

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

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013  
Hosted by the City of Novato  
Trek Winery - 1026 Machin Avenue  
Novato, CA 94945**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe  
Corte Madera: Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Dan Hillmer, Anne Morrison  
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner  
Ross: P. Beach Kuhl, Rupert Russell  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Liz Dahlgren, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney  
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Kate Colin, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough  
Sausalito: Ray Withy, Herb Weiner  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

City Managers: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan; Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer.

**Call to Order**

President Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Eklund welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the owners of the Trek Winery for hosting the event and said a few words about the history and success of the new "urban winery" in Novato which has been open for one year. Eklund then introduced the members of the Novato City Council (all present) and City Staff: City Manager Michael Frank, Assistant City Manager Cathy Capriola, City Clerk Sheri Hartz and her guest (and son), Reid Hartz, and Director of Community Development Bob Brown. She also welcomed Nancy Bennett of the League of California Cities, Patsy White of the League of Women Voters, and the evening's speakers, Sarah and Dante Anderson.

President Weiner introduced and welcomed the newest members of MCCMC--Fairfax Councilmember, Barbara Coler and San Anselmo Councilmember, Liz Dahlgren.

**Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2013 meeting**

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

**Announcement of Vacancies - Major Crimes Task Force (alternate position) -** Vacancy created by resignation of Fairfax Councilmember Ryan O'Neil; remainder of two-year term ending January, 2014 (send letter of interest to President or President-elect)

**Appointments to the Executive Committee 2013-14 Term (President and Vice President) –** Nominations previously received at April 24, 2013 meeting.

Ann Morrison moved to appoint Len Rifkind for President; her motion was seconded (Kroot) and approved by acclamation. Morrison also moved to appoint Stephanie-Moulton Peters for Vice President; her motion was seconded (Lion) and approved by acclamation.

### **Committee Reports**

**ABAG.** Pat Eklund distributed a written summary of the Plan Bay Area 2013 Public Opinion Poll Key Findings. She said that during the Draft Bay Area comment period, the ABAG Executive Board had provided direction on a number of topics such as:

- Regional Population and Housing Forecast (voted to retain the forecast utilized in the Draft Plan, with Eklund voting to oppose)
- Affordable Housing (voted to reserve a portion of the \$3.1 billion from Cap and Trade revenues for a regional affordable housing fund)
- Reducing Potential Risk of Displacement (voted to target neighborhood stabilization investments, including housing rehabilitation, small site acquisition and land banks, in projects funded by Transit-Oriented Affordable Housing (TOAH))
- Transportation Investments – (voted to use a portion of the \$3.1 billion Cap and Trade revenues for transit and local street and road rehabilitation, consistent with focused land use strategy outlined in the Plan Bay Area)
- Regional Express Lane Networks – (voted to continue to include the full Regional Express Lanes Network in the final plan)

Eklund reviewed some additional initiatives and priorities for plan implementation and said she would send out a more detailed report by email. She also said she was organizing a meeting of the Marin County ABAG delegates on July 10 to provide input so that she would know how to vote at the final approval meeting of Plan Bay Area on July 18. She said she would have liked to have seen ABAG conduct a special assembly on this issue and take a city by city vote, or county by county vote, but this was not on the horizon. She said that ABAG was “county-oriented” in its vision, and she stated that she thought Marin County would fare okay in the final outcome.

**Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).** Alice Fredericks said that alternative designs to the Greenbrae interchange were being studied by a TAM working group which she chairs. She said the working group had reached consensus to take a request to the TAM Board to fund phased studies of two alternative designs they felt had merit. She said the alternate designs were being studied in response to public objection to the approved plans which included a flyover southbound and a ramp northbound. She said the working group would also consider the merits of public proposals for bicycle and pedestrian improvements at its next meeting.

