

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

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
City of Larkspur  
American Legion Hall – 500 Magnolia Avenue  
Larkspur, CA 94935**

**Members Present:**

Belvedere: Thomas Cromwell  
Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio  
Fairfax: Ryan O'Neil, David Weinsoff  
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Len Rifkind  
Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
Novato: Pat Eklund, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner, Eric Lucan  
Ross: Scot Hunter  
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot  
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Andrew McCullough, Marc Levine (social hour), Gary Phillips  
Sausalito: Mike Kelly, Herb Weiner  
Tiburon: Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

**City Managers Present (ex officio):**

Belvedere: George Rodericks, and Felicia Wheaton (Assistant to the City Manager)  
Corte Madera: David Bracken  
Fairfax: Judy Anderson, City Clerk (attending for Manager)  
Larkspur: Dan Schwarz  
Mill Valley: Jim McCann, Kelsey Rogers (City Clerk)  
Ross: Pat Thompson, Interim City Manager  
San Anselmo: Debra Stutsman  
Sausalito: Adam Politzer

**Call to Order:** President Kellner called the business meeting to order at 7p.m.

**Public Comment:** David Weinsoff spoke about the difficulties people were having with home foreclosures and refinancing their loans with various big banks. He said that the cities could bring their power to bear on this issue by moving money out of banks that are unresponsive to the needs of their citizens. He said the Town of Fairfax had sent letters to five banks with no response. He said that anyone interested in seeing the Fairfax RFP for alternative banking services should contact him.

Carole Dillon-Knutson reported that there was life after retirement. She invited everyone to an upcoming production of Cabaret opening at the American Legion Hall on March 2. She said there were discount tickets available to everyone attending the meeting.

Pat Eklund said that at the League of California Cities Board at received a presentation by *California Forward* of the Government Performance and Accountability Act at its meeting on February 9 and 10. She said the Board would take action on whether to support this initiative in April. Eklund also said she was serving on the League's Redevelopment Task Force and reported on discussions about the possibility of some greenhouse gas credits going toward redevelopment successor agencies to address environmental issues such as brown fields, and the like.

President Kellner noted the passing of past MCCMC president Amy Belser and expressed her condolences on behalf of the group. She said there was a service planned for Monday, March 26 and that Sausalito City Manager Politzer would provide more details.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Mayor Rifkind introduced the members of the Larkspur City Council (all present) and City staff: Bob Sinnott, Fire Chief, Cynthia Huisman, City Clerk, Jim Shirk, Police Captain, Hamid Shamsapour, Public Works Director, Frances Gordon Archer, Library Director, Amy Koenig, Finance Director, Dick Whitley, Recreation Director, Anne Cronin-Moore, Interim Planning Director, and Neal Toft, Senior Planner.

The Mayor introduced the following guests: Supervisors Susan Adams, Katharine Sears and Katie Rice (social hour), Frank Cox and Chris Reilly, Marin OES, Jim Nantell, Burlingame City Manager, Patsy White, League of Women Voters, Nancy Bennett, League of California Cities, Marin County Superior Court Judge James Chou, Bruce Abbott, Trustee, Dixie School District, Paul Helliker, General Manager, MMWD, Maggie Lang, guest of Mill Valley (Emergency Services Director), and Dick Spotswood, *Marin Independent Journal*.

**Approval of Minutes:** From the meeting held on January 25, 2012

*There was a motion and second to approve the minutes, as written. Motion passed by acclamation.*

**Announcement of Current Vacancies:** President Kellner made the announcement and invited anyone who was interested in either of the openings to submit a letter of interest prior to the next meeting.

- **Cal-ID Remote Access Network** – One vacancy (position previously held by Barbara Thornton) Term Expiration – March 2012
- **League of CA Cities North Bay Division Executive Committee member** – One vacancy for alternate delegate (position previously held by Carla Condon, newly appointed delegate)  
Term Expiration – May 2012

### **Committee Reports**

**GGBHTD (Fredericks)** – see below

**TAM (Fredericks)** – see below

**Legislative Committee (Fredericks)** – Fredericks reported on federal legislation, HR7, affecting GGBHTD and TAM. She said that HR7 would bankrupt the Highway Trust Fund by 2014 by shifting the funding exclusively to Federal Fuel taxes which were a diminishing fund. She also said that funding for the Keystone Pipeline was attached to HR7. She said that GGBHTD, TAM, and the MCCMC Legislative Committee would track the debates on this legislation.

Fredericks said the Legislative Committee that had voted to support HR192 (Woolsey) to extend the Marin Sanctuary boundaries off the Sonoma Coast and Bodega Bay. She said this is one of the four important ocean upwelling zones worldwide and that it produces over 20% of the fish in the world. She noted that Fairfax and Novato had passed resolutions in support of this bill.

**SMART (Stephanie Moulton-Peters)** – Moulton Peters reported on five things: 1) SMART had obtained \$1.9 million in bond financing; 2) a \$1.3 million contract had been let in January to a local company to develop Phase I of the initial operating system; 3) the petition to repeal the SMART sales tax had failed to receive enough signatures and had been put to bed for now; 4) the agency had purchased a “used” bridge from Galveston, Texas to replace the 100-year-old Haystack Bridge at a considerable cost savings; 5) SMART was working to resolve the claim filed by Whistlestop about their occupancy of the station building in San Rafael.

Moulton-Peters noted there would be a Groundbreaking ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Petaluma station and she invited everyone to attend.

**League of California Cities (Bennett)** – nothing to report.

**Action Item:** Request by MCCMC representative Pat Eklund to send a letter to ABAG requesting additional public workshops on Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) prior to the March [May] 2012 adoption.

Representative Eklund reported that on January 19 the ABAG Board had adopted its RHNA allocation for unincorporated areas and Spheres of Influence. She said that as a result of the letter sent by MCCMC requesting a 75/25 County/City split in these areas, the Board had changed their previous position from 50/50 to 62.5% for cities and 37.5% for the County. However, she said there was still a clear need for public dialog and understanding of the specific alternative (SCS) scenarios, as well as along with the preferred alternative that will be released in March.

Motion: To authorize President Kellner to send a letter to ABAG requesting at least two more public workshops/presentations to be held in Marin County prior to the adoption of the plan in May.

Moved: MacLeamy, seconded by Lion

Vote: Unanimous

President Kellner turned the meeting back over the Mayor Rifkind to introduce the evening's topics and speakers.

**Program:** *Disaster Preparedness and Shared Services*

**Speakers:** Susan Adams, Christopher Riley, Frank Cox and Mayor Rifkind (Disaster Preparedness); Jim Nantell, City Manager, City of Burlingame (Shared Services)

Mayor Rifkind gave a powerpoint presentation about recent disasters and preparedness in the County. Susan Adams, Chair of the Marin County Disaster Council, said the group was comprised of 20 people and met quarterly. She encouraged everyone to be prepared with disaster kits in their homes and cars, and to take the CERT training. She said the County had two "MASH" units and that there were over 800 medical volunteers in Marin. She also noted that ABAG had funds available to help businesses become prepared.

Chris Riley, County OES, former Deputy Fire Chief of Alameda County, updated the group on the services provided by County OES and the training of County staff. He said there would be a functional [tsunami disaster] exercise on May 10.

In his speech, Mr. Nantell said he chaired the San Mateo Managers Committee for Shared Services and was a champion of the idea of shared services. He gave a powerpoint presentation describing the benefits and obstacles in moving toward this idea. He said that the cost savings could be tremendous (showing a slide that projected in \$4 million annual savings if top tier police management jobs were consolidated in his county) and noted that the model seemed to work best in population groups of about 100,000 people.

Nantell said that in San Mateo County, the fire services shared department heads. He said he was happy to hear that the towns of Ross and Fairfax were exploring shared fire services, and that San Anselmo was working with Larkspur on shared police service opportunities. He also noted there were sometimes political challenges to the idea of shared services; he cited the ballot initiative in Sausalito challenging the LAFCO decision to consolidate the Sausalito Fire Department into Southern Marin Fire District as an example.

Nantell gave a powerful argument for shared services in the current political climate of reduced financial resources and increasing employee costs.

During Q&A, Nantell said that in order to sell the idea, one had to be frank about the trade-offs. He responded to a question about performance standards and how one would measure services provided between agencies. He said that with fire services, response time is a clear standard. He said that police services might be more esoteric. He encouraged the public officials to think about what their standards are now and how they might be met.

President Kellner thanked the speakers and the City of Larkspur for hosting the meeting.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to the March 28, 2012 meeting in the City of Mill Valley.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi,  
Secretary/Treasurer