

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

**San Francisco Yacht Club**

**98 Beach Road, Belvedere, CA**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Jerry Butler, Barbara Morrison and John Telischak

Corte Madera: Michael Lappert

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg

Larkspur: Larry Chu and Kathy Hartzell

Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner, Carole Dillon-Knutson

Ross: ---

San Anselmo: Ted Freeman, Judy House and Barbara Thornton

San Rafael: Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly and Cyr Miller

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

Tiburon: Richard Collins, Alice Fredericks and Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: George Rodericks from Belvedere, Peggy Curran from Tiburon, Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Adam Politzer from Sausalito, Anne Montgomery from Mill Valley Jean Bonander from Larkspur, and Ken Nordhoff from San Rafael.

**Call to Order:** President Larry Chu called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Belvedere Mayor Jerry Butler welcomed everyone to Belvedere, introduced the Belvedere Councilmembers and then made the following introductions of City staff: City Manager George Rodericks, City Attorney Rob Epstien, Chief of Police Mark Campbell, Building Official Lee Braun, City Engineer Bob Branz, Public Works Superintendent Scott Derdenger, Library Director Debbie Mazzolini, and Finance Officer Becky Eastman.

Other guests who were introduced: Tonight's speaker Dr. James Clever MD, retired Belvedere councilmember Chuck Auerbach, Mary Currie from the Golden Gate Bridge District, Peter Banning from LAFCO, Paul Helliker from MMWD, Dr. Larry Meridith from Marin County Health and Human Services, Henry Gardner from ABAG, Judy Binsacca and Margaret Jones from League of Women Voters, Michelle Auswald from the Ark Newspaper and Judy Anderson from Fairfax.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on January 23, 2008.

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

**Announcement of Openings on Committees:**

- a. Cal ID Remote Access Network (March 2008) – Currently Barbara Thornton. Two year term. Barbara has submitted a letter of interest.
- b. Marin County Major Crimes Task Force Alternate. Two year term. Position open.

**Committee Reports**

- a. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks reported on the bike maintenance plan funded by the Measure A revenues which include projects that are regional connectors such as the Central Marin Ferry Connection, Cal Park Hill Tunnel, and the

Puerto Suello Hill Gap Closure path. Money will be made available on a reimbursement basis up to a cap of 50% and will cover routine maintenance for the period of time that the funds are available. TAM has also been dealing with transportation demand management – ideas, projects and issues. One significant challenge is the guaranteed ride home portion of ride share. Other various shuttle concepts and opportunities are being discussed and researched. Another issue that was reported on was the TAM – SMART working group that is gathering and evaluating information about the SMART projects relative to TAM interests and any potential conflicts that might arise in the areas of project scheduling or when possibly applying for the same funding sources. The working group will provide periodic updates to TAM for public input.

- b. Legislative Committee – Ted Freeman reported on a recent meeting with the MCCMC lobbyist David Jones pertaining to the State budget. Schools are anticipating losing approximately \$4 billion dollars in revenues, which in Marin, comes out to approximately \$800 per student. It was reported by the State Controller's office that Counties are overcharging for property tax administration by approximately \$35 million dollars. More information will be provided on this issue at future meetings. AB 904 - regulating single use fast food packaging, has moved out of the Assembly and is now in the Senate. The Legislative Committee has developed a resolution pertaining to the Doyle Drive retrofit project that was read to the MCCMC group. The resolution affirms that Doyle Drive is a State highway and therefore all costs should be borne by the State of California. The resolution expresses unequivocal opposition to any legislation that would result in a toll being placed on Doyle Drive because it unfairly taxes North Bay commuters without equitably taxing other users of the State highway. Additionally, it includes no alternate funding of a transit alternate for those wishing to avoid the toll, and it assigns sole responsibility for deciding the terms of the toll and allocation of the proceeds to the San Francisco Transportation Authority. M/S to approve the resolution. All ayes. None opposed. The motion passed.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District - Mary Currie provided this evening's report. It was reported that the Golden Gate Bridge District at their March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meeting would be stepping up to save the Urban Partnership Program grant funds. The District plans to add a congestion-pricing toll to the already proposed one-dollar toll increase that is needed to address the \$91 million dollar 5 year projected shortfall. It is too early to disclose details and more information will be forthcoming, but credit is due to Mayor Boro for helping to develop a breakthrough strategy to this issue. The objective is to save the \$158 million in Federal funds earmarked for this project. There will be a public forum to discuss the one-dollar toll increase on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Pickleweed Community Center.
- d. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit – Carole Dillion-Knutson announced that SMART will be presenting and mailing to each of the Councilmembers in Marin the white papers, which contain key informational points and EIR information. The supplemental EIR is currently in process and is open for comments.
- e. Association of Bay Area Governments – Carole Dillion-Knutson provided a summary of the recent Executive Board meeting that included discussion of the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) pertaining to transit oriented development, and a concern about air quality in the vicinity of freeways, rail lines and bus stations,
- f. League of California Cities North Bay Division – Shawn Marshall provided this evening's report. The first meeting for 2008 of the North Bay Division was very well attended. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> in Yountville. Marin's meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The location has not as yet been selected. The Citipac fundraiser will be held on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at the new Nut Tree in Vacaville. This will be an event in which to bring your family members. The 2008 Division fundraising goal for Citipac is

\$40,000 and that is going to support Proposition 99. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Governor signed a mid year budget reduction package designed to cut expenses in order to deal with current cost flow issues. This includes program cuts, payment deferrals and other mechanisms. A key issue for cities and towns is a 5-month deferral of the Highway User Tax and gas tax payments, which are being proposed that would be deferred from April through August and repaid in September. The Department of Finance did allocate its first round of Proposition 1-B funding for local streets and roads. Currently, there are no proposals to borrow property tax funds from cities under Proposition 1-A or taking of Transportation Funds under Proposition 42. The importance of the June election was emphasized, as there are only two Statewide measures (Propositions 98 and 99) on the ballot.

**Public Comment:** Paul Albritton spoke regarding Marin County Transit District and noted that hybrid buses will soon be rolling on Marin streets and dial a ride taxi service will be offered from Muir Woods.

**Program:** Dr. James Clever MD member of the Marin General Healthcare District spoke to issues regarding the Healthcare District, the Sutter contract, the seismic retrofit project, and the future of Marin General Hospital.

**Adjourn:** President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the next meeting on March 26, 2008 in Corte Madera.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott  
MCCMC Secretary-Treasurer