

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
Hosted by the Town of Ross  
Marin Art & Garden Center, Livermore Room  
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Ross

**Members Present**

Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, Peter Lacques, John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Catherine Way  
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, John McCauley, Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy  
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, P. Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Robbins, Carla Small  
San Anselmo: Doug Kelly, John Wright  
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips  
Sausalito: Jill Hoffman, Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Ross Town Manager Rob Braulik and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

**Call to Order**

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

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Ross Mayor Elizabeth Brekhus welcomed the members and guests, including Supervisor Judy Arnold,, Supervisor Katie Rice, County Administrator Matthew Hymel, Joan Lubamersky from Assemblyman Marc Levine's office and Margaret Jones from the League of Women Voters. Barbara Coler introduced the newly appointed councilmember from Fairfax, Peter Lacques. Also present were Ross staff members Linda Lopez, Town Clerk; Police Chief Erik Masterson, Senior Planner Elise Semonian, and Rebecca Woodbury, Management Analyst from San Rafael.

**Speakers/Program:**

Speaker: Diane Doodha, Board President, Marin Art & Garden Center  
Presentation: "MAGC: More than Just a Pretty Place"

Ms. Doodha thanked the Town Council for choosing the location for their event and gave a presentation about the center, stating that they were celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. She discussed the property's past, present and future, explaining its mission to provide access to arts, horticulture and conservation and to serve Marin County's culturally underserved populations. She added that the vision for the Center going forward is to be accessible, use technology, broaden the scope of programming and build community.

Speaker: Dr. Thomas Peters, President and CEO, Marin Community Foundation  
Presentation: "A Look into Marin Community Foundation's Future"

Dr. Peters gave a presentation on the Marin Community Foundation's history and plans for the future, stating that it had grown to encompass close to 500 philanthropic families. He stated that it had started as the legacy of Dr. and Mrs. Buck who dedicated their estate to the well-being and growth of the Marin community. He said that the Foundation makes grants from these family funds in Marin and the greater Bay area, as well as across country and the world, reporting that the Foundation's \$1.6 B in total resources are equally split between the Buck endowment and the sum total from the other families. He explained that the nine member Board is made up of community members and makes decisions about prioritization and distribution of funds, and difficult choices between many worthy non-profits and local government agencies. He concluded by reporting that the Board had recently updated its top priorities into four broad categories: education, health, economic opportunity and environment.

Barbara Coler, Fairfax, asked why arts, culture and natural resources were no longer being funded, to which Dr. Peters replied that there was some misinformation about the Foundation going around that was totally false. He said that, while it was true that they would focus on children, many millions of dollars would still be going into arts and culture. He said that these things were integral to a fully rounded life, particularly for young people, to make up for shortages at home and at school.

Gary Phillips, San Rafael, stated that the Foundation directly serves their needed population, and thanked Dr. Peters for its support of the Streets Team, a successful San Rafael program.

Dan Hillmer, Larkspur, asked how the towns and cities could help, to which Dr. Peters responded that it helps to have the conversation about addressing equity in each of our own communities and stated that societies fail when they stop being concerned about the divisions within their own people.

### **Business Meeting**

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2014 meeting**

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

#### **Appointments to fill MCCMC Committee Vacancies:**

##### **Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee – Citizen Appointment:**

There was a motion/second (Eklund/Kellner) to appoint Ed Shulze as the Citizen Appointee. Motion passed by acclamation.

**League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board:** There was a motion/second (Eklund/Athas) to appoint Kay Coleman and Ray Withy. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission (SMART):** There was a motion/second (Chu/Coler) to reappoint Stephanie Moulton-Peters. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Marin County Transit District Board of Directors:** There was a motion/second (MacLeamyAthas) to reappoint Madeline Kellner and a motion/second (Fredericks/Colin) to appoint Maribeth Bushey as alternate. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission:** There was a motion/second (Kellner/Fredericks) to reappoint Steve Kinsey. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Announcement of Pending Vacancy: League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board:** This is for the alternate position vacated by Kay Coleman who was appointed as Second Representative. Letters of interest were solicited; the vote will be taken at the next meeting.

### **MCCMC Committee Reports**

ABAG Report – Mayor Pro Tem Eklund called attention to the written report included in the meeting packet, thanked all of the delegates for their participation and sought input on the Plan Bay Area attachments, asking for suggestions or revisions. She also highlighted the upcoming ABAG/CSAC meetings.

GGBHTD: Councilmember Fredericks reported on AB 40, which would strip the District of the authority to impose an equitable sharing of expenses for sidewalk use. She stated that it was a threat to local control, taking away the authority to conduct business, which could also be an impact to cities. She said that this was one of 60 proposals to raise revenues and stated that sidewalk use does have an impact. She also reported on an upcoming problem at Vista Point, where visitors can cause traffic congestion all the way back into the City, and said that to solve the problem would require interaction between six separate agencies.

MCCMC Legislative Committee Report: Councilmember Fredericks reported that Senator Mike McGuire had spoken recently on the lack of transportation funding and said also that Caltrans was seeking more local contributions, and that the Governor was not interested in reclaiming funding diverted to pay off bonds back to transportation funding. She also reported that there would likely be a marijuana proposition on the ballot, and that, if it passes, local jurisdictions must be allowed to retain control on all surrounding issues.

TAM Report: Councilmember Fredericks stated that TAM is looking at gathering data for their long term planning and priorities, and that a preliminary survey listed traffic congestion on Highway 101 as a top issue. She said that 57% of people reported a willingness to pay to solve congestion problems, that a recent workshop showed the same priorities and that these and other workshops and data collection will inform long range planning processes for the regional transportation plan. Councilmember Hillmer commented that the impacts of traffic were impinging onto city streets in Greenbrae and hoped TAM would help with a better direct connection to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to relieve congestion.

Marin Transit Report: Councilmember Kellner reported on the expansion of the Muir Woods shuttle and on the short range transit plan which was looking at needs identified for expansion to include for schools and seniors. She also spoke about the League's Mayors and Councilmembers department, thanking those who attended the recent meeting and for their

service on committees. She concluded by announcing the upcoming League meetings for the year.

Homeless Subcommittee Report: Councilmember Colin stated that the Committee's structure, which was historically chaired by two supervisors, had been changed and that now she was co-chairing with Supervisor Rice. She reported that they would next meet in February to talk about an alternate proposal to REST, and providing an opportunity for cities and towns to come together on the issue of homelessness. She also said that a count was planned to provide a point in time snapshot of what homelessness looks like in our communities.

Minimum Wage Study Group Report: Councilmember Lucan reported that the study group had met for the third time, and that they were still in the resource-gathering, discovery phase. H asked for any input from cities and said that the next meeting would be in March.

### **Adjournment**

*At 8:46 p.m., President Moulton-Peters adjourned the meeting until February 25, 2015 in San Anselmo.*

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz  
MCCMC Secretary