

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

**Monday, November 28, 2012  
Hosted by the Town of Tiburon  
Ristorante Servino - 9 Main Street  
Tiburon, CA 94920**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Tom Cromwell, Claire McAuliffe, Bob McCaskill  
Corte Madera: Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Brad Marsh, Ann Morrison, Len Rifkind  
Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Jeanne MacLeamy  
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, P. Beach Kuhl  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Ford Greene, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney  
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Marc Levine, Andrew McCullough, Gary Phillips  
Sausalito: Linda Pfeifer, Herb Weiner  
Tiburon: Dick Collins, Frank Doyle, Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers: Belvedere Assistant City Manager Felicia Wheaton; Fairfax Interim Town Manager Judy Anderson; Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer; Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran.

**Call to Order**

President Weiner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Public Comment**

Assemblyman-elect Marc Levine thanked everyone for their support in his campaign. He said he would continue to represent Marin and raise issues of local importance in Sacramento.

Kay Coleman invited everyone to attend the San Anselmo Downtown Open House from 5 until 8 p.m. on Friday, December 7.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Fraser welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Tiburon Town Council (all present) and Town Staff: Town Manager Peggy Curran, Chief of Police Michael Cronin, Town Attorney Ann Danforth, Director of Administrative Services Heidi Bigall, Director of Community Development Scott Anderson, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Nicholas Nguyen, and Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi.

Mayor Fraser also welcomed Assemblyman Marc Levine and his Chief of Staff, Michael Miiller, League of Women Voters representative Patsy Peter and her guest, Irene Rothschild, former MTA director Carla Overberger, Tiburon resident Margaret Jones, and the evening's speaker, Dick Spotswood. He also introduced Tiburon resident, Jim Wood, who in addition to his job with *Marin Magazine*, performs hours of volunteer work in the community to help keep Tiburon looking beautiful. Mayor Fraser also thanked Angelo and Natale Servino, and Bernard, for their excellent service to the community over the past 33 years.

**Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2012 meeting**

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

**Committee Reports**

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District:** Alice Fredericks reported that an Advanced Communications and Information System (ACIS) would be up and running next year. She said this system would provide district-wide radio communications and provide real time information that could be accessed by customers. In addition, she said it would integrate all security data for the Bridge which could be used in collaboration with law enforcement agencies such as the Coast Guard, Highway Patrol, US Park Police, and GGNRA rangers. Fredericks noted however, that there challenges to be worked out in the installation of a Wifi network because of geography and topography.

Fredericks also reported on the Alexander Avenue Widening Project under sponsorship of the National park Service in coordination with GGBHTD and the City of Sausalito. She said the road was built in the 30s but now accommodated 230,000 bikes per year, up 30,000 from last year alone.

Fredericks said that the safety net (Bridge Suicide Deterrent System) is progressing and is at 65% of design plans.

Finally, Fredericks said that longer term issues being addressed were the need for bike rack improvements in Larkspur and San Rafael (due to increased ridership and bicycles), and a need for strategic planning seamless connections to the SMART train in San Rafael. She also noted that Mary Curry, Public Affairs Director, would give a report in future on the upcoming electronic tolling at the Bridge.

**Transportation Authority of Marin:** Fredericks reported on the One Bay Area Grant, an MTC program that will assign federal gas tax funds to implement the SCS strategy. She said that the TAM commission would address tomorrow whether this funding will be allocated by project priorities or a combination of project priority scores and geographic equity. Projects considered for funding by TAM range from the Novato Transit Hub to the south gateway complete streets improvements in Sausalito, according to Fredericks.

**Legislative Committee:** Fredericks said that the League of California Cities had filed a lawsuit challenging certain provisions of AB 1484, the clean-up legislation resulting from the RDA dissolution. She said the contention is that certain provisions of AB 1484 contain unconstitutional property and sales tax claw-backs that violate the State Constitution under Prop 1A (2004) and Proposition 22 (2010).

Fredericks said that the Marin County is contemplating or already has taken the lead on a lawsuit on another provision of AB 1484 concerning excess ERAF. She said that Matthew Hymel, Chief Administrative Office, will likely come to a future MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting to brief the committee on the issue.

**ABAG:** Pat Eklund said that the adoption of the draft EIR on the One Bay Area Plan had been delayed to March of 2013. She said this provided for a short comment period and she asked for a review by local electeds, if possible.

**Homeless Policy Committee:** Len Rifkind said the group was working on a new 10-year plan. Rifkind said he served on the “permanent housing” subcommittee because homeless shelters did not work and that the model of permanent housing was a national trend. He said that permanent housing represented a 10-fold cost-savings when compared with the cost of providing temporary

shelters. Rifkind said that homelessness knows no jurisdiction and suggested that a representative from each city in Marin be appointed by MCCMC to this committee.

**League of California Cities:** North Bay Division President Kellner invited interested members to submit their names for consideration of committee appointments. She also reported that the North Bay "Retreat" would be held next week in Novato to look at programs and ideas for next year.

Kellner said that she had also participated in a goal-setting conference at the State level. She said one goal that was established by the League was to partner with other local governments to be more effective; another goal was to continue the work on pension reform, according to Kellner.

While not a committee report, Jim Wood, Senior Editor of Marin Magazine, spoke and said how much he admired, appreciated and respected the local electeds and the job they did. He said he was open to "kicking around ideas" any time which might be of interest to the 75,000 potential readers of the magazine.

**Announcement of pending Committee Vacancies - (appointments at January 2013 meeting):**

**League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Committee:**

Upcoming term expirations of two MCCMC representatives (Moulton-Peters and Athas) and one alternate (Leone) – Annual terms expire in January 2013

**Marin County Transit District Board of Directors:** Upcoming term expiration of MCCMC representative (Kellner) and alternate (Moulton-Peters) – Two-year terms expire in January 2013

**Major Crimes Task Force:** Upcoming term expiration of citizen representative (Ed Schulz) – Two-year term expires in January 2013

President Weiner made the announcement and asked for letters of interest.

**Presentation: "Understanding What Happening in the 2012 Election"**

**Speaker: Dick Spotswood, Politics & Government Columnist**

Mayor Fraser introduced the speaker and provided some background and history of his participation in local government.

Mr. Spotswood gave an overview of the election, both locally, statewide and nationally, and discussed how polling information proved to be both useful and perhaps incorrect, along with other lessons learned from the campaigns. One lesson learned is that there is "no election day" as in years past due to early voting and the rise of mail balloting. He said that the "top 2" system and citizen redistricting had shown that there was no longer a need for a "party line" and use the Marc Levine race as an example.

During Q&A, Mr. Spotswood addressed such questions as whether there was a State Senator representing Marin anymore, the future of the Republican Party in California, and how would Governor Brown go about the implementation of Proposition 30.

**Adjournment:** President Weiner thanked the speaker and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. He said the next meeting would take place on January 23, 2013 in the City of Belvedere. He adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi  
MCCMC Secretary