

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

**Wednesday, November 28, 2007**

*The Spinnaker Restaurant*  
100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito, CA

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Barbara Morrison and Lee Braun

Corte Madera: Michael Lappert

Fairfax: - - -

Larkspur: Larry Chu, Joan Lundstrom and Ron Arlas

Mill Valley: Chris Raker, Ken Wachtel, Dick Swanson, Anne Solomn, Shawn Marshall and Andrew Bergman

Novato: Carole Dillon Knutson

Ross: - - -

San Anselmo: Wayne Cooper, Ted Freeman, Judy House, Barbara Thornton, and Ford Greene

San Rafael: Cyr Miller, Al Boro, Greg Brockbank and Damon Connelly

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Paul Albritton, Mike Kelly, Jonathan Leone, and Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Adam Politzer from Sausalito, George Rodericks from Belvedere, David Bracken from Corte Madera and Ken Nordhoff from San Rafael.

**Call to Order:** President Larry Chu called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Sausalito Mayor Mike Kelly to step forward to make the evening's introductions.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Kelly welcomed everyone to Sausalito. He then recognized the Sausalito elected members and introduced Assistant to the City Manager, Debbie Pagliaro.

Other guests who were introduced: Leslie Alden from Supervisor McGlashan's office, Peter Banning from LAFCO, David Jones from Emanuels, Jones and Associates, Paul Berlant from the Marin GSA and our speaker Mike Cerre.

President Chu continued with the business phase of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on October 24, 2007.

*Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.*

**Announcement of Openings on Committees:**

- a. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee (January 2008) – Currently Pat Eklund (primary) and Chris Raker (alternate). Two-year terms.
- b. Marin Economic Commission (March 2008) – Currently Gary Phillips. Two-year term.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District (January 2008) – Currently Al Boro. Two-year term.
- d. Association of Bay Area Government Executive Committee – Alternate (June 2008) – Currently Paul Cohen. Two-year term.
- e. Marin County Transit District (January 2008) – Currently Dick Swanson and Barbara Heller. Two-year terms.
- f. Marin Major Crimes Task Force (January 2008) - Richard Hill resigning with one year left in a two-year term. Citizen's representative position.

President Chu asked for anyone who would like to volunteer or who would like to nominate someone for a position to please notify Bob Sinnott, MCCMC secretary-treasurer. Elections are to be held at the January 23, 2008 meeting in Tiburon.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Golden Gate Bridge District - Al Boro reported to the group that the partnership program concept for the GG Bridge has been withdrawn after significant debate and a split board. An agreement has been passed that will reduce charges to the Marin County Transit District for their local service. It will now go to their board in December for consideration. Rates have been reduced by \$1.3 million per year for at minimum, the next six years.
- b. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Al Boro stated that no meeting was held this month. He announced to the group that SMART, Marin County Transit District and TAM would be moving into shared quarters located at the Corporate Center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in San Rafael.
- c. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Carole Dillon-Knutson reported that Belvedere has filed a very good letter contesting the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) numbers and the City is now eligible for an appeal. At the last Board meeting, the RHNA numbers were passed with six votes against and seventeen “yes” votes.

**Legislative Update:** David Jones provided a brief update on activities in Sacramento. He reported that the State is faced with a projected \$10 billion deficit; \$1.6 billion for this year and over \$8 billion for next year. The State is seeing a reduction in property taxes in which they need to backfill for schools. Sales taxes are also down. Anticipated Indian gaming compacts have not as yet gone into effect. Therefore, the economic situation in Sacramento is looking grim and we'll be looking for the Governor's budget to be presented in January 2008. Health care, the housing crisis, the water crisis and the budget crisis are all key issues that will most likely affect local government in 2008. Two ballot measures can be expected in June, one by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association that would be very detrimental to land use authority, eminent domain authority, and rent control, as well as the League supported measure, taking eminent domain away for single family owner occupied houses.

**Public Comment:** Al Boro reminded the group that the Homeless Connect Day is being held on December 5<sup>th</sup> in San Rafael. San Rafael City Manager Ken Nordhoff introduced the new Marin GSA executive officer Paul Berlant. Barbara Thornton announced that the Environmental Forum is presenting a 2008 sustainable community seminar that will start on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and run for seven consecutive weeks on Saturdays. John Diamante spoke on behalf of the North Coast railroad. Larry Chu noted that several cities and towns will be reelecting their mayors and vice mayors in December. We are going to have a mayor select meeting prior to our next MCCMC meeting on January 23, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The regional housing needs allocation will be a key topic of discussion. Another topic will be to begin a conversation on wildland urban interface related codes.

**Program:** Mayor Kelly introduced the speaker, Emmy award winning news correspondent Mike Cerre, who was embedded in Iraq on five separate tours over a four-year period. Mr. Cerre provided a compelling video and slide presentation recounting his experiences.

**Adjourn:** President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the next meeting on January 23, 2008 in Tiburon.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott  
MCCMC Secretary-Treasurer