

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

**Monday, September 24, 2012
Hosted by the City of San Rafael
Terrapin Station - 100 Yacht Club Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901**

Members Present

Belvedere: Sandra Donnell, Claire McAuliffe
Corte Madera: Alexandra Cock, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Larry Bragman, David Weinsoff
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Garry Lion, Shawn Marshall
Novato: Pat Eklund, Jeanne MacLeamy, Madeline Kellner
Ross: Elizabeth Brekhus, P. Beach Kuhl
San Anselmo: Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot, Lori Lopin, Tom McInerney
San Rafael: Barbara Heller, Damon Connolly, Marc Levine, Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Michael Kelley, Herb Weiner
Tiburon: Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers Present: Belvedere Assistant City Manager Felicia Wheaton, Fairfax Interim Town Manager Judy Anderson, Novato City Manager Michael Frank; San Anselmo Town Manager Debra Stutsman; San Rafael City Manager Nancy Mackle and Assistant City Manager Jim Schutz; Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer; Tiburon Town Manager Peggy Curran; and Tiburon Town Clerk (MCCMC Secretary) Diane Crane Iacopi.

Call to Order and Public Comment.

President Weiner called the meeting to order and asked for public comment.

Larry Bragman spoke briefly about Proposition 37 and asked the group to consider adopting a resolution endorsing this ballot proposition. President Weiner recommended taking a vote to see if there was interest in agendizing the matter at the next meeting.

Pat Eklund said this would be too close to the election and not allow time to have an impact. There was a motion (Bragman/Eklund) to place the matter on tonight's agenda.

Alice Fredericks called a point of order and said that it could only be added as an urgency item [under the Brown Act]. The motion was amended (Fredericks/Eklund) to add the item to the agenda for discussion on an urgency basis. President Weiner called for a ballot on the matter.

During the distribution of ballots, President Weiner moved on to the next agenda item.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests.

Mayor Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the San Rafael Council who were present (Andrew McCullough was absent), along with City Staff: Anil Comelo, Director of Human Resources, Rob Epstein, City Attorney, Stephanie Lovette, Economic Development Director, Esther Beirne, City Clerk, Lisa Goldfein, Assistant City Attorney, Paul Jensen, Director of Community Development, Carlene McCart, Director of Community Services, Chief Gray, Fire Chief, Nader Mansourian, Director of Public Works, and Rebecca Woodbury, Management Analyst. The Mayor also welcomed guests Katie Rice, Marin County Supervisor, Nancy Bennett, Regional Public Affairs Manager of the League of California Cities, Kristina

Wandzilak, Executive Director of Full Circle Intervention, and her business partner Anthony Serchia, and former San Rafael Mayor Al Boro.

Incoming President's Remarks:

- Recognition of outgoing President Madeline Kellner
- Recognition of outgoing League of California Cities Board Director Alice Fredericks
- Introduction of new Councilmembers and City Managers

President Weiner presented a plaque to outgoing President Kellner on behalf of the MCCMC membership. Nancy Bennett presented a plaque to outgoing League Director Alice Fredericks, whom she said was also recognized at the recent League conference. Both members expressed their appreciation to the group and commented on their service.

Weiner introduced the newly elected members who were present from the Belvedere and Ross Councils—Claire McAuliffe (Belvedere) and Elizabeth Brekhus and P. Beach Kuhl (Ross).

Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2012 meeting.

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

Adoption of 2012-13 Budget.

There was a motion and second (Eklund/Kellner) to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

ABAG: Pat Eklund reported that 330 out of 500 miles of the Bay Trail have been completed. She said a report would go out to member cities regarding remaining project funding. Eklund also reported that ABAG was relocating its offices to the MTC offices in San Francisco. With regard to SCS, Eklund also reported that the draft housing EIRs were approved at the last meeting and a draft EIR should be released in December.

Legislative Committee: Alice Fredericks said the committee had been on summer hiatus but had sent letters on legislation it had been tracking before the summer recess (AB1692, Municipal Bankruptcy, and AB2312, Medical Marijuana).

Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM): Fredericks reported that a local dynamic rideshare program was being beta tested in Marin that would allow riders to locate rides in real time through a phone app through a 3-county collaboration.

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transportation District (GGBHTD). Fredericks reported on the recent contract negotiations with Marin Transit District. She said the approved contract will provide reduced cost, hours and cost escalation resulting in more flexible hours for Marin Transit to work with. In addition, Fredericks said the contract will slow the pace of job loss at GGBHTD and retains an important partnership between public agencies.

