the group on what is to be expected at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Transportation Authority of Marin. It was noted that since February, the SMART working group of TAM has met six times regarding the proposed November ballot measure. Three of the meetings focused on the funding plan and the financing assumptions. The information from these meetings will be posted on the TAM website. It was noted that SMART would have the authority to negotiate the limits on the scheduling, timing, and length of freight trains.
- b. Legislative Committee - Barbara Heller summarized the activities of the June committee meeting. Several bills were reviewed including Huffman's group home bills and bills pertaining to oil spills and LBAM. A report on the State budget situation was also provided.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District – Al Boro reported that 30 persons attended the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting on the toll increase and 13 spoke. Most were against the toll increase. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, staff will be bringing forward a proposal to increase the tolls from \$4 to \$5 for FasTrak and \$6 to \$7 for cash and the issue with respect to congestion pricing. A draft environmental impact report on the suicide barrier will be out shortly. Two meetings, on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> are set to take comments on the report. The California Coastal Conservancy is considering issuing a Golden Gate Bridge license plate of which the District has not been informed. Bridge District staff has met with Coastal Conservancy representatives and a tentative agreement has been reached which involves a grant to improve the areas around the Bridge visitor's center. It was also reported that bus ridership is up, ferry ridership is strong and bridge tolls are slightly down.
- d. JPA Oversight Committee – Larry Chu noted that tonight's packet includes reports on the Major Crimes Task Force, MERA, the MGSA, Marin Telecommunications Agency, and Hazardous and Solid Waste JPA.
- e. Marin County Transit Authority – No report
- f. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit – Peter Breen noted that the report compiled by the SMART working group of the Transportation Authority of Marin has been posted. He reviewed the executive summary for the group. It is urged that everyone access and review the report at the TAM website. The next SMART meeting is set for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in San Rafael. The supplemental EIR document will be reviewed and possibly approved. The financial plan will also be reviewed as well as the language that will place SMART on the ballot this November.
- g. Marin Telecommunications Agency – Andrew Berman noted that a great deal of progress has been made. A 501-C3 non-profit media center has been formed. A designated access provider agreement has been signed formalizing the relationship between MTA and the non-profit which allows them to operate both the public educational government channels under the COMCAST agreement and the media center. An executive director has also been hired. MTA is looking for a media center and talks are now underway with the College of Marin. The data center at the Marin Civic Center will also be used as an access provider to send and receive programming.

**2008-2009 Meeting Calendar - September meeting conflict.** Due to the conflict with the League of CA Cities conference, President Chu has suggested an alternate date of September 18, 2008. M/S to approve that the September MCCMC meeting be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Public Comment:** Marin Parks and Open Space General Manager Sharon McNamee spoke on the quarter cent sales tax possible ballot measure that will support parks and open space, agriculture and fire protection.

**Program:** The interplay between climate changes, congestion management and land use in the Bay Area. Supervisor Charles McGlashan hosted a panel consisting of Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Climate Change Expert Bruce Riordan from Elmwood Consulting and ABAG Planning Director Ken Kirkey.

**Adjourn:** 9:15 pm to the next meeting in Novato on September 18, 2008.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott, Secretary-Treasurer