

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013
Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo
Jason's Restaurant – 300 Drake's Landing
Greenbrae, CA 94960

Members Present

Belvedere: James Campbell, Sandra Donnell, Claire McAuliffe, Bob McCaskill
Corte Madera: Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Larry Bragman, Renee Goddard, John Reed
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Brad Marsh, Ann Morrison, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, P. Beach Kuhl, Katie Hoertkorn, Carla Small, R. Rupert Russell
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Ford Greene, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Kate Colin, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Tom Theodores, Ray Withy, Herb Weiner
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan, Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman; and Rebecca Woodbury, standing in for San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle.

Call to Order

President Rifkind called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Coleman welcomed everyone to the dinner. She introduced the San Anselmo Town Councilmembers who were present, as well as members of the Town Staff: Town Manager Debbie Stutsman, Chief of Police (Central Marin Police Authority) Todd Cusimano, Town Attorney Rob Epstein, Community Services Director Dave Donnery, Finance & Administrative Services Director Daria Carrillo, Town Librarian Linda Kenton, Ross Valley Fire Chief Roger Meagor, Interim Planning Director Diane Henderson, and she gave a special thanks to Administrative Assistant Joanne Kessel, for organizing the event.

Mayor Coleman also welcomed Supervisor Steve Kinsey, League of California Cities representative Nancy Bennett, League of Women Voters representative Patsy White, LAFCO Executive Director Keene Simmonds, as well as guests Tina Kroot of San Anselmo and Carla Hansen of Novato. She gave a special welcome to State Assemblymember Marc Levine and his aide, Joan Lubamersky.

Business Meeting: President Rifkind said the business meeting would take place after dinner and the speaker's presentation.

Program: "Tall Tales and Horror Stories from the Assembly Local Government Committee"

Speaker: Marc Levine, Assembly Member, 10th District

Assemblymember Levine said it was to be back among his colleagues and local electeds in Marin. He gave an interesting talk which provided an "insider's view" into the workings of the legislature and his first term in the Assembly. He talked about his service on the Local Government Committee (as Vice Chair), and bipartisanship. He gave an example of how he had

won some legislators from the other party over on a bill having to do with making information on prescription drugs more easily understood.

Overall, Levine said that the current composition of the legislature, even with a supermajority of Democrats, seemed to be taking a more moderate view. He noted that this was the largest freshman class since 1966, with 42 new members, but they had passed the fewest bills since 1967. He said his sense was that this group was not in a rush and would take the time to look at the intended and unintended consequences of legislation.

He said that on one hand, Proposition 30 had taken a lot of pressure off the state budget, but because it was a temporary tax, there was also pressure to spend money.

In response to a question about pension reform, Levine said that nothing appeared to be happening on that front (after passage of Governor Brown's pension reform bill during the last election). He also talked about some topics of interest on the horizon and said he planned to continue his work on behalf of cities.

President Rifkind thanked Assemblymember Levine for his good work. At 7:55, he opened the business meeting.

Public Comment: Ford Greene described how his bicycle was stolen in San Anselmo and was successfully recovered by the joint efforts of police (Central Marin Police Authority). He used this story to underscore the importance of police communications and support for an upgraded MERA system.

Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2013 meeting

Mayor Eklund provided a correction to the minutes and there was a motion and second to approve the minutes (Eklund/Greene), as amended. Motion passed by acclamation.

Announcement of Upcoming Vacancies

Executive Committee

Rifkind said the position of MCCMC President would become vacant in December. He said that letters of interest for both the position of President and Vice President had been received and were in the packet. He asked for nominations.

MOTION: To nominate Stephanie Moulton-Peters to serve as President.

Moved: Berman
Seconded: Fredericks

MOTION: To nominate Denise Athas to serve as Vice President.

Moved: Coleman
Seconded: Eklund

President Rifkind said the nominations were closed and that the vote to appoint would take place at the November meeting, per the bylaws.

Other Committee Vacancies

President Rifkind said that the following vacancies would occur in December on the following committees, as a result of his not seeking re-election: Cal-ID RAN; Disaster Advisory Council (DC3), and the Homeless Policy Committee.

Rifkind said that he had been in touch with Supervisor Adams, Chair of the Homeless Policy Committee, and had suggested that there a representative from each city and town in Marin be appointed to the committee.

President Rifkind said that letters of interest on two of three committees listed above had been received (Collins for Homeless Policy Committee and Weinsoff for DC3) and appointments would be voted on at the November 25 meeting. He also noted that Councilmember Morrison of Larkspur had expressed an interest in the Cal-ID RAN committee.

The President announced the following upcoming vacancies in January 2014: Marin Transit District (Heller); Major Crimes Task Force (Eklund) (plus an alternate position which Mayor Furst had expressed an interest in); and the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District (he said that Councilmember Fredericks had expressed interest in reappointment).

President Rifkind said these appointments would be considered on November 25, as well.

Committee Reports

SMART – Stephanie Moulton-Peters gave a brief summary of her written report in the packet. She said that SMART had qualified for the first time for federal funding (through Small Starts program) and would use the funding for permits and engineering on the connection between San Rafael to Larkspur Landing. She said local funds were also needed for this project and acknowledged the \$11.4 million reallocated by TAM to SMART for this purpose. She reported on the acquisition of the Miramonte Marina, an actual local wetlands area that could be saved from development and used for mitigation measures. She also said that SMART had been voted the best place to work in the North Bay.

Cal ID RAN – Len Rifkind reported on a new state-of-the art portable device that can be used to swipe a driver's license and 'spit out' an e-ticket; he said it can also can run thumbprints. He said the new devices will cost \$4,500 each. He also said the committee had discussed Livescan [fingerprint] stations at various departments and were reviewing the \$4,000 a year cost to maintain them, and whether fewer stations might be more cost effective.

GGBHTD – Alice Fredericks said that 95% of the engineering had been completed on the proposed suicide barrier (she said there had been 10 suicides in August alone). Fredericks said that because toll funds could not be used for the barriers, matching funds and donations were being sought. She also reported that discussions continued concerning the proposed parking fees at Larkspur Ferry Landing and how to implement them (hourly or monthly; credit card or PayPal, etc.), and that longer-term strategies for financial stewardship were also underway.

Legislative Committee – Chair Fredericks said that various bills were discussed in the speaker's remarks.

TAM – Fredericks said that the minutes of the September 26, 2013 TAM meeting on the Highway 101/Greenbrae interchange project were now available on the website.

League of California Cities – Report deferred to November meeting.

President Rifkind thanked the speakers and the Town of San Anselmo for hosting the meeting.

Adjournment: President Rifkind adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to Monday, November 25 in San Rafael.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary