

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

**Monday, November 25, 2013
Hosted by the City of San Rafael
Checkers Private Automobile Museum
150 Paul Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901**

Members Present

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe
Corte Madera: Bob Ravasio, Sloan Bailey
Fairfax: Larry Bragman, Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hilmer, Anne Morrison, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Andrew Barman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel; Jessica Jackson and John McCauley, Councilmembers-elect
Novato: Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, P. Beach Kuhl, Rupert Russell, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Kate Colin, Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough, Gary Philips;
Maribeth Bushey Lang, Councilmember-elect
Sausalito: Linda Pfeifer, Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

City Managers: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran and Tiburon Town Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Diane Crane Iacopi.

Call to Order

President Rifkind called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Before turning the meeting over to Mayor Phillips, President Rifkind acknowledged the members for whom this was their last meeting – San Rafael Councilmember Barbara Heller (20 years of service to the City), Mill Valley Councilmembers Andrew Berman and Shawn Marshall (each served two terms), San Anselmo Councilmember Jeff Kroot (prior service and then came back for another term), and his one term on the Larkspur City Council. Members of these city councils gave moving tributes to their colleagues, thanking them for their dedication and service. They also welcomed incoming members to the Councils who were present (and are listed above).

There was no other public comment.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged Charlie Goodman for hosting the meeting in his wonderful car museum. Phillips shared a personal story about participating in the "Great Race" across the country in 2006 with former Mayor Al Boro and Chief Michael Cronin. He then introduced the members of the San Rafael City Council listed above, including Councilmember-elect Maribeth Bushey Lang and former Mayor Al Boro. He also introduced the members of San Rafael City Staff: City Manager Nancy Mackle, Assistant City Manager Jim Schutz, Management Analyst Rebecca Woodbury, Administrative Assistant Sheila Edwards, Network Support Technician Nancy Chu, Homeless Coordinator Jason Satterfield, Public Works Director Nader Mansourian, Community Services Director Carlene McCart, Library

Director Sarah Houghton, City Clerk Esther Beirne, Community Development Director Paul Jensen, Police Chief Diana Bishop, City Attorney Rob Epstein and Assistant City Attorney Lisa Goldfiel, Economic Development Manager Stephanie Lovette, Finance Director Mark Moses.

Mayor Phillips welcomed Guest Speaker Eileen Richardson and members of the Downtown Streets Team, Elfreda Styrdom and Shannon Giovancchini.

The Mayor also welcomed the following guests: Marin LAFCO Executive Director Keene Simonds, Marin County Administrator Matthew Hymel, League of Women Voters representatives Margaret Jones and Patsy White, and League of California Cities North Bay Division representative Nancy Bennett.

Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2013 meeting.

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

Committee Appointments

MCCMC Executive Committee

President Rifkind said that Vice President Stephanie Moulton-Peters had been nominated to succeed him at the October meeting and that Councilmember Athas had been nominated to the position of Vice President. There was a motion and second (Marshall/Kellner) to appoint. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Appointments to Fill Committee Vacancies – [created by President Rifkind's retirement]
December 2013**

Homeless Policy Committee

There was a motion and second (Goddard/Kellner) to appoint Councilmember Kate Colins to the Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Disaster Citizen Corps (DC3)

There was a motion and second (Kellner/Bragman) to appoint Councilmember David Weinsoff to the Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Cal-ID Ran

There was a motion and second (Eklund/Connolly) to appoint Councilmember Anne Morrison to the Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

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Marin Transit District Board of Directors

There was a motion and second (Eklund/Kellner) to appoint alternate Stephanie Moulton-Peters to fill the regular boardmember position being vacated by Barbara Heller, beginning in January 2014. Motion passed by acclamation.

Major Crimes Task Force

There was a motion and second (Kellner/Fredericks) to reappoint Councilmember Pat Eklund to the Task Force. Motion passed by acclamation.

Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District

There was a motion and second (Weiner/Weinsoff) to recommend reappointment of Councilmember Alice Fredericks to the Board of Supervisors. Motion passed by acclamation.

Announcement of Upcoming Committee Vacancies

President Rifkind noted that a vacancy would be created on the LAFCO Board due to the resignation of Councilmember Heller. He asked for letters of interest for the position to be submitted to the new President.

