

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 1, 2005

Hosted by the Town of Fairfax

Deer Park Villa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, Lew Tremaine, David Weinsoff, Mary Ann Maggiore

Larkspur: Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Joan Lundstrom

Mill Valley: Christopher Raker, Anne Solem, Dennis Fisco, Dick Swanson

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Jim Leland, Pat Eklund, Jeanne Macleamy

Ross: Jeanne Barr

San Anselmo: Peter Breen, Barbara Thornton, Wayne Cooper, Jeff Kroot

San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Gary Phillips, Cyr Miller

Sausalito: Paul Albritton, Ron Albert

ABSENT: Belvedere, Tiburon

Also present were City and Town Managers Dana Whitson, Sausalito; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Don Hunter, Mill Valley, Rod Gould, San Rafael, Dan Keen, and Gary Broad, Ross.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Susan Brandborg welcomed everyone to Fairfax and introduced councilmembers and the following staff members: Judy Anderson, Town Clerk, Mari Dannecker, Administrative Assistant,, Debra Sue Johnson, Planning Director, Linda Neal, Senior Planner.

Other Guests: Judy Binsacca and Patsy White of League of Women Voters, Klif Knowles, Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Assn., Mary Currie, Golden Gate Bridge District, and Wendy Friefeld, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey's office.

CALL TO ORDER: President Melissa Gill called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She introduced newly elected Councilmembers Shawn Marshall and Andy Berman of Mill Valley, Jim Leland of Novato, David Weinsoff and Mary Ann Maggiore of Fairfax; and incumbents who were re-elected: Susan Brandborg - Fairfax, Pat Eklund - Novato, and Peter Breen - San Anselmo. She also congratulated those who ran unopposed who would be serving another 4-year term: Ron Arlas, Dan Hillmer and Joan Lundstrom - Larkspur,

Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Appointments to Committees

- a. Marin County Transit District Board of Directors -- two year term expires 1/08. Incumbents Barbara Heller and Dick Swanson seek reappointment. There were no further nominations.
There being no further nominations, it was M/s to appoint Barbara Heller and Dick Swanson to another two year term expiring 1/08.
- b. LAFCO Alternate - fill unexpired term to 5/08. Nominee: Carla Condon. There were no further nominations.
There being no further nominations, it was M/s to appoint Carla Condon to LAFCO to a term expiring 5/08.
- c. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee - term 1/06-1/08
Appointment of Delegate and Alternate - Incumbents Pat Eklund and Chris Raker seek reappointment. There were no further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Pat Eklund and Chris Raker were unanimously appointed to another term expiring 1/08.

- d. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District -- Recommend appointment to Board of Supervisors: Two year term expires 1/08. Incumbent Al Boro seeks reappointment. There were no further nominations.
There being no further nominations, Al Boro was unanimously selected for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to another two year term expiring 1/08.
- e. Marin Economic Commission - Recommend appointment to Board of Supervisors: Appointment to fill unexpired term to 11/30/06 - Nominee: Gary Phillips, San Rafael. There were no further nominations.
There being no further nominations, Gary Phillips was unanimously selected for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to Marin Economic Commission.

Committee Reports

- a. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Chairman Dan Hillmer announced MTA has received positive feedback from the County of Marin and the Marin Board of Education regarding a new non-profit hosted at the College of Marin. This partnership with residents, students and local government would produce local programming and provide three channels of educational and governmental broadcasting, with the College acting as a hub. The Board hopes to have a new franchise in place by the end of the year.
- b. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Mary Currie of the Bridge Board provided the report in Al Boro's absence. She remarked on Mr. Boro's exemplary job as MCCMC's representative on the Board. The GGHTD will be installing plaques on the buses to commemorate Rosa Parks. Also, bullet proof vests have been provided for all toll takers on the Bridge. The District is the first in the country to do so.
- c. SMART - Peter Breen reported the EIR has been released and representatives are available to appear before City Councils to provide information on it. There will be a hearing in the Marin County Board of Supervisors Chambers on January 21 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the adequacy of the Environmental Report.
- d. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem presented Rod Gould with a gift, thanking him for his excellent leadership, expertise and assistance on the committee.

Public Open Time - Nia Pelatier and Donna Miller of the Environmental Forum of Marin reminded the group that the seminar will be presented on seven Saturdays beginning January 28, 2006 in Novato. The course is entitled "Toward a Sustainable Marin" and features experts who will explain the practical and scientific reasons for keeping the concepts of sustainability in mind when making policy decisions.

John Diamante, Friends of the Railroad, spoke about SMART and the potential for coordinating rail service throughout northern California.

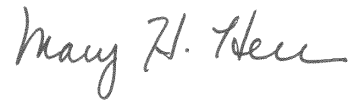
Ron Arlas, Larkspur, pointed out the Marin IJ article featuring the budget "mistake" of the County of Marin and asked that the Legislative Committee look into what legal recourse the cities might have.

DINNER

PROGRAM: Bob Berner, Executive Director of Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)

ADJOURN: President Melissa Gill adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next meeting on January 25, 2006 in Larkspur.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary H. Herr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer