

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
Draft Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Hosted by the City of Sausalito
The Spinnaker Restaurant
100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito

Members Present

Belvedere: Sandra Donnell, Bob McCaskill
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Michael Lappert, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Peter Lacques, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Kevin Haroff, Dan Hillmer, Ann Morrison, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, John McCauley, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Kathleen Hoertkorn
San Anselmo: Tom McInerney, John D. Wright
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, John Gamblin, Andrew McCullough
Sausalito: Linda Pfeifer, Tom Theodores, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Ex Officio: Larkspur Town Manager Dan Schwartz, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato City Manager Michael Frank, San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle, Sausalito Town Manager Adam Politzer, Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

Call to Order

President Stephanie Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Theodores introduced his guests from Sausalito including Councilmembers Withy, Pfeiffer and Weiner, and City Manager Politzer, Community Development Director Danny Castro, City Librarian Abbot Chambers, Public Works Director Jonathon Goldman, Recreation Director Mike Langford, Human Resources Administrator Susan Paterson and Administrative Aide Kate Laughlin.

Public Comments: None

Speaker Dr. Jeffrey Boehm, Executive Director, Marine Mammal Center

Presentation:

Dr. Boehm gave a presentation on the Marine Mammal Center, reporting that it was a non-profit hospital caring for marine mammals, that also studied them and provided education about them. He said since the Center began operations in 1975, they had treated about 20,000 patients and that they covered 600 miles of California coastline. He added that they had 50 staff and 1,100 volunteers, and that 85% of their funding came from private sources.

He stated that harbor seals, elephant seals and California sea lions were the main patients at the hospital, but that they would treat any marine animal that needed help as they acted as 911 dispatch for animals in distress. He discussed the major issues facing the animals, including toxicity, infection, cancer, entanglement, maternal separation, gunshot and shark bites. He said

that 50% of the animals in their care get released into the wild, while the other half die or are euthanized. When that happens, he said that they performed post mortems for research, amassing data, accumulating tissue samples, and putting out 12-18 peer reviewed publications per year. He stated that, along with rescue and rehabilitation, their mission was research and education, through which they were contributing to children being better stewards of the ocean and its inhabitants.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2015 meeting

There was a motion/second (Lion/Fredericks) to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

MCCMC Committee Reports

Major Crimes Task Force: Mayor Pro Tem Eklund stated that the annual report had been provided in the packet and encouraged everyone to read it. Chief Cusimano spoke about the report, stating that there was a new type of highly concentrated marijuana called “wax” that was causing kids to overdose and hallucinate. He added that theft-related crimes were very high, and that drug use was tied to it. He also reported on other disturbing trends, such as pushers coming to Marin County from other states, and described a recent case that involved drug sales and seizures across the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Eklund closed the report by wishing Town Manager Curran well in retirement and thanking her for her work on the Task Force.

Homeless Subcommittee: Councilmember Colin stated that within the upcoming month, each of the Marin cities and towns would be discussing the community homeless fund at their Council meetings. She said she hoped the discussion would be about participation and also what the designated amount would be.

Sea Level Rise: Councilmember Haroff reported on the Committee’s work with the County on shared concerns over sea level rise. He said a working group had been formed to meet once a month and that the County had allocated \$250,000 thus far, with another \$150,000 possible going forward, to be used for a study. He stated that a vulnerability assessment was needed for communities lining the bay and that city staff members and elected officials were looking at opportunities. He concluded by stating that the next step was to debrief on the work done so far with the City Managers, to make sure efforts were coordinated and that a study was needed to lay the groundwork for next steps/mitigation measures.

Minimum Wage Working Group: Councilmember Lucan reported on the group’s fourth meeting, stating that they continued to gather information and had received a report from Rob Eyler and Lauren Kay, from the Policy Think Tank. He said they would glean as much information as possible and make their findings available in a white paper.

Marin Transit: Councilmember Moulton-Peters stated that an agreement with Golden Gate Transit, who provided 60% of all transit in Marin County, had been approved. She said that having a new contract in place would help Marin Transit achieve its financial goals and reduce costs of service. She announced an upcoming Short Range Transit Plan workshop and a pending project to add weekday shuttle service to Muir Woods.

ABAG: Mayor Pro Tem Eklund provided a reminder about the application deadline for Priority Conservation Areas.

GGBHTD, MCCMC Legislative Committee and TAM Reports: Councilmember Fredericks stated that, due to the lateness of the hour, she would request that her written reports be appended to the minutes of the meeting.

At 8:42 p.m., President Moulton-Peters adjourned the meeting **to the May 27, 2015 meeting in the Town of Tiburon**

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary

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