

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Alexander Hall, San Francisco Theological Seminary
105 Seminary Road
San Anselmo, CA
(Hosted by the Town of Ross)

Members Present

Belvedere: ---

Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Carla Condon, John Dupar, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, Mary Ann Maggiore, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Larry Chu

Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Jeanne MacLeamy

Ross: Bill Cahill, Scot Hunter, Chris Martin, Michael Skall, Rick Strauss

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Ted Freeman, Ford Greene, Judy House, Barbara Thornton

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

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

Tiburon: Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Bob Pendoley, Corte Madera; Michael Rock, Fairfax; Jean Bonander, Larkspur; Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley; Patricia Thompson, Novato; Gary Broad, Ross; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Adam Politzer, Sausalito; and Peggy Curran, Tiburon

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She presented a plaque of appreciation to Larry Chu for his service as the President of MCCMC. President Brandborg introduced the Mayor of Ross, William Cahill.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Bill Cahill welcomed everyone to the dinner hosted by the Town of Ross and introduced the Ross Council Members and the following Town staff: Hadden Roth, Town Attorney; Gary Broad, Town Manager; Mel Jarjoura, Public Works Director; Jim Reis, Chief of Police; Linda Lopez, Administrative Assistant; and Charlie Goodman, former Mayor of Ross.

Other guests who were introduced: Henry Gardner, ABAG; Patsy White, Marin Economic Commission; Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Association; and Diane Linn, Ritter Center.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on September 18, 2008.
Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks was not present. No report was given.
- b. Legislative Committee – Greg Brockbank referred to an end of session wrap-up given to the Legislative Committee by Amy O’Gorman, League Representative, who had reported on the status of the State budget. She had reported that 770 bills had been passed and 414 had been vetoed by the Governor; that there was a 4.3 to 4.6 billion dollar budget shortfall; that the Governor might call for a special legislative session after the election; that most of the oil spill legislation had passed including Huffman’s AB2935 which MCCMC had supported; that Amy O’Gorman had stated that she would help jurisdictions apply for oil spill prevention and response grants; and that Huffman’s Apple Moth legislation passed (AB2365 to require pesticide spraying notification and information by

the State); that AB2537 passed enabling cities to use volunteer labor on public works projects without having to pay them prevailing wages for another three years; that no action was taken by the Committee on the State propositions; and that the League opposed Propositions 5 and 7 and supported Propositions 9 and 11. SB 375 Land Use Planning and Global Warming legislation was discussed. He announced that the next meeting of the committee would be on Monday, November 10th at 8 a.m. at San Rafael City Hall.

- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District – Al Boro reported that the District had decided to install a net as the preferred alternative for suicide prevention on the bridge; that the net had been successful in Switzerland; that former San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano, recently elected to the State Assembly, had vowed to get the necessary funding for the net through legislation he planned to introduce, as well as from Washington D.C. and local private sources; that the estimated cost for the Doyle Drive project was 1.044 billion dollars for improvements to the 1.1 miles of bridge approach; that San Francisco had identified 629 million dollars for the project; that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) had offered to contribute eighty million dollars if they could get a match from the Bridge District and the counties of Marin and Sonoma; TAM was to consider the topic at a meeting in the near future; and that funding had been secured for the moveable median project, including a twenty-million dollar grant from the MTC, and that the project was going forward.
- d. Marin County Transit Authority – Paul Albritton reported on a \$400,000 budget loss due to the State’s reduction in funding that they had been able to backfill with reserves; and reported on the lease of two more handicapped accessible cabs for Marin and that there would be a total of five accessible cabs in Marin once the next two were leased.
- e. JPA Oversight Committee - Paul Albritton reported that the Committee had met with the Major Crimes Task Force which had been funded mainly by drug seizures, a source that had diminished substantially over the years; were going to raise the amount charged to cities by 23% to make up for the shortfall, noting that 2/3 of the budget funding came from the cities and 1/3 from the County. He stated that it was likely that the Task Force would go out of business unless they could find alternative or additional funding.
- f. Marin Economic Commission – Gary Lyon reported that the Commission had been working on the potential formation of a Marin Economic Sustainability organization to ensure the long range viability of Marin businesses including helping small businesses, developing focused business clusters in Marin; providing research, education and planning for businesses throughout Marin County; that the County was financially committed to their work and had already contributed \$150,000/year for five years to the project; it would be a private and public partnership; looking for cities to help as well; and a revised report would be sent out about the new organization, hopefully before the next meeting.
- g. ABAG General Assembly – Carol Dillon-Knutson was not present, but Henry Gardner gave a report. He stated that he wasn’t present to talk about regional housing needs allocations; that they were mandated by the State to do the housing work; that they had sued the State unsuccessfully over the mandates. He described the program for the upcoming ABAG General Assembly about land use and water, and invited those present to attend. He mentioned other programs of ABAG like the Bay Trail, the 45 million dollars in liability insurance provided for small cities; and the over a billion dollars they had provided for senior housing, for health care facilities and for small schools.
- h. Marin Telecommunications Authority – Andrew Berman was not present to give the report.

- i. SMART – Peter Breen reported that the ground breaking for the opening of the Cal Park Tunnel was on September 24th; that the project was funded by SMART and the County; that Cal Park was a mile long tunnel that would become a bicycle path and rail line made ready; that on the previous Wednesday there had been two meetings of significance; one was in Santa Rosa wherein the SMART Board voted to work in cooperation with Larkspur and the Ross Valley on the planning for the Larkspur Landing transportation project; and the other meeting was in Larkspur where the Larkspur City Council passed a similar resolution putting an end to the perceived disputes between the SMART Board and the Larkspur Council. He stated that all the players were now beginning to sit at the table to plan for SMART including Larkspur Landing.

Public Comment: John from Sausalito announced that there would be an event at the San Francisco Bay Model on November 17th to benefit Project Homeless and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mary Ann Maggiore, Mayor of Fairfax, announced a Small Town Mayors and Councilmembers Conference to be held on Saturday, October 25th in Fairfax.

Program: “Can Governments be Good?” was the topic covered by the speaker, Ted Gaebler, City Manager of Rancho Cordova and Co-author of the bestseller Reinventing Government.

Adjourn: 9:05 pm to the next meeting hosted by San Anselmo on Thursday, December 4th.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer