

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Hosted by the City of Belvedere
The San Francisco Yacht Club
98 Beach Road, Belvedere, CA

Members Present

Belvedere: None
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Godard, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kevin Haroff, Dan Hillmer Ann Morrison, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: John McCauley, Sashi McEntee, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Jim Wickham
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, P. Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Robbins, R. Rupert Russell
San Anselmo: Matt Brown, Kay Coleman, Ford Greene, Tom McInerney, John D. Wright
San Rafael: Kate Colin, Maribeth Bushey, John Gamblin, Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Jill James Hoffman, Linda Pfeifer, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell, Erin Tollini

Ex Officio: Tiburon Town Manager Greg Chanis, Tiburon Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi, Tiburon Director of Administrative Services Heidi Bigall, Tiburon Director of Community Development Scott Anderson, Tiburon Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Pat Barnes, Tiburon Chief of Police Mike Cronin, Tiburon Management Analyst Suzanne Creekmore, Tiburon Community Development Aide Lea Stefani, Novato City Manager Regan Candelario, Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn, San Anselmo Assistant Town Manager Dave Donery, San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz, Ross City Manager Joe Chinn; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; and Corte Madera Town Clerk/ MCCMC Secretary, Rebecca Vaughn.

Guests and Speakers were:

Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Supervisor Kate Sears, Aide to Supervisor Sears Leslie Alden, District Director for Congressman Jared Huffman Jenny Callaway, former San Rafael Councilmember Paul Cohen, General Manager, SMART Farhad Mansourian, Marin County Public Health Officer Matt Willis, MD MPH, Michael Coffino, Candidate for Judge, Marin Superior Court, County Superintendent of Schools Mary Jane Burke, Assistant Superintendent Marin Ken Lippi

And representatives from the following school districts: Bolinas, Dixie, Kentfield, Larkspur-Corte Madera, Marin County Office of Education, Marin Community College, Mill Valley, Nicasio, Novato Unified, Reed Union, Ross, Ross Valley, San Rafael Elementary and High School, Sausalito/Marin City, Shoreline, Tamalpais

Welcome and Introductions

1. **Call to Order:** President Sloan Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. He welcomed everyone to the October 26, 2016 meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers and thanked the Town of Tiburon for hosting. He then called for Public Comment.

2. **Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)

- 2a. **Jenny Calloway, District Director for Congressman Jared Huffman and Paul Cohen, former San Rafael City Council member as well as a former member of the San Rafael Board of Education:**

Ms. Calloway mentioned that she is also a former San Rafael School Board member, as well. She spoke about Measure A, a strong start for Marin kids. She explained that the purpose of the Measure is to look at the whole child in a comprehensive way, and providing the best start in life for success in school and in the workplace. Too many children in Marin do not receive this experience, which makes a concrete difference. She clarified that this not a new tax increase, that the ¼ cent sales tax currently being paid through Prop 30 is expiring in 2016, so passage of Measure A would not mean an increase in sales tax. Measure A would ensure local control for local use for our own children. When some children are not doing well, all children are not doing well.

Mr. Cohen reiterated that Measure A is important for building strong communities that support families. It is important for children to arrive at school ready to learn. We have the opportunity to be leaders in Marin, California and the rest of the nation. Support for this measure has brought people together from many different sectors. The Measure has support because it's the right thing to do. Please consider adding your name to the growing list of endorsements.

Ms. Calloway stated that supporting Measure A is a smart thing to do. We are paying for this neglect on one end or other. This is a chance to set great example and shift the narrative from "What is Marin County doing" to "What Marin County is really doing"

- 2b **Larry Chu, Larkspur Council member and Past President of MCCMC – The City of Larkspur participates in over 30 joint services agreements, one of which is the Central Marin Police Authority, which has been around for over 35 years. The budget for police services has stayed nominally flat, with more police officers on the street, a full service police agency, and now includes San Anselmo along with Corte Madera. We are now in the process of doing this with the Fire Department. Since the Larkspur-Corte Madera school district has a Superintendent who will be retiring soon, as well as a Business Manager who has recently left, it may be a good time for the district to look at shared services. He urges everyone to consider shared services when there are opportunities, and stated that the public is asking us to show good use of their money.**

President Bailey welcomed everyone from the educational world.

He then stated that there was an item that was not included on the agenda. He asked to make a modification to the agenda to formally add this item. He explained that since Supervisor Steve Kinsey is not running for re-election, the appointment that he holds on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as the representative for Marin County will

need to be filled. As such, we will need a new nominee to present to Board of Supervisors for appointment.

President Bailey called for a motion to announce the upcoming vacancy of the Marin Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

There was a motion and a second (Moulton-Peters/Way) to add the announcement of the upcoming vacancy of the Marin Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to the agenda.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Erin Tollini welcomed all attendees to the annual meeting of Marin Community United. She introduced all Town of Tiburon staff present: Greg Channis -Town Manager, Scott Anderson - Community Development Director, Lea Stefani - Community Development Aide, Heidi Bigall – Administrative Services Director, Suzanne Creekmore – Management Analyst, Pat Barnes – Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, Michael Cronin - Chief of Police, Diane Crane Iacopi – Town Clerk.

Introduction of guests: Jenny Callorway - District Director for Congressman Huffman, Supervisor Kate Sears, Leslie Alden – Aide to Supervisor Sears, Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Michael Coffino – Candidate for Judge Candidate Marin Sup Ct

Introduction of Speakers: Matt Willis MD/MPH - Marin County Health Officer, Farhad Mansourian – General Manager of SMART

Introduction of School Districts: Bolinas, Dixie, Kentfield, Larkspur-Corte Madera, Marin County Office of Education, Marin Community College, Mill Valley, Nicasio, Novato Unified, Reed Union, Ross, Ross Valley, San Rafael Elementary and High School, Sausalito-Marin City, Tamalpais

4. Additional Announcements and Committee Reports

The meeting continued with an additional announcement from Tiburon Mayor Tollini, who introduced Tiburon Councilmembers present: Emmett O'Donnell, Alice Fredericks and Jim Fraser.

President Bailey asked Pat Eklund to introduce the City of Novato's new City Manager. Athas introduced Regan Candelario and stated that Mr. Candelario comes to us from Fortuna and started his new role on Monday.

4.a. Farhad Mansourian – General Manager of Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Update on SMART - Getting School Teachers and Other Employees to the Work Centers Mr. Mansourian discussed the handouts that are available on every table, and stated that he is particularly proud of the handout that discusses schools and safety. He explained that SMART reached out to 25,000 school children grades K-12 in Marin and Sonoma regarding safety around rails and trains. He offered special thanks to Mary Jane Burke and other school board members for their assistance.

The concern was that Marin and Sonoma have not had a train in over 60 years, so people may be unsure of how to behave around a train. He emphasized that SMART needs everyone's help in spreading word about safety.

He announced a report that was recently given to the Board Directors: SMART will be continuing to test signal systems until they are perfect, explaining that it is better to delay a few months than to rush. He stated that SMART continues to have issues with hiring due to cost of living in the area. Even though an 11% raise in position salaries was recently approved, it is still hard to find qualified applicants. He hopes that all of the cities/towns in Marin and Sonoma continue to support SMART.

Questions:

Question: Please explain how county employees teachers can get in on discount pass for riding SMART?

Response: The Board has passed program called ECO pass. All school employees can pool together under umbrella of County Office of Education and get up to 44% off tickets, in addition to seniors, veterans and disabled, who get 50% off. So if your city has only a few staff members who can take SMART, it may be possible to buy discounted tickets under the umbrella of "Mayors and Councilmembers" or the County.

Question: What are the hours and how many days week will it run?

Response: Monday-Friday, SMART will run 30 trips per day, with 15 in the morning commute hours and 15 in the afternoon commute hours and 1 or 2 midday. Saturday and Sunday, there will be 4-6 trips, because there is no potential usage data yet. SMART may add or subtract trips depending upon usage. SMART is working with Larkspur Ferry to determine need.

From the Sonoma Airport to Downtown San Rafael: a rider would be on the train 62 minutes for the 43 mile route, instead of approximately 2 hours on Highway 101.

SMART expects to start construction next summer and open in Larkspur at the end of 2018.

Question: Is there an update on bike path to connect San Rafael to Larkspur?

Response: The City of San Rafael and TAM are working on it. Building a bike path in Marin County has become a major permitting problem, they keep running into regulatory agencies who won't give them permits.

Question: Talk about parking in Larkspur at the terminus in Larkspur and how people will access it.

Response: About 2 years ago, we met with City Manager Dan Schwarz. He brought up issue of parking and access. SMART has come up with process where they will work with Golden Gate Bridge District and use the area airport parking current is to build parking that will also have a drop-off turnaround. SMART will be briefing Larkspur staff soon.

4.b. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Update

Supervisor Steve Kinsey stated that he has been honored to be the Marin Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the past 18 years and MCCMC will soon have opportunity to make nominations for a new appointee. The Board of Supervisors will select from among your nominations.

MTC has been working on the San Rafael Transit Center, trying to work to get funding for interim facility when SMART goes through to Larkspur while working on a funding plan for a larger permanent facility. Also working with MTC and SMART to extend greenway, the multi-use pathway, from the Larkspur ferry terminal down to the to Sandra Marker trail in Corte Madera. He anticipates that in December, MTC will authorize \$20 million to extend the line to Larkspur and \$9.1 million to extend the greenway to Corte Madera.

MTC and ABAG have been working closely on Plan Bay Area. On October 28th, will be having presentation of draft preferred scenario and in December, the two bodies will meet and select and affirm a preferred scenario that will go through environmental review and should be adopted by next summer of next year.

Since the federal government hasn't been doing much for funding transportation, the state government has actually retreated, and we haven't seen an increase in the gasoline sales tax in over 25 years, we are having to look at creative ways to fund transportation projects. For example, we have spent a number of hours on infrastructure bank possibility, and we are looking at addressing pension liabilities at both MTC and ABAG.

Finally, he announced that the MTC Grand Award went to posthumously to Deb Hubsmith, who has made a remarkable mark across our country.

4.c. ABAG Update

Pat Eklund announced that she attended the MTC meeting. She was pleased to see recognition given to Deb Hubsmith. There was a great video, and hopes it will up on their website, it recognizes her for what she did nationwide.

Comment period ended on Oct 14th. Next day, she received a packet with all comments, which included comments from 33 cities and 2 counties. If your city sent a letter, make sure you send it to her. Most of the comments mentioned concerns about household and jobs projections. Please take a look at link to letters in her report. She then read excerpts from comment letters from Dublin, Brisbane and San Jose. She also announced that she will be trying to put together a workshop on Urban SIM so that cities/towns can better understand the program that is responsible for the modeling.

She also announced that the implementation of Option 7 is wrapping up but is not yet finished. The contract for services will then be drafted. This is taking longer than expected, so they will probably be extending the funding agreement for ABAG through 2017.

4.d. Marin Transit Update

Maribeth Bushey announced that the Financial report has been released, finances are strong. Six months of cash reserves on demand. Revenues are slightly up, as well, and service has increased by 19% by this fiscal year.

She announced that she is unable to continue as the representative due to a new job and is delighted that Kate Colin is interested in submitting a letter of interest.

4.e. Cal-ID Remote Access Network Update

Ann Morrison stated that Cal-ID is the remote access network and meets twice per year. It is run by Marin Co Sheriff Department, and is funded by DMV through registrations. Every time someone is booked they get fingerprinted. Images are stored in digital system. The system is extremely sophisticated, it can identify out of town criminals who commit crimes in Marin. A DNA swipe takes 6-8 months, but a fingerprint can be run immediately.

Program: Matt Willis, MD, MPH *Marin County Public Health Officer*
“Health Happens Here: How School, Town and City Officials Can Create a Healthier Marin”

Alice Fredericks: Announced that it’s the 11th anniversary of the Marin Community United meeting. Our cities, towns, county and school elected officials began meeting to discuss issues of common interest and working together to solve problems. She spoke of the many results that this group has brought to the County of Marin.

Mary Jane Burke: Thanked Councilmember Fredericks for bringing everyone together. She asked Valerie Pitts, Superintendent of the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District, to say a few words to the group. Ms. Pitts reminded everyone about shared services, they have a group called the Efficiency and Effectiveness Collaborative. The group will be working on the workforce housing need to will be addressed. They will be looking at how to be more creative about creating housing, which is essential to successful workforce recruitment and retention.

Superintendent Burke introduced guest speaker Matt Willis, Marin County Public Health Officer Listed the numerous issues on which he has partnered with schools: norovirus, varicella, rabid bats, mumps, measles, epi pens, diabetes, healthy foods, healthy play, bullying, ebola, zika, active shooter training, earthquake response, crisis communications, and squirrel attack. He stated that he works for Department of Health and Human Services, which encompasses many facets such as emergency response, communicative disease control, epidemiology and the 911 system. Marin County is a relatively small place, functions as a small community in many ways and hopes he can be of service to everyone.

Mr. Willis reported on the health of Marin County from a strength based collective. Counties are ranked against each other, and one aspect is health and life expectancy. Robert Woods Johnson Foundation has ranked Marin #1 for now seven straight years as healthiest county.

Why: life expectancy (longest for women, 5th longest for men in the United States), and there are 3,143 counties in the United States. Marin is the healthiest county for children, as well.

He frequently is asked the following question: “What lessons have you learned about making a county healthy and what’s necessary to get there”?

Is it affluence? There is a strong relationship between wealth and health

There is a correlation between life expectancy and median household income and we need to ask ourselves, is this right and is it fair? We need to start asking ourselves this as a county.

The way we address this life expectancy issue is by intervening as early as we can.

He stated that he became the Health Officer in 2013, and Marin had already been the healthiest county for four years in a row prior to that.

Elements of success for Marin County:

- Foresight (legislating open space)
- Responsiveness (vaccinations and decreasing the opt out rate, for 3 years in a row, increase in number of people opting to vaccinate their children)

- Engaging in active public dialogue (conversations led to passage of Senate Bill 277 ending the personal belief exemption)
- Fostering relationships across sectors
- Prioritizing health and wellbeing for all.

However, Marin County ranks in the bottom 50% for:

- Excess drinking
- Drug poisoning mortality rate
- Alcohol impaired driving rate
- Income inequality

Between 2006 and 2013: there was a doubling of accidental drug overdose deaths, a doubling of opioid overdose, and a doubling of narcotic pain prescriptions prescribed

Mr. Willis discussed the Marin Prevention Network. Many cities are forming coalitions to address youth substance abuse. In February of 2014, Health and Human Services hosted a community wide event regarding what can we do as a community to prevent prescription drug abuse and save lives.

Rx Safe Marin Coalition: Recognizes that we will only have action if all sectors are involved in the solution. They set a goal of decreasing opioid prescriptions overall.

- 2013-2016: The county experienced a 51% decrease in opioid prescriptions overall, and a 32% decrease in initiation on opioids
- 2012-13: 1 accidental overdose death every two weeks.
- In 2015: Only 10 accidental overdoses

The Rx Safe Marin Coalition is asking for the following to help support their initiatives:

- Prohibit alcohol at events centered around children
- Acknowledge that increased retail access contributes to increased use at all ages
- Support enforcement of laws
- Consider joining your local coalitions
- Invite the coalition or public health team to offer updates at your council meetings
- Add marijuana and prescription drugs to Social Host Ordinances

Health disparities in Marin County:

- Not all communities are full participants in the promise of Marin, Health and Human Services is engaging in plan to advance equity
Health equity is defined as: the assurance of conditions for optimal health and wellbeing for all people and communities.

