

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

*Hosted by the City of Larkspur
Ristorante Giorgio*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams
Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, John Dupar, Jin Yang, Carla Condon
Fairfax: Susan Brandborg
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Joan Lundstrom, Ron Arlas, Kathy Hartzell
Mill Valley: Christopher Raker, Anne Solem, Shawn Marshall, Andrew Berman, Dick Swanson
Novato: Jim Leland, Pat Eklund, Judy Arnold
Ross: Diane Durst
San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Barbara Thornton, Wayne Cooper, Ian Roth, Ted Freeman
San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Gary Phillips, Cyr Miller
Sausalito: Mike Kelly, Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were City and Town Managers Dana Whitson, Sausalito; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Don Hunter, Mill Valley, Dan Keen, Novato, Jay Tashiro, Corte Madera, Linda Kelly, Fairfax and George Rodericks, Belvedere, and Assistant City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley and Lydia Romero, San Rafael.

CALL TO ORDER: President Melissa Gill called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She acknowledged all newly selected mayors and introduced newly elected Councilmembers Ian Roth and Ted Freeman of San Anselmo.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Larry Chu welcomed everyone to Larkspur and introduced councilmembers and the following staff members: Bob Sinnott, Cynthia Huisman, Mike Myers, Hamid Shamsapour, Andre Horn, Phil Green and his wife Chris, Mike McDuffee, and Scott Shurtz.

Other Guests: Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Amy O’Gormon, League of California Cities, Judy Binsacca, Margaret Jones and Patsy White of League of Women Voters, Klif Knowles and Terry Hennessey of Marin Builders Assn., Wendy Friefeld, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey’s office,

Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Nominations and Appointments to Committees

- a. Cal ID Remote Access Network - President Melissa Gill stated that nominations were open for a representative to this County committee. It must be a mayor, so the mayors will select a new representative at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

- a. Joint Services Oversight Committee - Christopher Raker reported that a tour of the recycling center is being organized for February 18 or 25 and everyone is invited. The JSOC developed a set of bylaws and a list of JPA’s, based on criteria established by the Committee. Each JPA is being interviewed and a report produced. Larry Chu is the new chair of the committee and Lew Tremaine is vice-chair.
- b. SMART - Peter Breen stated that two public hearings have been held on the EIR and a significant amount of feedback has been received. Every comment will be responded to

as the Board moves ahead with this project.

- c. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem referred the committee's recommendation to renew the contract with Emanuels, Jones for 2006, at a cost of an additional \$200 per month. Fairfax has not yet indicated whether they will participate, so the exact amount per city has not yet been finalized. She pointed out the very effective job the firm has been doing for Marin cities. Joan Lundstrom commented that without a lobbyist Marin would have no voice on state issues, and highlighted the differences since this firm has been working on behalf of the cities. Amy Belser added that use of a lobbyist has given Marin a real presence in Sacramento and urged renewal of this important contract.
Moved and seconded to approve contract with Emanuels, Jones for legislative advocacy services for the cities and towns in Marin. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Marin Community United - Kathy Hartzell gave an update on this schools/cities committee, noting that the issues discussed at the September meeting have not gone away. Although the atmosphere at the State level is better, there is no "new money" for education, but merely that which is owed from past agreements. The State continues to create unfunded mandates.
- e. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro reported on the new bus shelter at the Bridge, and the "See something/Say something" program. Because of a recent robbery attempt at the toll booths, all toll takers now wear bulletproof vests. Significant cuts have been made in the budget, reducing the number of employees by 300 employees, and the Board is working on a plan to increase fares over the next five years.
- f. Transportation Authority of Marin - Alice Fredericks announced the Gap Closure project groundbreaking ceremony will be held in early March. She explained the funding mechanisms on these projects.
- g. North Bay Division - League of CA Cities - Alice Fredericks reminded members of the North Bay Dinner meeting Thursday, January 26 in Novato.
- h. Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Steve Kinsey reported MTC continues to work with the legislature on transportation funding for local projects. Gov. Schwarzenegger has indicated Prop. 42 will be honored, paying back \$900 million in loans. MTC wants to permanently protect Prop. 42 and encourages repayment with user fees, instead of borrowing more money. He also reminded everyone to use the 511 service to receive traffic updates.
- i. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Chairman Dan Hillmer announced MTA will hold its last negotiating session February 1. The agreement will provide three public access channels for educational and governmental broadcasting. They are also working on upgrading to a Wide Area Network for voice, video and data, allowing cities and the county to communicate more effectively with one another.

Public Open Time - President Melissa Gill announced that three groups wish to give 15 minute reports (ABAG, Marin Workforce Housing, and Marin Major Crimes Task Force) and suggested one of the cities provide a forum for them in place of one speaker at an upcoming meeting.

Wendy Friefeld, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey's office, noted that President Bush has still not responded to her request for the federal government to declare Marin County a disaster area. This is necessary to procure FEMA funding for damages to public and private property.

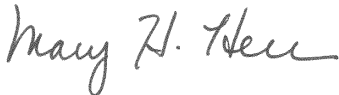
Gary Phillips reported he has attended a meeting of the Marin Economic Commission. A work-study group has been formed to work on target industry study. Members were urged to forward any concerns or suggestions to him.

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PROGRAM: Chris Godley, Manager of Marin County Office of Emergency Services gave an overview of the recent storm, Marin's disaster recovery and the ROC.

ADJOURN: President Melissa Gill adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next meeting on February 22, 2006 in Mill Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary H. Herr".

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer