

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

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
Hosted by the City of Belvedere  
San Francisco Yacht Club - 98 Beach Road  
Belvedere, CA 94920**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Tom Cromwell, Sandra Donnell, Bob McCaskill, Claire McAuliffe  
Corte Madera: Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: John Reed, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Ann Morrison, Len Rifkind  
Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner  
Ross: No members present  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot, Lori Lopin, Tom McInerney  
San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough, Damon Connolly, Kate Colin  
Sausalito: Tom Theodores, Ray Withy, Herb Weiner  
Tiburon: Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers and Staff: Belvedere City Manager Mary Neilan and Assistant City Manager, Felicia Wheaton; Fairfax City Manager Garrett Toy; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; Novato City Clerk Sheri Hartz; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran and Tiburon Town Clerk (MCCMC Secretary) Diane Crane Jacopi.

**Call to Order**

President Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Weiner introduced two newly elected members of the Sausalito City Council, Tom Theodores and Ray Withy, and welcomed them to the group. He also introduced newly appointed San Rafael Councilmember, Kate Colin. There was no other public comment.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

Mayor Donnell welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Belvedere City Council. Donnell also took the opportunity to introduce newly appointed Belvedere City Manager, Mary Neilan, as well as the other City Staff who were present: Assistant City Manager Felicia Wheaton, and Chief of Police, Tricia Seyler. She said the Belvedere City Council was in the process of appointing a new councilmember to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sia Barmand.

The Mayor welcomed the following guests: Aide to Supervisor Kate Sears, Leslie Alden, Speaker Kim Mazzuca, League of Women Voters representative Margaret Jones, League of California Cities representative Nancy Bennett, Whistlestop Wheels Marketing Director Yvonne Roberts, Novato City Clerk Sheri Hartz, and newly appointed Fairfax Town Manager, Garrett Toy.

**Special Report: Marin Mayors for Meals (Mayor Phillips)**

Mayor Phillips encouraged each city's mayor to participate in a March drive-around in their communities in support of Whistlestop Wheels. He said it was being coordinated by Yvonne Roberts, Director of Marketing and Development for Whistlestop Wheels. He introduced Ms. Roberts who went on to say that March was "Meals Month" nationwide and that Marin had not

participated before. She said that she would provide the cities with a proclamation in support of the event. She thanked all the mayors who had signed up for the ride-along.

**Approval of Minutes** – November 28, 2012 meeting.

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

**Appointment to Boards and Committees**

President Weiner said that letters of interest had been received for the following pending vacancies:

- Marin County Transit District Board of Directors: Term expirations of MCCMC representative Kellner and alternate Moulton Peters
- Major Crimes Task Force Citizen; Term expiration of Citizen representative Ed Schulze
- League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Committee: Term expirations of MCCMC representatives Athas and Moulton-Peters and alternate Jonathan Leone.

The President asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

There was a motion and second (Coleman/Lopin) to nominate Tom McInerney to the alternate position of the North Bay Division Executive Committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

There was a motion and second (Fredericks/Fraser) to reappoint the representatives who had submitted letters of interest for the Marin County Transit District Board, Major Crimes Task Force, and North Division Executive Committee, as listed above. Motion passed by acclamation.

**Committee Reports**

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD).** Alice Fredericks thanked the membership again for the opportunity to serve on the Bridge Board. She said that everyone who worked there had a sense of mission and pride in what it meant to work on such an historical and engineering marvel. She provided statistics and gave an overview of the success of the 1971 plan which sought to integrate bridge, bus and ferry services; Fredericks also reported on current plans for electronic toll-taking to be rolled out in March or early April.

**Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).** Fredericks reported that there would be two more public hearings for the Greenbrae Interchange Project in January; that the comment period would close on February 14, and that six months hence, TAM would decide on any further direction of the project. She also reported on an electronic program to be rolled out in February, "We Go Marin", that will be provide realtime rideshare connections for Larkspur Ferry users.

**Legislative Committee.** Fredericks said that the committee would meet next Monday for the first time since the holiday break. She said that SB 33, supported by the League, was on the agenda. She said the committee would also be following the issue of CEQA reforms in the Legislature, the idea being to integrate the sometimes competing legislation that followed the adoption of CEQA.

**League of California Cities.** North Bay Division President Madeline Kellner reported that 35 people from the North Bay had attended the New Mayors conference in Sacramento. She also reported that eight people from Marin County had been appointed to League policy committees. Kellner said that the first division meeting of the year would be held in Napa on February 21.

**Major Crimes Task Force.** Pat Eklund said that as Chair of the Task Force, she would coordinate with the city managers to come to City Council meetings in 2013 and report on the activities of the Task Force.

**SMART.** Stephanie Moulton-Peters said that the SMART train would be coming to Marin this year thanks, in part, to an MTC award of \$12 million through efforts of Assesmblywoman Noreen Evans. She said that currently, SMART was in the process of laying track and working on grade crossings; she said that completion of the 70-mile system between Santa Rosa and San Rafael was getting closer; this link was estimated to carry 80% of the ridership. However, Moulton-Peters said eventually the route would go all the way from Cloverdale to Larkspur.

**Homeless Policy Committee.** Len Rifkind reported on the January 18 Steering Committee meeting; he said that Councilmembers Coleman and Colin had attended the meeting, as well. Rifkind said that four planning groups were formed as a result of last summer's charette. He said that funds were available through the Marin Community Foundation and the County; however, he said that more professionals are needed to actually implement ideas and programs.

**Gun Control.** Len Rifkind reported on the incredible success of the District Attorney's Gun Buy-Back Program. Supervisor Aide Leslie Alden thanked the cities of San Rafael, Tiburon and Sausalito for their contributions to the effort. She said that \$63,000 was still needed for the program due to the overwhelming response.

**Presentation:** The State of the Student

**Speaker:** Kim Mazzuca, President and CEO of 10,000 Degrees

Ms. Mazzuca said the organization, formerly called the Marin Educatin Fund, was devoted to educational equity and access. She said that due to changing demographics, the current generation would be less educated than their parents. She also noted the rising costs of college tuition and the proliferation of student loans. She talked about how her program provided both funding and mentoring; she said that program had a success rate of 84% of its members graduated from college.

She addressed the question of "not all students 'need' to go to college" by stating that young people do need to know that there is an option and that they need to be adequately prepared to enter college and succeed.

Ms. Mazucca said that in Marin County, the group was trying to level the playing field and was reaching out to the schools and districts to create for a collective impact and strategy. She encouraged more involvement from everyone in the community.

During Q&A, Bob McCaskill commented on the figures in one of Ms. Mazzuca's slides that showed the number of high school graduates who were not prepared to enter college. He asked what could be done to ensure that people graduating from high school had the reading and language skills to qualify for college.

#### **Adjournment.**

President Weiner thanked the speaker and everyone for attending the meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the next meeting to be held in the Town of Corte Madera on February 27.

Submitted,  
Diane Crane Iacopi  
MCCMC Secretary