**Legislative Committee.** Chair Fredericks said the group had voted to *oppose AB 1333*, pertaining to evergreen contracts. She said the bill would require review and findings on the part of local jurisdictions on contracts with automatic renewal clauses. She said it could put the authority of cities to enter into contracts at risk, and would jeopardize the ability of local recycling and refuse haulers to depend on the evergreen clause to secure bank credit and capital equipment purchases. Fredericks said the State has the most successful recycling effort thanks to these contracts.

Other legislation reviewed by Fredericks: *AB 325 (oppose)*: Statute of limitations on land use decisions by local government extended from 18 months to 3 years; *AB 1229 (support)*: A bill overriding the *Palmer decision* appears to constrain authority of cities to implement inclusionary housing requirements extending both to low income owners and tenants; this bill would restore full authorization to the cities to implement inclusionary housing practices.

SR2S – She said the committee continues to support SR2S funding floor at last year's level and use of SR2S funds for non infrastructure projects. She said the latter is needed to keep bike/ped travel education and implementation programs in the schools.

Fredericks concluded her report by stating that the committee was continuing to watch and support ongoing efforts to consolidate Constitutional amendments reducing the supermajority for local government services which would replace Redevelopment Agency dollars for economic development; special taxes, for libraries, etc.

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD).** Fredericks said that the Board will consider an integrated program to address demand for service which is predicted to continue at a 5% increase a year based on recent year's data. In the short term, Fredericks said that the Board was considering more ferry runs at peak times; a pilot program of shuttles through Ross Valley; and paid parking (at Larkspur Landing) to encourage the use of shuttle and to underwrite shuttle service. In the long term, she said a planning study would be undertaken to determine the need and options for additional parking in that location.

**SMART.** Stephanie Moulton-Peters distributed a progress report on SMART – “We’re Rolling Along”. She said that 17 miles of track had been completed from Guerneville Road to downtown Petaluma. She said that permitting was in process in Marin but that track was delayed somewhat due to the significant amount of wetlands to cross coming South from Petaluma. She also said that funding was being sought for an additional study to complete the connection to Larkspur, part of the original SMART plan.

Moulton-Peters reported on the success of a special train that had served attendees of the Toyota/Save Mart 350 series NASCAR race event at Sonoma Raceway on June 23. She said this first-of-its-kind train brought fans from Sacramento, with stops in Davis and Suisun City. Funding for the train was made possible through a partnership between the Capitol Corridor JPA, the Sonoma Raceway, Amtrak, California Northern Railroad, Caltrans, Northwestern Pacific Railroad, and SMART.

**League of California Cities.** North Bay Division President Madeline Kellner invited everyone to the upcoming meeting on July 31, with a topic of economic development. She also invited everyone to the CITIPAC event on August 25 which includes the second annual Bocce Ball Tournament in Yountville.

**Other Reports –** Two written reports, Homeless Policy Committee and Disaster Council, DC3, submitted by Councilmember Len Rikind (who could not attend the meeting) were emailed to the members on June 24, 2013. Copies were also made available at the meeting.

President Weiner noted that this would be his last meeting as President of MCCMC. He said he had learned in life that sometimes paying attention to the little things in life meant more than the seemingly big things. He said he had brought this philosophy to his job as President. He thanked the group for the opportunity to serve.

**Presentation:** 2K Games and Seriosity

**Speakers:** Sarah Anderson, Vice President of Marketing, 2K Games  
Dante Anderson, General Manager and Head of Games, Seriosity

Both speakers work for businesses based in Novato. The first speaker, Ms. Anderson, entertained the group with video examples of her company's successful interactive gaming programs, such as NBA2K, and others. She was joined by her husband, Dante, whose company develops software utilizing gaming techniques (pay offs and rewards) to increase productivity and behavioral change in both workers and consumers, which in turn increases the bottom line for companies.

**Adjournment**

President Weiner thanked the speakers and the City of Novato for hosting the meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to August 28 in Mill Valley. There is no meeting in July.

Submitted,  
Diane Crane Iacopi  
MCCMC Secretary