Fredericks said that service changes are in the works for Routes 19 (Tiburon) and 51 (Novato) and the possibility of using smaller busses on those routes.

League of California Cities: Nancy Hall Bennett congratulated the newly elected members and said the League was their ally and would be working for them. She noted that Alice Fredericks, Madeline Kellner and Pat Eklund had been recognized for their service at the League conference in San Diego. She reported that the League had voted to take action on the following ballot propositions: Prop 30 - declined to take position; Prop 31 (California Forward) – declined to take a position; Prop 34 - opposed ; Prop 35 - support; Prop 36 (Three strikes) – declined to take a position. Bennett also reported that the League had joined with the City of Vallejo in its lawsuit against the State challenging the constitutionality of AB 1484 (redevelopment agency trailer bill).

Disaster Citizen Corps (DC3): Len Rifkin said that Mill Valley Mayor Lion had done a presentation about the need to keep essential businesses, such as hardware stores and other kinds of businesses, up and running during a disaster. He reported on several other items discussed at the last DC3 meeting such as tsunami signage, the closure of the County Public Health Lab and the opening on the committee for a special needs representative.

Homeless Policy Committee: Rifkind briefly reported that a new 10-year plan had been developed as a result of the recent charette. He urged the group to consider, perhaps under the auspices of the Mayors Select Committee, appointing more city representatives to the homeless policy committee.

Marin Transit District: Barbara Heller said she, Madeline Kellner, and alternate Stephanie Moulton-Peters were the MCCMC representatives. Kellner said she had been on the negotiating subcommittee for the recent contract with GGBHTD for provision of bus service in the County. Kellner said that while the Bridge District was a more expensive operator, the negotiations produced a better escalator clause and hours back for the transit district. She also said that smaller busses might be possible under the contract which allowed for greater flexibility for the more transit-dependent ridership served by MTD. Kellner said all in all, the new contract gave Marin Transit District a cost savings while giving GGBHTD four more years to work on its cost structures.

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After the committee reports, President Weiner reported that the vote was 7 cities in favor, 4 against the question of whether to agendaize a discussion of Proposition 37.

Larry Bragman spoke about the importance of Proposition 37. He said that everyone had a right to know what they were eating; he said the proposition required disclosure. He said it should be considered in the context of consumer rights and public health.

Madeline Kellner said she believed the mission of MCCMC was to focus on issues related to cities rather than a broader spectrum.

Michael Kelly said that the City of Sausalito had a policy in place for a long time to not weigh in on issues that were outside of city and county control, and that individual cities should decide which issues were of greatest importance to their constituents.

Gary Phillips said that the City of San Rafael had the same policy; he said he thought it was inappropriate for MCCMC (but not individuals) to endorse a ballot measure. He also suggested that it is better if a matter is thought through before an action is taken.

Alice Fredericks said that the Town of Tiburon had a similar policy; she said the Town did not take a position on issues that were not directly related to the delivery of services to cities. Although she said she hated what Monsanto had done to our country's farmers, she said she wanted to read the proposition more thoroughly before taking a final position.

Larry Bragman said that Marin County had always been a leader and in the forefront of many issues. He pointed to the fact that Measure B (against GMOs) had been passed by a vote of 62% in the county in 2004. He also cited a Supreme Court decision that delineated the right of advocacy for elected officials. He argued that GMOs did affect cities directly and that individuals had a right to know what was in their food.

President Weiner asked for another vote to determine whether the membership would take a position on Proposition 37.

At the end of the speaker's presentation, the ballots were counted and the result was 6 cities against taking a position, 5 in favor. No further action was taken.

Mayor Phillips introduced the speaker.

Presentation: In and Out of Addiction: A Marin Story

Speaker: Kristina Wandzilak, C.A.S., BRI-II

Ms. Wandzilak told a compelling story of growing up in a "good" family in Marin County and her journey through homelessness and addiction; how she found her way out of this and went on to become the owner of a successful business called "Full Circle Intervention."

The members had many excellent questions, both personal and professional, and stayed past the end time of the meeting. Ms. Wandzilak answered questions and shared her views on issues such as how to create effective public programs to address addiction and homelessness, the zoning-related issues of "sober living" housing in cities, and many others.

Adjournment.

President Weiner thanked the speaker and everyone for attending the meeting. He said the next meeting would be in Sausalito on October 24, 2012.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:40 and the speaker continued to answer questions until 8:50 p.m.

Submitted,
Diane Crane Iacopi
MCCMC Secretary