At this juncture, MCCMC President-elect Moulton-Peters presented outgoing President Rifkind with a plaque and a Starbucks gift card as a token of appreciation. The plaque read, "Electricity is really just organized lightning" (George Carlin). "Thank you for bringing a spark of electricity to your leadership of our organization – MCCMC President 2013". She commended Rifkind for the work he had done to help the organization find timely and interesting speakers and create a more workable meeting format.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee. Chair Fredericks had no report.

Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). While she had no specific report on TAM, Chair Fredericks commented on the editorial that appeared as a communication in the packet. She said that because the purpose of MCCMC is to develop working relationships that are cordial and productive for our constituents, she would ask anyone who has any remaining questions about TAM, its operations, or decisions of the Board on any issue, to speak to her or to their appointed TAM representative.

In response to the editorial mentioned above, Councilmember Pfeiffer added that it was also important to listen to those who had a differing opinion on various decisions made by regional boards and agencies.

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD). Boardmember Fredericks reported that the suicide deterrent net would cost \$45-50 million to install and that grant funding or other sources of revenue (not from tolls) must be found to implement it. On the question of tolls, Fredericks said that MTC had suggested a rise in tolls but the Board had to consider questions of what a ceiling might be and what would be tolerable to the public. She said she had been appointed to a strategic financial advisory committee to study the question in more detail.

League of California Cities. Nancy Bennett said that the Legislature would be back in session on January 6, 2014. She also noted that the New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy was scheduled for January 22-24, in Sacramento.

Homeless Policy Committee. Kate Colin said that the Committee acted as an umbrella for all the programs in the County. She spoke in support of the Downtown Streets Team program which had been initiated in San Rafael. Colin invited members of all the cities to join her for a meeting of the Mayors Select Committee following the regular meeting to discuss her idea of forming a group of electeds to add the voice of the cities' to finding solutions and ending homelessness in the County.

Communications: Editorial by Susan Kirsch that appeared in Marin Independent Journal

Speaker/Program: Eileen Richardson, Executive Director, Downtown Streets Team, will discuss Homelessness Issues.

In her presentation, Ms. Richardson showed a video illustrating how the program worked and included interviews with participants and other interested parties. She said that homeless people who participated in the voluntary program were rewarded with vouchers for food and housing; also they were provided bus passes and a case worker. One of these participants who worked with Ms. Richardson spoke of her personal experience and how she had gone from homelessness to being employed as a supervisor of the Streets Team.

Ms. Richardson also talked about the support of San Jose Councilmember Liccardo, who supported the program because of its success in providing housing, jobs and self sufficiency, as well as addressing the environmental problems associated with homelessness in the Coyote Creek watershed.

Ms. Richardson said that the success of the program depended on peer to peer outreach, case management outreach, and a partnership with local police departments. She said the model for the program was spreading.

Mayor Phillips commented that he had gone to Portland where they have a Clean Streets program similar to the Downtown Streets Team. He said that the City had gotten \$271,000 in donations to start that program and he saluted those who had contributed to its success.

Ms. Richardson answered a question from the audience about where the housing is coming from. She said that the City of San Jose had give the program apartment buildings to use; also TBRA funding. She said that in San Rafael, three participants now had housing and could pay rent; she noted that lack of income is the number one reason for no housing.

Another question was whether the program provided therapeutic or training services. Ms. Richardson said that while she now sits on the board of a local clinic in San Jose, she said that the program works best in supporting homeless people with rebuilding their dignity and getting them jobs.

In conclusion, speaker Richardson also noted that the Clean Streets Program is starting social enterprises and that the program only needs 2-3 years to gain success.

Mayor Phillips thanked her for her presentation.

Adjournment

President-elect Moulton-Peters thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to the next meeting to be held in the City of Sausalito on January 22, 2014.

Submitted,
Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary

Mayors Select Committee – 8:45 p.m.

Councilmember Colins asked for participants from each city to meet with her informally, five or six times in the coming year, to discuss issues of homelessness and solutions, such as the program discussed by tonight's speaker. Several members said they would take the request back to their councils.

Ms. Colins said that at this juncture, she was not asking for a financial commitment from the cities; rather, she sought to rally a core group of decision-makers to address the problem in a coordinated fashion. She said she was open to the outcome of how this process might develop.