

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Best Western Corte Madera Inn, Madera Blvd. at Highway 101

Members Present

Belvedere: No members attended
Corte Madera: Carla Condon, John Dupar, Michael Lappert, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Daniel Hillmer
Mill Valley: No members attended
Novato: Jeanne Macleamy
Ross: No members attended
San Anselmo: Ted Freeman, Judy House, Barbara Thornton
San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly
Sausalito: Jonathan Leone
Tiburon: Miles Berger, Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Michael Frank, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; and Adam Politzer, Sausalito

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and introduced the Mayor of Corte Madera, John Dupar.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Dupar welcomed everyone to the dinner hosted by the Town of Corte Madera and introduced the Corte Madera Council Members, Town Manager David Bracken and the following Town staff: Christina Ennis, Recreation Dept.; Mario Fiorentini, Recreation Director; Chris Green, Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager; Phil Green, Twin Cities Police Chief; Roger Sprehn, Director of Emergency Services; and George Warman, Director of Administrative Services.

Other guests who were introduced: Maureen Daly, Guest of Michael Lappert; Jan Forman, Guest of David Bracken; Steve Kinsey, District 4 Supervisor; Jim Moore, Fairfax Planning Director; and Patsy White, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on April 22, 2009.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) – Alice Fredericks presented the report. She described the reduced commute travel time since the opening of the extension of the HOV lane and the reduction in green house gases produced; the completion of the 580-101 connector; the status of the Cal Park tunnel project scheduled for completion in 2010 and the anticipated loss of funding for the project; a 30% reduction in funding for local roads that was anticipated; and reported that MTC would not be providing any advance funds for projects.
- b. Legislative Committee – Alice Fredericks presented the report. She described AB 87 and AB 68 that would restrict the use of single-use carryout bags by grocery and convenience stores and the Committee's recommended support of the legislation if amended to provide for CEQA exemption for government entities that banned the single use bags and for the fee charged to be used at least partially for recycling and litter abatement programs. They supported the general principle of the legislation of charging 25 cents for bags with the proceeds to go to local jurisdictions, but urged the amendments. She

described the pending toll lane legislation which would provide revenue back to the cities and counties and would repay the local jurisdictions for the cost of building the lanes.

- c. Golden Gate Bridge District – Al Boro presented the report. He stated that the two newly purchased ferries from Washington had arrived and that as soon as one of them went into service later in the year, the Del Norte would go to drydock; that one of the ferries had been renamed M.V. Napa at a ceremony in Napa; that the District anticipated a major financial shortfall over the next two years; and that a zero-emission bus would be running from downtown San Rafael to the County Fair this year.
- d. SMART – Al Boro presented the report in the absence of Peter Breen. He stated that a Citizen’s Advisory Board had been formed; that sales tax revenue was down 5%; that the design and engineering would go forward; that additional funding would hopefully be found by the time it was needed for construction; that the Colorado Rail Car chosen was no longer manufactured; that they were looking at European vendors; and that once an order was placed, it would take about three years to receive the cars.
- e. League of California Cities/North Bay – Alice Fredericks presented the report in the absence of Shawn Marshall. She stated that Proposition 1-A required that the governor declare a state of fiscal emergency before taking funds from cities; that June 3rd was Legislative Action Day and that she would be organizing a carpool for those interested in attending; and that more information was available at saveyourcity.net.
- f. Marin County Transit District Board – Barbara Thornton presented the report in the absence of Madeline Kellner. She reported on the new media center at 819 “A” Street in San Rafael and the new government channel to start broadcasting. She stated that the Media Center staff would be available to help cities; and that Comcast was upgrading their network.
- g. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Steve Kinsey presented the report. He reported on the technological advances to improve performance; stated that the FastTrak was working very well; that there was a 8% decrease in the use of the State bridges; that other jurisdictions had a single transportation agency whereas the Bay Area had 26 transportation agencies; that Translink was working; that re-authorization of the federal transportation program was unlikely; that new funding sources were needed for public transportation; that the Hot Lane program was going to happen; and that MTC supported AB 406 and SB 375 and Assemblyman Huffman’s ACA 9 to reduce the percentage of the vote needed to pass local measures from 2/3 to 55%.

Appointment: Alternate Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board (2-Year Term)

President Brandborg announced that no letters of interest had been received and asked for nominations from the floor. None were made and no action was taken.

Announcement of Openings on Executive Committee

President Brandborg announced that there were openings for President and Vice President for the coming terms of one year each and asked that interested members submit letters of interest for consideration at the next meeting.

2009-2010 Meeting Calendar

Moved and seconded to approve the calendar with the City of Novato to determine the November meeting date. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Jonathan Leone, Mayor of Sausalito, announced that Amy Belser would be resigning from the Council effective June 30th and offered a toast in her honor.

Program: Dan Nackerman, Executive Director, Marin Housing Authority

Mr. Nackerman stated that he was new to Marin and described some of the programs offered by the Authority. He stated that the Authority housed about 8,000 people; that the average household income of their clients was \$13,800/year; that there were 3100 housing authorities in the United States; that they had 60 employees; that they issued 2,000 Section 8 vouchers; that there was a long waiting list for housing; that there was 26 million dollars of Federal money paid to private landlords in the community through HUD (Housing and Urban Development); that HUD had received 1,348,770 in Federal stimulus funding with \$659,000 in homeless prevention funding to the County of Marin; thanked the Towns and Cities for their contributions to the housing stock; and stated that he was looking at creative solutions for affordable housing.

In response to questions, Mr. Nackerman stated that the waiting list for Section 8 housing was 7 to 9 years to be housed; that they were not emergency housing providers; and that twelve years was the national average for living in Section 8 housing.

In response to a question about the size of the unit in greatest demand, Mr. Nackerman stated that the Senior demand was increasing, that small was better, and that a small two-bedroom was very desirable.

Adjourn: 9:08 pm to the next meeting hosted by the Town of Fairfax on Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer