

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Hosted by the City of Novato
City of Novato Administrative Offices – 922 Machin Avenue
Novato, CA 94945

Members Present

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe, Marty Winter
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Bob Ravasio, Diane Furst
Fairfax: Renee Goddard, David Weinsoff, Barbara Coler, John Reed
Larkspur: Kevin Haroff, Larry Chu
Mill Valley: Jessica Jackson, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy
Ross: Katie Hoertkorn, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Doug Kelly, John McInerney, John Wright
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin
Sausalito: Tom Theodores, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy, Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz, Novato City Manager Michael Frank, Novato Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola, San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman, San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle 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

Novato Mayor Eric Lucan welcomed the members and guests, including Supervisor Judy Arnold, District Aides Leslie Benjamin and Tanya Albert and Marin Transit General Manager Nancy Whelan. He also recited a poem he had written to welcome the Novato Council and staff members Russ Thompson, Director of Public Works, Pam Shinault, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, and Bob Brown, Director of Community Development.

Presentation: Marin County Youth Commission (MCYC)

A panel of Youth Commissioners from MCYC provided a summary of their work to affect policy on topics such as youth access to alcohol and drugs, youth homelessness, bullying, educational equity and health initiatives. Following the introduction, the youth commissioners responded to questions asked by MCYC staff member Deborah Schoenbaum, as follows:

- Q1. Why did you decide to be a Youth Commissioner?
A1. The Commissioners stated their various goals for their service on the Commission which included getting involved in the community and contributing to social change.
- Q2. Why should politicians care about engaging youth?
A2. The Commissioners felt it was important to have youth at the table for a fresh perspective and to foster youth engagement in political issues.
- Q3. What issues should be given more attention in this county?

- A3. Transportation issues and youth access to alcohol were mentioned as top issues. Also, access to nutritious food for youth in all communities and was identified as a major topic of concern, along with the educational gap experienced by undocumented young people.
- Q4. Has there been a time when you felt disempowered by an adult while doing community work?
- A4. The Commissioners recounted incidents where they had felt underestimated or stereotyped by adults.
- Q5. How can adults authentically engage with youth?
- A5. The Commissioners recommended keeping an open mind, listening to and mentoring and educating youth who will be the leaders of the future.

Following the prepared questions, the floor was opened to questions from the audience. Renee Goddard, Fairfax, asked for ideas on recruiting youth to participate in local government and the Commissioners recommended using social media and reaching out through schools and clubs. David Weinsoff, Fairfax, encouraged the Commissioners to contact their local council people for help on the access to healthy food issue. Barbara Coler, Fairfax, stated that youth are underutilized, and encouraged giving them difficult work at which they would be successful. Gary Phillips, San Rafael, stated that youth have quite a bit of influence and power and encouraged them to seek the assistance of their elected officials.

Business Meeting

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2014 meeting

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

Announcement of Pending Vacancies 2015

Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Steve Kinsey, incumbent

Term Expiration – February 2015 (Nominations will be accepted in writing for submission to the Board of Supervisors)

MCCMC Committee Reports

TAM Report: Mayor Fredericks reported that TAM and the cities were partnering in an effort to provide more green trips to schools, that data would be gathered and then a plan developed. She said they were looking for data on current travel patterns surrounding schools and that congestion was a hot button issue. She concluded by reporting that the upcoming meeting on metered ramps in Marin was to get input and provide outreach.

GGBTD: Mayor Fredericks reported on the strategic financial plan which was intended to eliminate the predicted five year deficit and reduce it over the next ten years. She said they were looking for approval of the list of initiatives that staff would be asked to study, such as charging cyclists and pedestrians for their use of the facilities, use of technology to collect fees, and finding an equitable fee point to maintain the sidewalks, etc.

ABAG: Councilmember Eklund provided a written report in the packet, and highlighted that the ABAG delegates meeting was coming the next week in Corte Madera, the topic being the Strategic Growth Council. She stated that they had \$130 million to disperse between cities, JPAs and transit districts for sustainable and affordable housing programs. She announced topics for the upcoming meetings and the timeline for final decisions.

Marin Transit: Councilmember Kellner introduced Nancy Whelan, the new Marin Transit General Manager. She reported that, at the last meeting, there had been a discussion of a study on bus access to schools, and other means of transportation. She said there had been several meetings with schools and cities, and that travel to school accounts for much of the current congestion. She encouraged the members' involvement, and said that the results and recommendations would be out in 2015.

Minimum Wage Study Group: Mayor Lucan reported on the group's previous meeting where Rob Eyer had been the speaker. He said that the next meeting would be in January and to contact him if interested in joining a study group.

Sea Level Rise Study Group: Vice Mayor McAuliffe announced the composition of the group and stated that work was underway on many fronts, such as the County. She said the group would be the voice for cities, an avenue for consolidated information and invited everyone to the next session in November.

Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., President Moulton-Peters adjourned the meeting until January 28, 2015 in Ross.

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary