

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Hosted by the City of San Rafael

Maria Manso Restaurant

1613 Fourth Street

7:00 pm **CALL TO ORDER:** President Bruce Sams called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Bruce Sams, Jerry Butler

Corte Madera: John Dupar, Jin Yang

Fairfax: Lew Tremaine, Susan Brandborg, Frank Egger

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

Mill Valley: Anne Solem, Dennis Fisco

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Pat Eklund

Ross: Rick Strauss

San Anselmo: Barbara Thornton, Peter Breen,

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

Sausalito: Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin, Ron Albert,

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Jeff Slavitz, Miles Berger

Also present were City and Town Managers Chuck Cate, Belvedere, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, Rod Gould, San Rafael, Jean Bonander, Larkspur, Don Hunter, Mill Valley, Dan Keen, Novato, Dana Whitson, Sausalito, Jay Tashiro, Corte Madera and Assistant to Town Administrator, Judy Anderson, Fairfax.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Al Boro welcomed everyone to San Rafael and introduced his fellow Councilmembers.

The following staff members were introduced: Rod Gould, City Manager, Lydia Romero, Assistant City Manager, Carlene McCart, Director of Community Services, Andy Preston, Public Works Director, Jeanne Leoncini, City Clerk, and David Dodd, Library Director.

Other Guests: Alex Amoroso, ABAG, Cynthia Koehler and Paul Helliker, MMWD, Sue Peterson, Marin Builders Assn., Judy Binsacca and Patsy White, League of Women Voters, Wendy Friefeld of Congresswoman Woolsey's office, Amy O'Gorman, League of California Cities, and Phil Kranenburg, College of Marin Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2005.

Moved and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Committee - Anne Solem stated that the Legislative Committee members will poll their city councils regarding the two health care bills being proposed (Nation's and Kuehl's) to see if there is sufficient interest in some kind of presentation at a future meeting. The Committee has expressed its support for restoring booking fees to cities and is asking each city/town to work individually to lobby Sacramento on its behalf.

She made reference to hand-outs which describe a menu of activities developed by the subcommittee working with the Marin County school districts. These are possible actions that councilmembers can take to support the restoration of state funding to schools guaranteed under Prop. 98. The schools are very enthusiastic about this joint effort, which will engender a long term relationship and community effort. She noted that, unless there is some objection, each city and school district will be listed on the "Marin Community United" letterhead.

Another MCCMC joint meeting with the school officials is being planned for this fall.

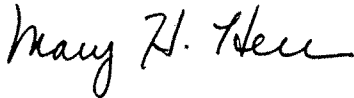
- b. Marin Telecommunications Agency - Dan Hillmer, MTA Chair, indicated the committee conducted a community access needs assessment; Comcast disagrees with the results. The committee will hold a workshop on franchise issues in May. Comcast has agreed to take commercials off the community access channel (Ch. 26). With regard to the FM elimination, ongoing meetings with Comcast and representatives of FM stations are being conducted in an effort to restore this service.
- c. Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District - Al Boro reported that MTC has approved \$1.6 million grant to the Bridge district for a suicide barrier, and additional funding is being solicited. A hearing on fare increases of 5-35 cents per ride on buses will be held in early May. The Bridge District reported that for the first time Fast Trak exceeded cash revenue on the bridge in March.

Public Comment: There were no comments.

Program: Jack Bair, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, S.F. Giants.

ADJOURN: President Bruce Sams adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm to the next meeting on May 25 in Sausalito.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer