

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Hosted by the Town of Ross

Lagunitas Club

7:00 pm **CALL TO ORDER:** President Bruce Sams called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, Carla Condon, Jin Yang

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg

Larkspur: Joan Lundstrom

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

Novato: Bernie Meyers

Ross: Scot Hunter, Jeanne Barr

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

San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Paul Cohen, Cyr Miller, Al Boro

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Mike Kelly, Ron Albert, Paul Albritton

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Also present were City and Town Managers Chuck Cate, Belvedere, Jay Tashiro, Corte Madera, Gary Broad, Ross, Dana Whitson, Sausalito; Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Rod Gould, San Rafael, and Assistant City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley and Bob Sinnott, Larkspur.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Jeanne Barr welcomed everyone to Ross and introduced councilmembers and staff members.

Other Guests: Judy Binsacca and Patsy White of League of Women Voters, Sue Peterson Marin Builders Assn., Alex Amoroso, ABAG, Marin Supervisors Steve Kinsey and Hal Brown, Assemblyman Joe Nation, Paul Helliker and Cynthia Koehler, MMWD,

Approval of Minutes: January 26, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion passed.

Nominations and Elections to Committees

Marin Community Foundation Community Partnership Committee -

President Sams made reference to the letters submitted by Christopher Raker and Ron Albert for nomination; he then called for further nominations. Peter Breen nominated Barbara Thornton. Christopher Raker was elected to a two year term 3/05-3/07 by the following roll call vote:

Raker: Belvedere, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Novato, San Rafael, Tiburon

Thornton: Fairfax, Ross, San Anselmo

Albert: Corte Madera, Sausalito

Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem reported that the committee voted to support ACA 7 Local Governmental Taxation: Special Taxes. Assemblyman Joe Nation was present to answer questions, and explained that the proposed Constitutional amendment would lower the threshold for local government measures, reducing the voting requirement to a 55% majority vote. This would apply only to local taxes and not to bond measures. It would not allow for an increase in the ad valorem property tax, which is limited to 1% of value, per Prop. 13. In addition, ACA 7 will require statewide voter approval should it

pass out of the Legislature.

Moved and Seconded to postpone the vote on this for one month. Motion failed.

Moved and Seconded to adopt Reso. 05-01 urging the adoption of ACA 7 by the California Legislature. Motion passed on a 10-1 vote, Novato voting no.

Councilmember Solem then requested adoption of a resolution expressing MCCMC's support of Marin school districts efforts to recover money kept at the State level, and to stop the erosion of Prop. 98. She also suggested that the Legislative Committee appoint two members to work with the schools and report back with any recommendations, or an action plan, to the membership

Moved and Seconded to adopt Reso. 05-02 expressing support for restoring school funding and to appoint Legislative Committee members to work with Marin County Schools Joint Legislative Action Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro reported on the re-introduction of the double fine zone as a permanent measure. The suicide barrier issue is on the agenda again and will be considered (at a cost of \$2 million). He added that a removable median is another important budget item which should be carefully considered. After reducing the work force, increasing tolls, reducing bus and ferry services, and eliminating some capital projects, the Board was able to reduce the budget deficit from the early projected \$450 million to \$70 million deficit over the next five years. He noted that each member of MCCMC will receive a packet of information regarding the GGBHTD's financial condition.
- c. North Bay Division/League of California Cities - Alice Fredericks advised that the last meeting which had been cancelled has been rescheduled for March 3 in Suisun City. An April 21 meeting in Sonoma will focus on Indian Gaming, with a panel of legislators.
- d. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks announced a workshop will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 9am-1pm to discuss the structure of TAM and how it inter-relates with other agencies, especially Countywide Planning.
- e. Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Supervisor Kinsey advised that MTC has adopted a 20 year Regional Transportation Plan. The State having abdicated its responsibility for funding transportation projects, the County is facing a shortfall in funds for some transportation projects. The Gap Closure Project will be absent \$31 million this year and \$19 million next year. Measure A funding will help to some extent to keep the project alive, but he noted that Sonoma County has been hit especially hard from the State interregional funding. MTC has also been working with disadvantaged communities to develop their own transportation plans.

Program: David Guggenhime spoke on the Marin County School Volunteer Program.

ADJOURN: President Bruce Sams adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next meeting on March 23rd in San Anselmo.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer