

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

Wednesday, June 24, 2009
Deer Park Villa, 367 Bolinas Road, Fairfax

Members Present

Belvedere: No members attended
Corte Madera: No members attended
Fairfax: Larry Bragman, Susan Brandborg, Lew Tremaine, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Daniel Hillmer, Joan Lundstrom
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Novato: Pat Eklund, Jeanne Macleamy
Ross: Christopher Martin
San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Ted Freeman, Ford Greene, Judy House, Barbara Thornton
San Rafael: Al Boro, Greg Brockbank, Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Cyr Miller
Sausalito: Amy Belser, Jonathan Leone, Linda Pfeifer, Herb Weiner
Tiburon: Miles Berger, Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz

Also present were the following City and Town Managers: Michael Rock, Fairfax; Jean Bonander, Larkspur; Michael Frank, Novato; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo; Jim Schutz, Assistant City Manager, San Rafael; Adam Politzer, Sausalito; and Peggy Curran, Tiburon

Call to Order: President Susan Brandborg called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and introduced the Mayor of Fairfax, David Weinsoff.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Weinsoff welcomed everyone to the dinner hosted by the Town of Fairfax and introduced the Fairfax Council Members and the Fairfax Town Staff.

Other guests who were introduced: Jon Elam, Tamalpais Community Services District; Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Association; Chuck Dalldorf, League of CA Cities; Peter Banning, LAFCO; Larry Russell, MMWD; and Patsy White, League of Women Voters.

President Brandborg presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Amy Belser of Sausalito in acknowledgment of her years of service to the City of Sausalito and the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on May 27, 2009.
Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Elections – Executive Committee:

Moved and seconded to nominate Jeff Slavitz to serve for the 2009-2010 term as President of MCCMC. Motion passed.

Moved and seconded to nominate Shawn Marshall to serve for the 2009-2010 term as Vice-President of MCCMC. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. TAM (Transportation Authority of Marin) – Alice Fredericks presented the report. She reported that the Board of Equalization had announced that sales tax revenues had declined 19.3% from the first quarter of 2008 to the first quarter of 2009; that the biggest hit to the Measure “A” supported projects was to the Marin Transit agency which received 55% of the revenues; that the GAP closure project had not been impacted because TAM had decided to use debt service reserves; that Safe Routes to School had not been

greatly affected because they had a carryover from the previous year; but that Major Roads and Infrastructure would take \$167,000 hit. She also reported that the Central and Southern Marin Transit Study was about to be released. She explained that the Study had been done of transit up and down the 101 corridor to determine whether or not feasible program improvements could be made. The Study concluded that, because of the anticipated continuation of the low population density along the corridor; a Southern Marin Centralized Transit hub was not reasonable, but that smaller dispersed transit centers would be more effective and that the Mill Valley to Sausalito streetcar would not have the population to support it. She also stated that the annual report for TAM was available on the Web site and that \$11.1 million dollars from Measure "A" went to Marin Transit and that Marin Transit carried 3.4 million passengers during the last year.

- b. Legislative Committee – Alice Fredericks presented the report. She described four letters sent out by the Committee, one in opposition to the taking of any Highway Users Tax, one against the State taking of redevelopment funds, one in opposition to AB 268 regarding group homes in residential areas; and one in opposition to AB 155 regarding bankruptcy for cities to continue to be heard in existing bankruptcy courts. She asked for authorization for the Committee to object to the closure of State parks on behalf of MCCMC.

Moved and seconded to authorize the Legislative Committee to object to the closure of State Parks on behalf of MCCMC. Motion passed.

- c. Golden Gate Bridge District – Al Boro presented the report. He stated that of one of the two newly purchased ferries from Washington had been renamed "M.V. Napa" and that the Del Norte would be rehabilitated and given a new diesel engine as soon as the new ferries were put into service in the next few months; that there was a new "bullet bus" that went to San Francisco daily from Sonoma County with two stops in Marin, one in Novato and one in San Rafael; that recycling bins were now available on the ferries; that the buses had been upgraded to take up to three bicycles at a time; and that a hydrogen fuel cell bus would be available for service to the County fair from downtown San Rafael.
- d. Marin County Transit District Board – Barbara Heller and Stephanie Moulton-Peters presented the report. Barbara Heller reported that the Board was formed by voters in 1964 as an independent transit agency and was made up of the Board of Supervisors, an MCCMC representative, two city members and an alternate; that there had been a 5.7% loss in transit tax and an 8% decrease in revenue; and that they were contemplating fare increases and service reductions in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters reported that David Ripinsky, the new Executive Director of Marin Transit was experienced and motivated and would provide excellent leadership going forward; that the West Marin Stagecoach and other alternatives were possible in Marin because the County was smaller and wasn't about just about North-South transportation to San Francisco; that a new "dial-a-ride" program was beginning in Novato; that information on programs was available on the Marin Transit District Web site; and that "511" could be dialed for transportation information in the Bay Area.

- e. SMART – Peter Breen presented the report. He announced that the Cal-Park tunnel would open on the following Tuesday; that it was a \$27 million project that would provide a multi-use path for bikes, pedestrians and trains; that by next summer citizens could ride or walk to San Rafael from Larkspur; that the Puerto Suelo Hill would open after that; that major expenditures were not needed for two or three years; and that the Board had heard proposals from companies from Switzerland, Japan and the Midwest about potential cars to be purchased.

- f. Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA) – Barbara Thornton presented the report. She reported that the new media center had been launched; that they had taken over the management of Channel 26 the previous week; that Channel 27 would be the government channel; that UCTV would be on the government channel; and that MTA was working on a submission for Federal stimulus money.
- g. League of California Cities/North Bay – Shawn Marshall presented the report. She stated their main job lately had been the tracking of the State budget; that the budget changed daily; that she and others had met with legislators on June 3rd about State governance reform and a constitutional convention; that all the members were invited to attend a meeting on July 17 and 18 in Sacramento; and that there was an important meeting of the division on July 30th about Statewide water issues.
- h. Major Crimes Task Force – Pat Eklund presented the report. She stated that the newly revised Joint Powers Authority Agreement was almost complete and would be circulated to the cities soon; that the new JPA would allow Novato to continue its membership by contributing a body rather than some of the funding; described a recent drug bust that would provide some money for Major Crimes; and that a new MCCMC appointment was needed for Major Crimes and that they met three or four times a year.

Public Comment:

Mayor Al Boro of San Rafael presented a proclamation to Amy Belser and declared it "Amy Belser Day" in San Rafael to honor Councilmember Belser upon her retirement from the Sausalito City Council.

Mayor Peter Breen of San Anselmo presented a proclamation from the Town of San Anselmo to Amy Belser and noted that she was responsible for saving Ft. Baker from development.

Stephanie Moulton-Peters presented a proclamation from the City of Mill Valley to Amy Belser thanking her for her service to Sausalito and to Southern Marin.

Tiburon Councilmember Alice Fredericks presented Amy Belser with an orchid plant and read a poem in her honor that she had written.

Program: Harold C. Brown, Jr., Marin Supervisor, District 2

Supervisor Brown talked about efforts the County had made to respond to the financial downturn and led a discussion with the members about how the cities and towns could improve communication, coordination of resources, and support services during the current tough economic times.

Adjourn: 8:55 pm to the next meeting hosted by the City of Larkspur on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

Submitted,

Judy Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer