

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

**Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Hosted by the City of Mill Valley
Community Center – 180 Camino Alto
Mill Valley, CA 94941**

Members Present

Belvedere: Claire McAuliffe, James Campbell
Corte Madera: Sloan Bailey, Carla Condon, Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Barbara Coler, Renee Goddard, John Reed, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Dan Hillmer, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Andrew Berman, Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel
Novato: Denise Athas, Pat Eklund, Eric Lucan, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner
Ross: R. Rupert Russell
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Liz Dahlgren, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Damon Connolly, Kate Colin, Gary Phillips, Barbara Heller, Andrew McCullough
Sausalito: Ray Withy, Herb Weiner
Tiburon: Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers: Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz; Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann; San Anselmo Town Manager Debbie Stutsman; San Rafael City Analyst Rebecca Woodbury (standing in for City Manager Nancy Mackle); and Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer.

Call to Order

President-elect Rifkind called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and turned it over to Mayor Berman for the introduction of the speaker and guests.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Berman welcomed everyone to the City of Mill Valley. He introduced the City Council and welcomed former Mayors Bob Burton and Dick Spotswood. He also introduced members of the City Staff: City Manager McCann, Assistants to the City Manager Mary Lansing and Linn Walsh, Director of Finance Eric Erickson, Director of Planning & Building Mike Moore, Police Chief Angel Bernal, Fire Chief Jeff Davidson, Director of Public Works Jill Barnes, Senior Supervising Engineer Tim McSorley, City Librarian Anji Brenner, City Attorney Greg Stepanicich, and City Clerk/ Administrative Analyst Kelsey Rogers.

Mayor Berman also welcomed Marin County Supervisors Susan Adams, Katie Rice, Katherine Sears, Steve Kinsey and guest Chuck Ford, as well as aides Maureen Parton and Leslie Alden, and Marin County Administrator Matthew Hymel. He said he would introduce the speaker, Congressman Huffman later, but welcomed him to the meeting, along with his aide, Jenny Callaway.

Mayor Berman introduced members of the Marin Municipal Water District, General Manager Krishna Kumar and Board members Liza Crosse and Cynthia Koehler. He also welcomed League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager Nancy Bennett, MCCMC Legislative Analyst Wendy Friefeld, along with Allan Bortel, Ellie Bloch, and Reni and Daniel Rothschild.

Speaker: Hon. Congressman Jared Huffman

Congressman Huffman reported on his first term in Congress and his travels through his large and diverse district. He highlighted some of the current issues before the congress (such as the federal budget and immigration) and what to expect in the days and months to come. He answered a wide range of questions that had been previously submitted by the members

pertaining to local issues and which were selected randomly by the group (see attached list). There was not time to answer all of the questions.

Mayor Andy Berman thanked Huffman for speaking to the group and read a proclamation drawing a connection between MCCMC and the Congressman's work.

Business Meeting: President Rifkind opened the business meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Public Comment: Mayor Furst welcomed a new member of the Corte Madera city council, Sloan Bailey, who had been appointed to fill the remainder of Alexandra Cock's term. She said that Mr. Bailey had served for 5 years on the Corte Madera Planning Commission.

Marin Commission on Aging representative Allan Bortel invited the members to the annual senior fair on October 23.

Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2013 meeting

There was a motion and second (Weinsoff/Eklund) to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

ABAG (Eklund)

Marin Transit District (Moulton-Peters/Heller)

Rifkind noted that these two committee reports were written reports that had been previously submitted and were included in the packet. He said this was in keeping with the goals set forth in a letter sent by Vice President Moulton-Peters and President Rifkind to all the mayors outlining their goals and recommendations for the year, namely to include more written reports in the packet in lieu of oral reports, and to focus on a list of speaker topics the members had said they felt were most relevant to the group.

Disaster Preparedness - President Rifkind said that two proposals that had been approved by DC3 and were now before the Board of Supervisors, 1) a proposal to create a county-wide disaster coordinator position that would serve the needs of all the cities and county in ensuring that programs like CERT and Get Ready were widely promulgated, and 2) that all public employees would receive disaster training. He said that in addition to running programs and providing training, the coordinator would maintain a website and seek grant funding for programs. Rifkind noted that the County had already pledged \$27,000 toward this effort. He said that the remainder of the 100K estimated cost could be divided by the cities on a pro rate basis (by population). Rifkind asked the mayors to take this proposal to their cities for further consideration.

League of California Cities – Madeline Kellner reported on Citipac event in Yountville on August 25 and upcoming League activities.

Other reports: President Rifkind said that info on the *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water* was included in the packet, and noted why it was important to cities. He also said a discussion of the county-wide plastic bag ban would be held in conjunction with the upcoming meeting in Ross.

Adjournment: President Rifkind thanked the City of Mill Valley for hosting the meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to September 25 in the Town of Ross.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary