

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

**Wednesday, February 27, 2013
Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera
Corte Madera Recreation Center
498 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94965**

Members Present

Belvedere: Bob McCaskill

Corte Madera: Carla Condon, Alexandra Cock, Diane Furst, Michael Lappert, Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Pamela Hartwell-Herrero, John Reed, David Weinsoff

Larkspur: Dan Hilmer, Ann Morrison, Len Rifkind

Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Ken Wachtel, Stephanie Moulton-Peters (social hour)

Novato: Pat Eklund, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner

Ross: P. Beach Kuhl

San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney, Ford Greene

San Rafael: Gary Phillips, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough, Damon Connolly, Kate Colin

Sausalito: Tom Theodores, Ray Withy, Herb Weiner

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

City Managers and Staff: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Fairfax City Manager Garrett Toy and Town Cler/Assistant to the Town Manager Judy Anderson; Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; Tiburon Director of Community Development Scott Anderson and Tiburon Town Clerk (MCCMC Secretary) Diane Crane Iacopi.

Executive Committee Meeting

Prior to commencement of the regular meeting, the Executive Committee met during the social hour to discuss recent questions raised by members about meeting format and speaker topics. The committee thought it would be helpful to survey the membership on these issues and directed the Secretary to send out a survey, the results of which will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Furst welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Corte Madera Town Council who were present, as well as members of Town Staff--George Warman, Roger Sprehn, and Mario Fiorentini. The Mayor welcomed the following guests: Speaker Nonna Dennis, League of Women Voters representative Margaret Jones, and MCCMC Legislative Committee Analyst Wendy Friefeld.

Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2012 meeting.

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

President Weiner invited everyone to enjoy their dinner prior to hearing the committee reports at 7:30 p.m..

Committee Reports

ABAG. Pat Eklund reported on the following:

a. Extended Producer Responsibility. Eklund said that Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director for the California Product Stewardship Council briefed the ABAG Board on extended producer responsibility issues. Eklund said the ABAG Board adopted a resolution supporting extended producer responsibility and urged local cities, towns and counties to also adopt resolutions. Pat directed the members to a model resolution and staff report at <http://calpsc.org/join-cpsc/epr-where-you-live>. It was noted that Fairfax, Larkspur and San Rafael had already adopted resolutions of support.

b. One Bay Area Grant. Eklund brought the members up to date on One Bay Area Grant funding and said that congestion management agencies would receive \$20 million to analyze housing productivity trends and future needs; 2) analyze employment centers; 3) work on complete communities (quality of life issues); 4) analyze and prioritize open space, agricultural and conservation projects; and 4) work on resilience of area to respond to disaster on housing infrastructure jobs and governance. Eklund said that Priority Development Areas (PDAs) will receive \$200 million for infrastructure improvements and that Priority Conservation Areas will receive \$10 million (of which \$5 million is for the North Bay).

c. Housing Methodology Appeals. Eklund said that eight cities had filed an appeal of their housing allocation but that no city/town or county in Marin had submitted an appeal.

d. Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). Eklund gave some tentative dates for meetings on SCS in April but said that she would confirm these dates later, for distribution to the members.

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD). Alice Fredericks said that flyers were available in Spanish and English on the new electronic toll system that will go into effect on March 27, 2013. She also reported on the following:

- a. Paring and ferry ridership. Fredericks said that both the ferry and parking lots in Larkspur had exceeded capacity; she said there was a plan to charge for parking and use the money to fund more parking, and possibly more ferries, but noted that discussions were still underway on how to make this sustainable.
- b. SF Giants ferry service. She said that the process would be updated so that you can buy tickets and make a ferry reservation in the same transaction.
- c. Suicide barrier. Fredericks said that the design was 95% complete.
- d. Movable barriers. Fredericks said that staff had met with Caltrans to discuss land configuration and merging within the Caltrans ROW and that plans were 65% complete.

Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). Alice Fredericks said that the Annual Report by the Citizen's Oversight Committee was on each table. She said that TAM sponsors, funds and partners to support mobility programs that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Examples given are the six electric vehicle charging stations that are being installed in Novato; consultant support for updating bicycle/pedestrian plans to all jurisdictions; the Dynamic Rideshare Program; and the Bike to Work Day on May 9. She also noted that TAM had partnered with the Town of Tiburon to fund the recently opened Lyford Drive Park and Ride lot.

Finally, Fredericks said that she had asked TAM to form an advisory committee to study the Greenbrae/Twin Cities interchange project. She encouraged the members to continue to direct their questions about this project to the TAM staff.

Legislative Committee. Fredericks said that over 2000 bills had been introduced in the legislature last week so that the onslaught of work would start soon for the committee. She reported briefly on CEQA reform (SB 731) introduced by Daryl Steinberg. According to Fredericks, this bill states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising CEQA to provide greater certainty for smart infill development, streamline the law for specified projects, and establish a threshold of significance for specified impacts. She said it also offers planning dollars to cities.

Presentation: "40 Years of CEQA in Marin, and the Road Forward"

Speaker: Nonna Dennis, Boardmember, Marin Conservation League

Mayor Furst introduced the speaker and provided information on her background and experience in planning and the environmental movement. She said Ms. Dennis had taught at University of San Francisco, was a former member of the Mill Valley Planning Commission, and is a past President and a current boardmember of the Marin Conservation League.

Ms. Dennis talked about what it was like to be there at the beginning of CEQA and over the past 40 years. She shared some memorable stories and moments of how CEQA rolled out in Marin in the early days. Ms. Dennis entertained the group with tales of the first EIR (which took only 10 days to write!) in the County of Marin and what key projects fell under the first CEQA reviews (MMWD water storage facilities, the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, and the like). She spoke of her experiences in working on these projects, and what would have happened if CEQA had not come into being (projects such as Marincello, the proposed development in the Marin Headlands in the 1960s). She said that President Nixon had signed NERA, and Governor Reagan signed CEQA. And that the Republican majority in the state legislature in 1970 was supportive of this. She said the first EIR guidelines were interpreted to apply only to State agencies but that this was later tested in the courts which ruled CEQA would apply to all public agencies and now applied to all projects. Ms. Dennis said she thought that CEQA was being reinvented now and spoke in support of continued citizen involvement in the process.

Adjournment.

President Weiner thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the next meeting to be held in the Town of Fairfax on March 27.

Submitted,
Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary