

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
Draft Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Hosted by the City of San Rafael
Le Comptoir
1301 4th Street, San Rafael

Members Present

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe, Marty Winter
Corte Madera: James Andrews, Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, Peter Lacques, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Ann Morrison, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: John McCauley, Sashi McEntee, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Jessica Sloan, Jim Wickham
Novato: Denise Athas, Pam Drew, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, Katie Hoertkorn, Beach Kuhl, Elizabeth Robbins, Carla Small
San Anselmo: Matt Brown, Kay Coleman, John Wright
San Rafael: Maribeth Bushey, Kate Colin, John Gamblin, Andrew McCullough
Sausalito: Jill Hoffman, Herb Weiner, Ray Withy
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jim Fraser

Ex Officio: Fairfax City Manager Garrett Toy, Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, Novato Interim City Manager Cathy Capriola, Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn, San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman, San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz, and Novato City Clerk/MCCMC Secretary Sheri Hartz.

Call to Order

President Denise Athas called the meeting to order and introduced Vice Mayor Colin welcomed guests and San Rafael staff including Supervisor Damon Connolly, and her fellow Councilmembers, Cristine Alilovich, Assistant City Manager, Police Chief Diana Bishop, City Attorney Rob Epstein, Deputy City Attorney Lisa Goldfein, Fire Chief Chris Gray, Library Director Sarah Houghton, Community Development Director Paul Jensen, Community Services Director Carlene McCart, Interim Public Works Director Kevin McGowan, City Manager Jim Schutz and Senior Management Analyst Rebecca Woodbury.

Public Comment - None

Committee Reports

MTC Update: Councilmember Moulton-Peters read aloud from a statement prepared by Supervisor Kinsey, who was unable to attend. She reported that MTC had moved into its new location and would be joined there by ABAG, BAAQMD and BCDC; that MTC was moving forward to get approval to allow tolls to enter Contra Costa's I-680 carpool lanes with fewer than the required number of passengers or other clean fuel authorization; that two projects to support disadvantaged communities were approved through the Commission's Lifeline Program; that MTC supported AB 2292, which, if enacted, would revise the definition of "Disadvantaged Community"; that the Commission also supported four current bills that would help address affordable housing needs; and, that the Commission voted to proceed with Option 7, that an implementation plan would be adopted in late June and that there would be no change in governance in the near term.

ABAG: Mayor Eklund encouraged everyone to read the report she submitted with the agenda packet and provided highlights of recent activity related to the selection of one of two options for the future of the ABAG/MTC proposed merger. She reported that, at the ABAG General Assembly, a vote was taken which resulted adoption of a resolution supporting both Option 4 and 7, with a list of principles applied when implementing components of Option 7. She added that MTC at its upcoming meeting would meet to approve a resolution selecting Option 7 as the preferred option and would also consider authorizing an Implementation Action Plan.

SMART: Councilmember Moulton-Peters stated that the General Manager's Report would be circulated soon and reported that a lot of work was being done all at once, including parking lots and other improvements, and that a lot of good things were happening.

Marin Transit: Councilmember Bushey reported that, with school getting out, there would be a change in traffic patterns. She stated that Marin Transit was trying to capture savings by using the Yellow Bus service.

TAM Report: Councilmember Fredericks reported on TAM's bike share system, stating that they had partnered with Sonoma to submit a grant application for funding. She stated that TAM adopted an alternate fuels program funded by the Measure B VLF passed by voters, that TAM considered updating the data library for traffic counts which are a historical record of travel patterns on major roadways, and outlined progress on the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge third lane/multi-use path project.

MCCMC Legislative Committee: Councilmember Fredericks reported on the activities of the Committee, stating that they were addressing decreasing revenues from loss of gas tax and that the Governor had proposed very little funding for local roads and transportation projects in his May revise of the budget. She added that the OBAG Cycle 2 call for projects was out and that TAM received \$49M in requests from a grant pot of \$9.8M. She said that the Committee supported ACA 4 to put an initiative on the ballot to allow a 55% majority to pass a sales tax measure for transportation projects and had taken a position on or continued to watch bills restricting local land use authority.

GGBHTD: Councilmember Fredericks reported on ferry patronage, stating that it was increasing, and provided information on the fleet. She said that a \$2.2M competitive grant had been awarded to upgrade two of the ferries to be able to operate with the new landing facilities in Larkspur, San Francisco and Sausalito.

Program: Eric Davis, Executive VP and General Counsel, BioMarin - *"The Future of Biotech in Marin and Beyond"*

Mr. Davis spoke about incredible advancements that had occurred over the last 20 years, such as with HIV, which, with treatment, was now manageable, and added that Hepatitis C was now curable. He reported that BioMarin had five products on the market that all treated serious, generally fatal pediatric diseases, and relayed a personal story about young man who had been cured of a disease that once would have killed him by 15 years old. He theorized about what

would come next and explained that most of the new products were made from genetically engineered cells. He explained the local impact of this work, explaining that 1,500 people are employed at facilities in Santa Rosa and Novato, and said that the Marin Economic Forum had generated a model to calculate the multiplier effect of this employment and what it translated to in revenue, stating that it added approximately \$500M in economic activity annually, much of which was reinvested in the community. He concluded by stating that cities could help by providing infrastructure and creating an environment for industry to grow.

Business Meeting

Nominations for ABAG Representative (*Vacancy announced last month, letters of Interest solicited*)

There was a motion/second (Coler/Drew) to nominate Pat Eklund. Motion passed by acclamation.

Nominations for Executive Committee – President and Vice President for 2016-17 Term (*Nominations taken from the floor and letters of interest solicited. Vote to be taken in June.*)

There was a motion/second (Lucan/Coler) to nominate Sloan Bailey for President. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion/second (Furst/Coler) to nominate Kate Colin for Vice President. Motion passed by acclamation.

Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., President Athas adjourned the meeting to the June 22, 2016 meeting in the City of Sausalito.

Submitted,

Sheri Hartz
MCCMC Secretary