

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera

Best Western Inn

Madera Boulevard at Hwy. 101

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams.

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, John Dupar, Michael Lappert (and guest Connie Pecoraro), Jin Yang, Carla Condon

Mill Valley: Christopher Raker, Anne Solem, Dennis Fisco, Clifford Waldeck

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Judy Arnold, Jeanne Macleamy, Bernie Meyers

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Jeff Kroot (and wife Tina), Barbara Thornton

San Rafael: Paul Cohen, Barbara Heller, Gary Phillips, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Dennis Scremin, Ron Albert, Mike Kelly,

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

ABSENT: Ross, Fairfax, Larkspur

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

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor John Dupar welcomed everyone to Corte Madera and introduced councilmembers and the following staff members: David Bracken, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, Jackie Branch, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, Bob Fox, Director of Emergency Services, Chris Green, Assistant to the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Phil Green, Police Chief, Twin Cities Police Authority, and Bob Pendoley, Director of Planning/Assistant Town Manager.

Other Guests: Marin County Supervisors Steve Kinsey and Cynthia Murray, Judy Binsacca, Margaret Jones and Patsy White of League of Women Voters, Klif Knoles, Sue Peterson and Terry Hennessey, Marin Builders Assn., Janet McBride, ABAG, Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director, Transportation Authority of Marin.

CALL TO ORDER: President Melissa Gill called the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: June 22, 2005 and September 28, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Adoption of 2005-06 Budget

Moved and seconded to approve the budget as submitted. Motion passed.

Announcement of Openings on Committees (appointments to be made December 1)

President Melissa Gill announced that nominations are being accepted for the following positions. Anyone interested should notify Secretary Mary Herr.

- a. Marin Economic Commission - to fill unexpired term of Dennis Fisco to 11/30/06
- b. LAFCO alternate -- to fill unexpired term of Clifford Waldeck to 5/08
- c. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee - two-year term expires 1/06. Incumbent Pat Eklund, alternate Christopher Raker seek reappointment.
- d. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District -- two year term expires 1/06. Incumbent Al Boro seeks reappointment.
- e. Marin County Transit District Board of Directors -- two year term expires 1/06.

Incumbents Barbara Heller and Dick Swanson seek reappointment.

Committee Reports

- a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Supervisor Kinsey reported that the seismic upgrade of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge has been completed. Next year the bridge will be repaved, with as little traffic disruption as possible. MTC will be looking at ways to make taxis more accessible in Marin, and is receiving funding for this purpose. The Joint Policy Committee (ABAG, MTC, Air Quality District) is working on the integration of land use and transportation. This endeavor replaces the proposed merger of ABAG and MTC suggested last year.

He also announced that Marin would be receiving additional planning funds thanks to the National Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

- b. SMART - Peter Breen reported on the EIR which is expected to be released in the next two weeks. It is said to be the largest EIR prepared in the North Bay (over 600 pages).
- c. Marin Economic Commission - Dennis Fisco announced that the Annual Award Luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites on November 18th. As a retiring councilmember he will be stepping down from the Commission and he urged members to volunteer to serve on this board. Business retention and attraction is the focus of the group.
- d. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro was pleased to announce the Bridge Board's deficit has been reduced from \$457 million to \$66 million, after laying off 20% of its work force, raising tolls and cutting service. The Board will review its options, which include sponsorships, at an upcoming meeting. The proposed suicide barrier project faces funding shortfalls. Golden Gate holiday ornaments are now on sale.

The Golden Gate Ferry was the first in the nation to test a new security detection system (called the S.A.I.L. project) to be employed on ferry boats during times heightened security.

- e. Marin Community Foundation - Community Partnership Committee - Chris Raker noted that MCF has temporarily disbanded the committee. The Foundation will consider the committee's role and future over the next few months.
- f. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks reported on a recent TAM workshop held in Corte Madera which addressed reconfiguration of the Greenbrae interchange, closing the Madera Ave. exit and Tamalpais Ave. off ramp.

The SMART Board has requested TAM take over the hearing process for the GAP closure project - relocating the sound wall from east to west side of freeway. In addition, a subcommittee of TAM will initiate a study of the Countywide Planning Agency -- its scope and mission.

- g. ABAG - Carole Dillon-Knutson announced that tomorrow was the Fall Assembly in Oakland. The subject of Housing and Homelessness.
- h. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Clifford Waldeck announced MTA is in the home stretch of negotiations with Comcast. The Board hopes to a new franchise in place by the end of the year, after which new federal regulations may supercede local authority.

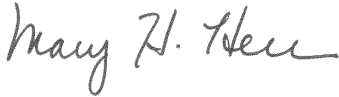
Public Open Time - No comments.

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PROGRAM: Mark DiCamillo, Director of Field Research Corporation, spoke about polling and State Propositions on the November ballot.

ADJOURN: President Melissa Gill adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next meeting on December 1, 2005 in Fairfax.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer