

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2005**

*Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo  
Insalata's*

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Belvedere: Bruce Sams, John Telischak  
Corte Madera: Melissa Gill  
Fairfax: Lew Tremaine, Susan Brandborg, Frank Egger  
Larkspur: Dan Hillmer, Ron Arlas, Larry Chu, Kathy Hartzell  
Mill Valley: Clifford Waldeck, Christopher Raker, Anne Solem, Dennis Fisco, Dick Swanson  
Novato: Bernie Meyers, Carole Dillon-Knutson, Pat Eklund, Jeanne Macleamy, Judy Arnold  
Ross: Jeanne Barr, Tom Byrnes  
San Anselmo: Jeff Kroot, Wayne Cooper, Barbara Thornton, Peter Breen,  
San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Paul Cohen, Cyr Miller, Al Boro,  
Sausalito: Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin, Paul Albritton  
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz, Miles Berger

Also present were City and Town Managers Chuck Cate, Belvedere, Gary Broad, Ross, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Alex McIntyre, Tiburon; Rod Gould, San Rafael, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, Don Hunter, Mill Valley, Dan Keen, Novato, and Assistant City Manager Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley and Bob Pendoley of Corte Madera.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:**

Mayor Peter Breen welcomed everyone to San Anselmo and introduced councilmembers and staff members Kay Coleman, Community Resources Director, Mike Groshong, Fire Chief, Charles Maynard, Police Chief, Janet Pendoley, Finance Director, Roberta Robinson, Treasurer, and Rose Wager, Admin. Asst.

Other Guests: Sue Peterson and Terry Hennessy, Marin Builders Assn., Clarke Howatt, ABAG, Marin Supervisors Charles McGlashan, Susan Adams and Hal Brown. Edward Segal and Jack McLaughlin of Marin Association of Realtors, and Peter Banning of LAFCO.

**Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2005.**

*Moved and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion passed.*

**Committee Reports**

- a. SMART - Peter Breen noted the grant received by the County to help fund Cal Park Hill tunnel reopening. Bike trail use will be considered by the Board in the near future. There will be a Community Forum on Transportation and Rail on March 28, with Rep. Lynn Woolsey and former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, former chair of the Amtrak Reform Board.
- b. Joint Powers Authority Oversight Committee - Chris Raker, Chair, reported that the committee had met to work out the agreement to consolidate the new General Services JPA. Marin Managers will discuss and bring the document for approval by each city/town council.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro stated \$51 million in federal funding has been approved for retrofitting of the bridge. Senator Boxer is working on a bill that would provide an additional \$50 million. A suicide barrier committee has been formed to look into the issue. The Board voted for a study to evaluate both a

suicide barrier and a median barrier. MTC may be able to come up with some funding for this project.

- d. North Bay Division/League of California Cities - Alice Fredericks announced that nominations are being solicited for the office of Second Vice President and encouraged members to apply, as the nominee should come from Marin County. The position works with the President and Executive Committee on programming. The next North Bay meeting will be at the Infineon Raceway in Sonoma on April 21; and the following meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Napa.
- e. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) - Alice Fredericks advised an executive director is expected to be hired by June 1<sup>st</sup>. A Technical Advisory Committee is also being recruited to determine funding priorities; a Citizens Oversight Committee will be formed for each planning area, to provide public outreach on various projects. Please check [www.marintraffic.org](http://www.marintraffic.org) for information and applications for these various posts. She commended staff for their exceptional work since Marin has become a "self-help" county, as they have pursued funding opportunities with great success.
- f. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem reported that the committee opposes President Bush's proposal to decrease funding for the CDBG program and requested members pass a resolution expressing support for the existing program. She added that it has been reported that the Senate is moving to restore the funding.  
*Moved and Seconded to adopt Reso. 05-03 expressing support for the continuance of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion passed unanimously.*

Councilmember Solem reported the committee had met with County School District officials to help stop the state funding cuts to the schools. A sub-committee has been formed to work together with the schools to look at the budget and come up with an action plan. In addition they will look at the longer term and develop a plan to oppose various measures on the November ballot. Please contact Kathy Hartzell, Alice Fredericks or Peter Breen for information or suggestions.

- f. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Dan Hillmer, MTA Chair, indicated the committee has heard from over 500 subscribers who oppose Comcast's cancellation of FM Radio service. Comcast claims they need this system capacity to provide high definition television service. MTA has written a letter opposing this action and is asking each city to adopt a resolution in opposition. He asked members to support MTA's actions to urge legislators to introduce legislation requiring restoration of FM Radio service.  
*It was the consensus of the members that Comcast continue this course of action.*
- h. ABAG - Carole Dillon-Knutson indicated the State is withdrawing the funding to study the affordable housing numbers in the bay area, and asking cities to impose development fees to cover the cost. She urged members to contact the State Commission on Mandates to protest. The Spring General Assembly will be held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on April 28<sup>th</sup> and will cover the topic of Casinos.

**Program:** Assemblyman Joe Nation spoke on several proposed legislative items.

**ADJOURN:** President Bruce Sams adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next meeting on April 27 in San Rafael.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Herr  
Secretary/Treasurer