

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

**Wednesday, March 27, 2013  
Hosted by the Town of Fairfax  
Deer Park Villa  
367 Bolinas Avenue  
Fairfax, CA 94930**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Sandra Donnell  
Corte Madera: Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: Larry Bragman, Pamela Hartwell-Herrero, John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hilmer, Len Rifkind  
Mill Valley: Garry Lion  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner  
Ross: P. Beach Kuhl  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot, Ford Greene, Tom McInerney  
San Rafael: Gary Phillips, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough, Kate Colin  
Sausalito: Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

City Managers: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer.

**Call to Order**

President Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Madeline Kellner, one of MCCMC's representatives to the Marin Transit District, distributed an article written by Board President Barbara Heller. She said it was a great "op ed" piece that would bring the members up to date on all the good things the Transit District was doing.

Mayor Phillips of San Rafael reported on the success of the Mayors for Meals program. He said there was 100% participation from the Marin cities in this nationwide program which was initiated locally by Whistle Stop Wheels. He said that the recipients seemed appreciative and that it was a positive experience for the participants.

There was no other public comment.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Fairfax Town Council, as well as members of Town Staff—Town Manager Garrett Toy, Police Chief Chris Morin, Fire Chief Roger Meagor, Planning Director Jim Moore, and Senior Planner Linda Neal, as well as outgoing City Clerk Judy Anderson and clerk-appointee Michele Gardner. He gave special recognition to Anderson who is retiring after 18 years of service to the Town. Anderson was applauded by the group. The Mayor also welcomed guests Supervisor Katie Rice; Joan Lubamersky of Representative Marc Levine's office, as well as Nancy Bennett of the League of California Cities.

**Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2013 meeting.**

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

## Committee Reports

**ABAG.** Pat Eklund said that a written report with important upcoming meeting dates on SCS implementation was included in the packet. She encouraged members to email her if they had questions or wanted to discuss it in more detail.

**Legislative Committee.** Chair Fredericks said the committee had voted to oppose two priority bills—SB 313 (that says police officers cannot be denied promotion if they are on the Brady List) and SB 388 (that gives various protections to peace officers that are not extended to other employees in similar circumstances). She noted that the police chiefs also oppose SB 313.

Fredericks said the committee also voted to oppose two other bills, SB 7 and AB 185. She said SB 7 would prohibit a charter city from receiving or using state funding for construction projects if the city's charter has a provision that exempts the contractor from complying with prevailing wage provisions on any public works contract. She said that Marin's charter city, San Rafael, requires compliance with prevailing wage regulations; she said that by constraining availability of funding under these circumstances, the proposed law would circumvent case law on the authority of the State over charter cities. She said there were two abstentions on this vote.

Fredericks said that AB 185 would require all cable franchise fees to be used to televise open and public meetings of a city legislative body and advisory committees and thus encumber these funds. She said it would also extend the retention schedule of audio and video records from 30 days to 2 years which would be an additional expense.

Chair Fredericks said the following spot bills were briefly discussed and the committee took a position to defer action until the provisions of the bills were specifically addressed: AB 158 (Levine) and SB 405—ban on plastic bags was considered but details of the bill have not been worked out regarding preemption; AB 746 would prohibit smoking of tobacco products in all areas of multi-family dwellings, except in permitted areas. On the latter bill, Fredericks said that the League is collecting information from all the jurisdictions to find out who already has such an ordinance, or who it applies to and the extent of the prohibition; also enforcement questions.

**Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).** Chair Fredericks said the first meeting of the working group on the Greenbrae interchange had focused on procedural issues and how to proceed in an atmosphere that engenders trust. She said the next meeting was tomorrow night.

Fredericks briefly reported on a Congestion Management Report comparing 2010 to 2012 improvement in level of service for 10 of 20 highway and arterial segments monitored; she said it also included good and bad news for other segments, including congestion on the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge eastbound approach. She said TAM will approve a letter proposing a short-term quick fix suggested by Supervisor Kinsey requesting that the approach make use of the still existing Caltrans ROW and return to the historical three-lane configuration that affects both access to both Larkspur businesses and the Larkspur Ferry.

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD).** Board member Fredericks said that all electronic tolling went into effect today. She said the policy was established in 2011 and at that time, 32 toll takers were given two years' notice and the ability to transfer to other jobs within the district. She said that all but nine retired or found other employment, and others applied for severance. She said that lane restriping and speed enforcement were underway.

**League of California Cities.** Nancy Bennett invited everyone to attend the April 18 North Bay Division meeting in Fairfield, as well as the April 24 Legislative Action Days in Sacramento. Bennett asked all the Policy Committee members present to stand and acknowledged them for their work; she encouraged the members to ask questions and to keep informed of their work on issues.

**Disaster Council (DC3).** Len Rifkind said that the training of Disaster Service Workers was discussed at the last meeting and it was noted that training was not uniform across jurisdictions. Rifkind said that the Twin Cities has a new Disaster Council and that Belvedere and Tiburon have had one for some time. He said that there was grant funding available for disaster education and training, including CERT and Get Ready programs; he encouraged members to contact him for more information for their communities.

**Homeless Policy Committee.** Len Rifkind said that a Policy Steering Committee had been formed and was chaired by Supervisor Rice. He said the Marin cities were represented at meetings by Mayor Phillips, Councilmember Collins, and Kay Coleman, but he said that homelessness affected all the communities in Marin. He said, for instance, that it was reported that a homeless person with chronic alcohol use would cost a community \$60,000 per year; he said the cost was enormous in dollars and human cost, and that was motivation to address the problems. He spoke of a 10-year plan that they were working on, called "Home for All".

**Executive Committee - Member Survey.** Len Rifkind referenced the survey results that were included in the packet; he said that there were 29 responses from the 11 member cities. He encouraged the members to read the survey results and to send additional comments to President Weiner.

**Presentation:** "Safe Routes to School in Marin: Its Origin (in Fairfax), Programs, Partnerships, and Future"

**Speaker:** David Parisi, Project Manager for TAM's Safe Routes to Schools

Mayor Reed introduced the speaker, David Parisi, and said he was excited about the presentation on Safe Routes to School which had started right here in Fairfax a number of years ago as a pilot program. He said that they had wanted to "make it cool" for kids to walk and bike to school.

In his presentation, Mr. Parisi gave many fine examples of the success and growth of the program and the benefits to neighborhoods from Fairfax to Novato and beyond. He showed slides of new sidewalks, the addition of bike lanes, and all the latest engineering design techniques such as buffered bike lanes, signs that identify "school routes" for bicyclists (the new Fairfax "bike spine"), and things like "sharrows" (striping in a certain position in the street that brings awareness to both drivers and bicyclists). He also answered questions from the audience.

### **Adjournment**

President Weiner thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next meeting to be held in the City of Larkspur on April 24.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi  
MCCMC Secretary