

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

Wednesday, September 26, 2007
EAT Restaurant
318 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: -

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Carla Condon

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, David Weinsoff, Lew Tremaine, Larry Bragman

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kathleen Hartzell, Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Anne Solem, Shawn Marshall, Chris Raker, Andrew Berman

Novato: -

Ross: -

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Judy House, Ted Freeman, Barbara Thornton, Wayne Cooper

San Rafael: Cyr Miller, Al Boro, Barbara Heller, Paul Cohen

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Paul Albritton, Mike Kelly, Jonathan Leone, Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were City and Town Managers George Rodericks, Belvedere, David Bracken, Corte Madera, Linda Kelly, Fairfax, Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Adam Politzer, Sausalito, Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael and Peggy Curran, Tiburon.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Wayne Cooper welcomed everyone to San Anselmo and introduced council members Peter Breen, Judy House, Ted Freeman and Barbara Thornton. The following staff members were introduced: Town Manager Debbie Stutsman, Joanne Kessel, Administrative Services Technician, Lisa Wright, Planning Director, Charles Maynard, Police Chief, Nick Valeri, Police Captain, Jim Providenza, Police Captain, Keith Angerman, Building Engineer, Lisa Wright, Planning and Building Director, Rob Epstein, Town Attorney, Roberta Robinson, Town Treasurer, and Janet Pendoley, Town Services/Finance Manager.

Other Guests who were introduced: Senator Carole Migden, Marin Supervisors Susan Adams, Hal Brown and Steve Kinsey, Paul Helliker General Manager of MMWD, Sue Peterson of Marin Builders Association, Patsy White and Judy Binsacca of the League of Women Voters, Suzanne Dunwell aide to Senator Migden, Amy O'Gorman, League of CA Cities, Marin County Chief Assistant Administrator Alex McIntyre, Larry Russel, MMWD Director, Wendy Friefeld, Assistant to Supervisor Adams, Susannah Clark, Aide to Supervisor Adams, Cynthia Connelly and Katie Rice, Aides to Supervisor Hal Brown, Terri Hardesty, Assistant to the San Rafael City Manager, and speaker Chris Godley.

Mayor Cooper also introduced and thanked the owners of Eat Restaurant, Ted Janko and Monica Rizzo.

Mayor Chu continued with the business phase of the meeting and introduced new MCCMC secretary-treasurer Bob Sinnott.

Approval of Minutes: July 25, 2007

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Approval of Budget: For the 2007-08 Year.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks reviewed the issues that continue to face the agency and some of the capital projects that are being implemented to reduce local traffic congestion. One of the many issues TAM is working on is the investigation of costs associated with the maintenance of multi use paths. It is suggested that local communities assist in funding the maintenance of these paths. An update of the Puerto Suello sound wall was provided.
- b. Regional Airport Planning Committee – Alice Fredericks provided a report on noise associated with flyovers and future impacts associated with runway expansion and bay fill. Future aviation needs and passenger use trends show Oakland airport running out of capacity by 2015 and SFO by 2025. One alternative being considered for fly over noise control is “continuous decent access maneuvers”.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge District - Al Boro updated the group on the partnership program for the GG Bridge. This involves getting major companies to sponsor a bridge related project. It is not the renaming of the bridge. Mayor Boro announced that Trans Link has been launched which enables passengers to use one card on multiple public transit systems. The City and County of San Francisco have received a federal grant for the Doyle Drive project. A requirement for the grant is toll collection. The Bridge District has not as yet been contact regarding toll collection. It was also announced that a new agency has been formed, called the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).
- d. SMART - Peter Breen noted that the SMART Board approved a supplemental environmental report which will be done in anticipation of a November 2008 ballot measure which involves a modified cumulative impact scenario, alternative station sites in the Novato area, a new evaluation of light diesel multiple units, an evaluation of weekend and night service, and additional segments of multi use path that could be added. SMART will also be meeting with Larkspur sometime late in October regarding the southern terminus. A SMART community outreach public education manager has been hired.
- e. North Bay Division of League of CA Cities – Amy O’ Gorman updated the group on the status of the division. Her report focused on eminent domain reform - which failed in the final days of the legislature, and the division’s success at making SB 375 a two-year bill. Amy reported that Prop 1-B local street and roads money, a total of \$950 million, has been appropriated out of Prop 1-B funds for local streets and roads. \$400 million will be directed to Counties and \$550 million will be directed to cities. Amy also discussed AB 1542, the mobile home conversion bill that attempts to close the loophole on existing law pertaining to rent control ordinances. The League is urging the governor to sign this bill.
- f. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – Steve Kinsey updated the group on several transportation related issues: Opening of the new span of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge and the closure and smooth reopening of the Oakland Bay Bridge during the Labor Day construction. The new “open road tolling system” on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge was summarized. MTC received an award under the Urban Partnership Program totaling \$159 million dollars. It does require legislative assistance. He discussed the concept of congestion pricing for future tolling relating to the Doyle Drive project. Supervisor Kinsey announced the Regional Transportation Plan Opening Forum set for October 26th. He announced that MTC received special one-time funding that will provide 80% of needed funds for Golden Gate Bridge movable barrier. Also allocated has been \$2 million for a wide range of projects, one of which is improving the Greenbrae multi modal project. This extends the Marin Greenway project.

Items of Countywide Significance – Supervisor Kinsey reported on 1) the proposed Marin Health and Wellness Campus located in San Rafael near Bellam and Kerner Boulevards, 2) the proposed new emergency communications, operations and County Sheriff's center to be located in the jury parking lot area of the Marin Civic Center, 3) an update on the Countywide Plan, 4) the Wildland Fire Management program, and, 4) the library system has completed a strategic plan that calls for a doubling of library space.

Public Comment - Mayor Boro reported on the meeting that occurred prior to this evening's MCCMC event, that included representation from several cities and towns and which focused on homelessness. Judy Binsacca reported on the County-wide plan hearing. She noted that there is strong support for senior and affordable housing at the St. Vincent's property. Larry Chu urged everyone to get involved in the GET READY disaster preparedness program.

Program: Marin Emergency Services Manager Chris Godley provided a presentation on disaster preparedness and regional coordination to a major emergency.

ADJOURN: President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. to the next meeting on October 24th in San Rafael.