

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Hosted by the City of San Rafael

Pickleweed Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belvedere: Thomas Cromwell

Corte Madera: Melissa Gill, John Dupar

Fairfax: Susan Brandborg, Lew Tremaine

Larkspur: Dan Hillmer, Joan Lundstrom, Larry Chu

Mill Valley: Shawn Marshall, Christopher Raker

Novato: Carole Dillon-Knutson, Jean Macleamy, Jim Leland

San Anselmo: Barbara Thornton, Ted Freeman, Ian Roth

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

Sausalito: Ron Albert, Michael Kelly, Paul Albritton, Amy Belser, Dennis Scremin

Tiburon: Alice Fredericks

Absent: Ross

Also present were City and Town Managers Linda Kelly, Fairfax, Dana Whitson, Sausalito, Debra Stutsman, San Anselmo, City Managers Anne Montgomery, Mill Valley, Ken Nordhoff, San Rafael, Interim Town Manager David Bracken, Corte Madera.

CALL TO ORDER: President Alice Fredericks called the business meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Mayor Al Boro welcomed everyone to San Rafael and introduced fellow councilmembers and the following staff members: Ken Nordhoff, Jeanne Leoncini, Nancy Mackle, Carlene McCart, John Montenero, Cindy Mosser, David Dodd, Andy Preston and Dave Starnes.

Other Guests: Margaret Jones, Patsy White and Judy Binsacca of the League of Women Voters, Klif Knowles, Terry Hennessey of Marin Builders Assn., Paul Helliker of MMWD, Clark Howell of ABAG, Amy O'Gorman and Brad Breithaupt, Marin I.J.

Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2006.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Approval of Budget for 2006-07

Moved and seconded to approve the budget for 2006-07. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District - Al Boro reported that the Board has approved a contract for the suicide barrier in the amount of \$2 million. Funding came from MTC, the County of Marin, City and County of San Francisco and private donations. The Board has reduced its \$460 million deficit to \$78 million. Hearings start next January on the issue of raising tolls on the bridge.
- b. Legislative Committee - Shawn Marshall announced that the committee has taken a position on the following statewide issues:

Proposition 1A - Support - Transportation Funding Protection - This will assure that gas tax funds go to transportation measures.

Proposition 1B - Support - Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act. - Allows State to issue bonds for local transportation projects, enhancing public transportation and security measures. It would mean \$7 million for Marin projects.

Prop. 1C through E - no position.

Prop. 84 - Support - Water Quality Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. - This would allow the state to sell bonds for water quality, safety, flood control, park improvements.

Prop. 90 - Oppose - Amends the California constitution regarding eminent domain. This would significantly undermine land use, environmental, and business regulations. Known as the "taxpayer trap" this would result in increased litigation and costs for local government and ultimately to taxpayers.

- c. North Bay Division - League of California Cities - Amy O'Gorman announced that Shawn Marshall has been elected second vice president of the North Bay Division. She stated that the League has been focused on defeating Prop. 90 and directed everyone to the newly released non-partisan study by LECG Consulting. It points out that this measure would increase the annual cost of local and state government, curtail infrastructure development, and result in \$180 million in project schedule delay costs. In essence it reduces the ability of local government to regulate land use in their community. She cautioned cities about putting this proposition on their agendas, however, because it is being advertised as being about eminent domain and the discussion should be about possible loss of local services.
- d. Transportation Authority of Marin - Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director of TAM noted that TAM's work has been about funding sources. After a year of collecting the funds, there are now projects which are seeing activity. There are now crossing guards throughout Marin and \$34 million has been given to the cities and county from the sales tax measure. She noted that various projects in Marin would gain if Prop 1A and 1B are passed, as they would provide for infrastructure bonds; although Marin would be competing with other counties for the funds.

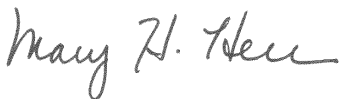
Public Open Time - Judy Binsacca, Board Chair of EAH cited the importance of Proposition 1C and urged everyone to work for its approval.

DINNER

PROGRAM: *Healthy Marin Partnership* -- Patricia Kendall, Kaiser Permanente, Jim Farley, County of Marin, Dept. of Cultural and Visitor Services, Gary Najarian and Rochelle Eremam, Dept. of Health & Human Services.

ADJOURN: President Alice Fredericks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. to the next meeting on October 25, 2006 in Belvedere.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Herr
Secretary/Treasurer