

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Best Western Corte Madera
Highway 101 @ Tamal Vista Blvd
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Members Present

Belvedere: John Telischak

Corte Madera: Carla Condon, John Dupar, Michael Lappert and Bob Ravasio

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg and Mary Ann Maggiore

Larkspur: Larry Chu and Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall and Ken Wachtel

Novato: Pat Eklund, Madeline Kellner and Jeanne Macleamy

Ross: ---

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

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

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

Tiburon: Richard Collins and Alice Fredericks

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Debra Stutsman from San Anselmo, Adam Politzer from Sausalito, Anne Montgomery from Mill Valley, Michael Rock from Fairfax, 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: Mayor Michael Lappert welcomed everyone to Corte Madera and made the following introductions: Councilmember Carla Condon, Council Member John Dupar, Councilmember Bob Ravasio, Town Manager Dave Bracken, Finance Director George Warman, Planning Director Bob Pendoley, City Clerk Chris Green, Acting Recreation Director Mario Fiorentini, Public Works Director Debra Sue Johnson, and Twin Cities Police Chief Phil Green.

Other guests who were introduced: Judy Binsacca from the League of Women Voters and the speaker for the evening, San Francisco Examiner reporter Ken Garcia.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on February 27, 2008.
Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Election of Openings on Committees:

- a. Cal ID Remote Access Network (March 2008) – Currently Barbara Thornton. Two-year term. M/S to reappoint Barbara Thornton to Cal ID Remote Access Network for a two-year term. All ayes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Committee - Barbara Heller summarized a report made to the Legislative Committee by Amy O’Gorman from the League of California Cities, which included a report on the State budget fiscal shortfall and how it might impact cities and towns. The COPS program and booking fees are two key areas where local agencies can anticipate reductions to occur. Propositions 98 and 99 will be appearing on the June 2008 ballot. Brief summaries of these propositions were provided. A brief synopsis of the recent letter sent to all members from the Legislative Committee explaining the duties and responsibilities of the Committee was provided. Lastly, an informational flyer pertaining to the Light Brown Apple Moth was distributed. Audience members did provide input as to specific actions some cities and towns were taking on the moth issue. The committee

will discussing the MCCMC's position on the Light Brown Apple Moth at the April 14th meeting.

- b. Transportation Authority of Marin – Alice Fredericks reported on the projects along the 101 Corridor including the Interstate 580 flyover, the Puerto Suello/Lincoln Avenue widening projects and the Mill Valley Blithedale southbound off ramp project. An update was also provided on the Highway 101 proposals for the Greenbrae, Larkspur and Corte Madera areas. Measure A is going out for public comment in April and will close in mid May.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District – Al Boro reported on the status of the Doyle Drive seismic retrofit, the \$158 million federal grant and the congestion pricing component. The Bridge District Board's vote to implement congestion pricing has secured the grant, which will be used to help fund the repair/replacement of the Doyle Drive roadway. A key element of the congestion pricing component is that monies raised be used to improve public transit and not to construct roadways. A report on recent hearings for the proposed Golden Gate Bridge toll increase was provided. Another hearing is scheduled for June 11th in the Marin Board of Supervisors chambers starting at 7 pm.
- d. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Al Boro reported on the March SMART Board meeting and the focus Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) which focuses on four issues including weekend service, the Novato south station site alternatives, freight operations and the lighter and diesel multiple units (DMU). Two hearings will be held on the merits of the SEIR. The first is in Novato on April 9th at 6:30 pm at 1015 7th Street. The second will be held in Santa Rosa at the Board of Supervisors Chambers on April 16th. It is anticipated that the final EIR will be back with the Board for final ratification in June.
- e. League of California Cities North Bay Division – Amy O'Gorman provided a detailed report on the condition of the State budget and the Legislative Analyst's office proposed cuts to public safety programs including COPS booking fees and shifting of Proposition 172 monies to fund lower level programs that are proposed to be shifted to the counties. This proposal is still in play and meetings with subcommittees involved in these issues are currently taking place. These cuts have not been agreed upon as yet. It was noted that many legislators sitting in on these meetings reported that they have heard from city and town representatives from around the State regarding alternative funding sources. Councilmembers should anticipate receiving a list of legislative priorities and activities from the League office in the near future. Legislative Action Days will be held April 16th and 17th and will coincide with policy committees hearing bills that were introduced this year. An update on Proposition 98 and 99 was also provided.

Public Comment: None

Program: Ken Garcia, reporter for the San Francisco Examiner spoke on notable past and current events of his career.

Adjourn: President Larry Chu adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to the next meeting on April 23, 2008 in Fairfax.

Submitted,

Bob Sinnott, Secretary-Treasurer