Questions:

Question 1: Wondering if what you've seen in terms of matriculation changes and enrollment numbers with not having personal belief opt outs?

Response: (from Mary Jane Burke) The thought maybe some families would choose alternatives to public school, but home school numbers have not increased to the extent expected.

(from Matt Willis) Some families were misinformed, or were concerned about too many vaccinations at one time. Some families choosing the exemptions were choosing to do some vaccinations, but not all, or spreading out the vaccinations on their own time table.

Question: We've all heard about troubles with zika on the east coast. It is reasonable to expect that it will travel to our community. He thanked Mr. Willis for coming to the San Rafael Council Meeting to give an update, and would suggest that other cities invite him to their council meetings as well.

Mr. Willis announced that Rx Safe Marin will meet on Dec 9th for an annual review and goal setting for next year.

Question: With coming legalization of marijuana, what advice can you give us in case it becomes more prolific in our communities?

Response: Mr. Willis stated that they are approaching marijuana the way they approach alcohol: legal for adults, but harmful to youth if they choose to use it. All smoking laws will apply to marijuana. Increase access leads to increased use for all ages, so efforts to keep children from using are going to be strong.

Question: I applaud your health equity initiative. Please talk about the 35,000 people who get health care through Marin Community Clinics:

Response: Marin Community Clinics is one of four federal funded clinics in Marin County. There is a robust network of safety net clinics. We can address health inequity by partnering with organizations that serve the underprivileged in the communities. We are always amazed how little people know about what's going on in the canal and other areas in Marin.

Questions: In terms of inequity in relation to health, Measure A is one component, but from a medical perspective, what three things would you improve to young people growing up in the Canal area?

Response: 1. Make sure nutrition is as good as it can be (healthy eating, access to affordable healthy foods); 2. Making sure they have nurturing relationships (adverse childhood experiences) relationships with at least one adult; 3. Making sure they have access to healthcare (medical, dental) with no economic barriers to that access.

Business Meeting

President Bailey explained the nominations and appointments process. He stated that we have the first meeting, where we announce that a position is open and that we intend to vote on the appointment at the next meeting. And over the next month, please send an email to MCCMC through Sloan Bailey, stated your interest in being considered. And the night of the vote, someone could also be nominated from the below. If there is only one person interested in the position, then a vote can be made by acclamation. If more than one person is interested in a

given position, then President Bailey will hand out a piece of paper, one to each City/Town and then President Bailey will read the results of the ballots.

5. Nomination to Appoint ABAG Alternate Representative:

President Bailey announced the vacancy at the September 28, 2016 MCCMC meeting, and stated that a letter of interest was received from Town of Ross Councilmember Elizabeth Brekhus Term. President Bailey then called for nominations from the floor. Seeing none, he called for a motion to close nominations and appoint Councilmember Brekhus as the Alternate Representative to ABAG.

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Hoffman) to close nominations. Motion was approved by acclamation.

6. Announcement of Upcoming Vacancies and Call for Letters of Interest

President Bailey announced the following vacancies:

1. MCCMC Representatives (3 appointments: Representative, 2nd Representative and Alternate Representative) to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board
2. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Alternate Representative
3. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee Alternate Representative
4. Cal-ID Remote Access Network
5. Marin County Transit Board of Directors (2 appointments: Director and Alternate)

And the announcement added to the agenda by approval of the membership:

6. Marin County Representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
President Bailey reminded the group that MCCMC provides a list of up to 3 nominees as to who will sit on this board for our County. The Board of Supervisors will consider the recommendations and vote on an appointee.

7. Approval of MCCMC Minutes – September 28, 2016 meeting

There was a motion and a second (Fredericks/Eklund) to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers. Motion was approved by acclamation.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm to the November 16, 2016 meeting hosted by the Town of Corte Madera
Deadline for Agenda Items – November 9, 2016 (MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com)