

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Four Points Sheraton
1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, CA
Hosted by the City of San Rafael

Members Present

Belvedere: No members attended
Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: John Reed
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Joan Lundstrom, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Pat Eklund
Ross: Christopher Martin
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Tom McInerney, Jeff Kroot, Barbara Thornton
San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Marc Levine
Sausalito: Jonathan Leone
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Wayne Bush, Interim City Manager, Mill Valley; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael; Peggy Curran, Tiburon, as well as MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer Diane Crane Iacopi of Tiburon.

Call to Order: President Jeff Slavitz called the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced San Anselmo Mayor, Barbara Thornton.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Boro welcomed the membership and introduced guests, District 2 Supervisor Steve Kinsey McGlashan, Aide to Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, Wendy Friefeld, League of Women Voters representative Patsy White, League of California Cities North Bay Division representative Charles Dalldorf, and ABAG Executive Director Henry Gardner.

Mayor Boro also welcomed members of the San Rafael Staff: City Manager Ken Nordoff, Chief Building Official Thomas Ahrens, Finance Director Cindy Mosser, Accounting supervisor Van Bach, Library Director David Dodd, City Clerk Esther Beirne, Assistant City Manager Jim Schutz, Police Chief Matt Odetto, Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Nancy Mackle, Deputy Public works Director Nader Mansourian, and City Attorney Rob Epstein.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on February 24, 2010

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District – Al Boro reported on the upcoming seismic retrofit project, scheduled to begin in August. He said that it be staged in two phases—the first phase being over the Fort Point area and the second phase over the North end of the structure. Each phase is anticipated to last four months, according to Boro. He said the major work (such as deck replacement) would take place at night in order for the bridge to be open in the morning. He also stated that there would be 24-hour bicycle access. Boro also reported on the budget deficit and said that one possible solution was a reduction in free (carpool) lanes.

- b. TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) – Alice Fredericks said that at its next meeting, the Board would consider whether TAM had the resources to act as a lead agency for SMART, in order to find more funding for the bike lane portion of that project. Fredericks also reported on the TAM survey to explore the idea of a \$10 vehicle fee to fund local transportation projects; she said a preliminary survey had found that a majority of people surveyed to be “strongly in favor” of the idea.
- c. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Alice Fredericks said the committee had considered legislation at its last meeting to: 1) oppose a crime bill that was actually a raid on local agencies’ transient occupancy taxes (SB 625); 2) support for a bill that would direct a portion of a fee on homeowners’ insurance policies to cities to create funding for mutual aid in disaster response (SB 415); and 3) support AB 2317 that would empower cities to collect fines from banks for nuisance property abatements.
- d. League of California Cities – Charles Dalldorf said that the state legislature had closed out the 2009-10 budget today and would move forward to address the next year’s budget deficit. He said that signatures were still coming in on the League’s ballot initiative and that there were 24 days left to submit petitions.
- e. DISCO – Len Rifkind said he had attended his first quarterly meeting of the committee. He reviewed the topics discussed at that meeting--earthquake preparedness (and the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile), H1N1 (1,230 deaths in the under 18 age group nationwide), and works in progress. Mr. Rifkind provided a written report with the agenda packet that covered the topics in more detail.
- f. SMART – Joan Lundstrom said the SMART Board had approved a rail car design after holding community meetings in Marin and Sonoma. She said that the design was for a “bullet nose” train, with one bathroom per car, and room for 15 bicycles per car. She said that a “Buy American” provision would be added to the contract as a bid alternate. Lundstrom also reported that the Board had voted to file an application with Google as a test site to provide wireless internet on the vehicles.
- g. JPAOC – Pat Eklund said that she was the new Chair of the Joint Power Authority Oversight Committee. She said that the group would hold meetings every other month and she encouraged the group to appoint a delegate and alternate to this important committee. Ms. Eklund also asked the group to recognize outgoing Chair Larry Chu for his excellent work as outgoing Chair.
- h. ABAG – Carole Dillon-Knutson said that the Spring General Assembly would be held on April 22 in Oakland. She said that that ABAG was exploring the possibility of providing loans for regional solar installations, pursuant to AB 811. ABAG Executive Director Gardner said that ABAG was taking a conservative approach to this issue to protect its members against legal challenges.

Appointments to Fill Committee Vacancies:

President Slavitz said that the term of CAL-ID Remote Access Network representative Barbara Thornton was set to expire. He said that Ms. Thornton had reapplied for the position. He also called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Moved and seconded to reappoint Barbara Thornton. Motion passed.

Other Reports: Pat Eklund said that the League's ballot initiative signature drive was well underway. She invited the members to join her in signature-gathering at Costco every Sunday through March, at 10 a.m.

Public Comment: Wendy Friefeld, Lynn Woolsey's aide, reported that there would be a job resources fair at the Petaluma's Veteran's Center next Thursday.

Program: *"Greening Existing Buildings: Community-Scale Building Retrofit Programs and Policies"*

Speaker: Brian Gitt, Principal Partner of Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc.

Mayor Boro introduced the speaker. Mr. Gitt said that the era we find ourselves in provides both bad news, as well as unique opportunities to try to solve economic and ecological disasters.

He described ways that cities could take advantage of federal stimulus dollars to help retrofit commercial buildings, as well as provide programs and incentives to homeowners to upgrade and retrofit their homes. He said the greatest impact would come from retrofits of commercial properties due to the fact that they used far more energy than residential properties.

During the question and answer period, various members commented on programs such as BERST, Marin Clean Energy, and AB 811. President Slavitz thanked the speaker for an informative and thought-provoking presentation.

Adjourn: 8:45 pm to the next meeting hosted by the City of Sausalito.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi, Secretary-Treasurer