

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Margaret Todd Senior Center

1560 Hill Road

Novato, CA

Members Present

Belvedere: ---

Corte Madera: ---

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, Mary Ann Maggiore, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Dan Hillmer

Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Ken Wachtel

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

Ross: Chris Martin

San Anselmo: Ted Freeman, Judy House

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

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Paul Albritton, Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Miles Berger, Mike Cronin, Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Michael Rock, Fairfax; Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley; Patricia Thompson, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael; and Peggy Curran, Tiburon

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Pat Eklund welcomed everyone to Novato, introduced the Novato Council Members and the following City staff: Patricia Thompson, Interim City Manager; Joe Kreins, Chief of Police; Ron Gerber, Redevelopment Director; Pam Shinault, Director of Community Services; Dave Wallace, Community Development Director; Glenn Young, Public Works Director/Town Engineer; and Tom Adams, Finance Director

Other guests who were introduced: Patsy White, Marin Economic Commission; David Rzepinski, Marin Transit Authority; Amy O'Gorman, League of California Cities; Clarke Howatt, ABAG; , Paul Helliker, MMWD General Manager

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on June 25, 2008.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Approval of MCCMC Budget for FY 2008-2009

President Brandborg presented the budget with changes to reflect the anticipated expenses to be charged to the previous year's budget for the JPA Oversight Committee staff.

Moved and seconded to approve the MCCMC Budget for FY 2008-2009. Motion passed.

MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer Appointed

President Brandborg announced that the Executive Committee had appointed Judy Anderson as the MCCMC Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks updated the group on the work being done on Highway 101 including the night work required to reduce traffic, the drainage work at Puerto Suelo Hill, the hazardous materials discovered in the course of the project, and the extra work on retaining walls - all items that added to the cost overruns on the project. She reported on the 580 bike improvements that might be re-designed because of the cost overruns and that some of the Federal funding might be replaced with Measure A funding, noting that TAM had spearheaded some of the funding changes.
- b. Legislative Committee - Barbara Heller reported that the League opposed Proposition 7; that the Committee had authorized a condolence letter to be sent to the family of Matt Garcia and two letters to be sent to legislators in support of AB2365 (to require pesticide spraying notification and information by the State) and AB2537 (enabling cities to use volunteer labor on public works projects without having to pay them prevailing wages); and that SB 375 was a complicated bill and would be discussed at the League Conference the following week. She reminded the members that they were welcome to attend the Legislative Committee meetings at 7:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month at San Rafael City Hall. She deferred a report on the State budget situation to Amy O’Gorman.
- c. Amy O’Gorman, League Representative, reported on the status of the State budget and noted that the budget she expected to be passed would leave the cities and towns relatively unscathed, except for big hits on redevelopment agencies.
- c. Marin County Transit Authority – Paul Albritton described the authority as created by the voters with a budget of about twenty million dollars, made up of two city representatives and the Board of Supervisors, with jurisdiction over every bus that didn’t cross the bridge. He introduced the new General Manager, Dave Rzepinski.

Clean Energy Update – Shawn Marshall explained the proposed changes to the proposed Clean Energy JPA that would broaden the scope and allow the JPA to address climate change and sustainability; to pursue Community Choice Aggregation as a program; that they could look at the mandate of AB32; that cities could opt out of the clean energy portion of the JPA and still be part of the other joint efforts; that the proposed change could help the JPA leverage further funding; that the comments on the proposed edits to the JPA were to be considered by the City Attorneys and City Managers; stated that there was still a desire to get the JPA formed by the end of the year or in January; and noted that the costs stated in the business plan could change if the process took longer than originally planned.

Public Comment:

Paul Helliker, MMWD, stated that MMWD had donated money to the County to hire a consultant to review the business plan; that there was a free lunch to be held on September 30th to answer questions about the Community Choice Aggregation plan.

Marin Economic Commission – Gary Lyon reported that they had been working on an economic sustainability plan for businesses throughout Marin County; that the County was financially committed to their work; and that they provided services to businesses throughout the County.

ABAG General Assembly – Carol Dillon-Knutsen reported that she would be representing MCCMC at the ABAG General Assembly on October 24th at the Oakland Marriott, and that the topic was “Bay Delta and Water Use.”

League of Women Voters – Alison Giambastiani, of the League, expressed concern about the malicious campaigns that discouraged quality candidates from running for office. She reported on the Campaign Reform Committee of the League recently formed to deal with the issue. She further reported that the League was asking the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to make independent committees more transparent and announced a meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd, at Marin Art & Garden Center with Elaine Ginnold, the Marin County Registrar of Voters as the speaker.

Mary Ann Maggiore, Fairfax Mayor, announced a “Small Town Mayors and Council Members Conference” to be held in Fairfax on Saturday, October 25th.

Program: *The Marin Retail Scene – Just Survive, or Can We Thrive?* Speakers Rajiv Parikh, Principal, Blake Hunt Ventures, and Mark Koenig, Partner, BT Commercial Terranomics, Marin residents representing firms in the retail industry in Northern California, described the current poor economic environment and its effect on businesses. They presented an overview of the commercial development along the 101 corridor in Marin County, provided statistics about the current markets in Marin, and described the marketing possibilities for business districts.

Adjourn: 9:05 pm to the next meeting hosted by Ross on October 22, 2008.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer