

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Town of Tiburon
Corinthian Yacht Club – 43 Main Street
Tiburon, CA 94920**

Members Present:

Belvedere: No members present
Corte Madera: Diane Furst, Bob Ravasio
Fairfax: Pam Hartwell-Herrero
Larkspur: Larry Chu, Len Rifkind
Mill Valley: Shawn Marshall, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Ken Wachtel
Novato: No members present
Ross: No members present
San Anselmo: No members present
San Rafael: Al Boro, Damon Connolly, Barbara Heller, Marc Levine
Sausalito: No members present
Tiburon: Dick Collins, Jim Fraser, Alice Fredericks, Emmett O'Donnell

City Managers Present:

Belvedere: George Rodericks
Larkspur: Dan Schwarz
Mill Valley: Jim McCann
San Rafael: Nancy Mackle
Tiburon: Peggy Curran

Call to Order: Immediate Past President Shawn Marshall called the business meeting to order at 7p.m.

Public Comment: None

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Vice Mayor Fraser introduced the members of the Tiburon Town Council and staff: Alice Fredericks, Dick Collins, and Emmett O'Donnell, Town Manager Peggy Curran, Police Chief Michael Cronin, Director of Community Development Scott Anderson, and Town Clerk Diane Crane Iacopi. He thanked Corinthian Yacht Club Vice Commodore Pat Goss, Club Manager John Nicolai, Catering Manager Leila Heyman, Bar Manager Monica Vizard and the staff for their service and for allowing the Town use of the facility.

Vice Mayor Fraser welcomed the following guests: Kathrin Sears, Marin County Supervisor, District 3, Wendy Friefeld, District Director for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, League of California Cities North Bay representative Nancy Bennett, Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, and the speakers for the evening: Tom Peters, President and CEO of the Marin Community Foundation, and Pat Kendall, Chair, Medical Group Administration, Kaiser Permanente. Fraser also welcomed the members of Community United, representing the following school districts: Dixie, Kentfield, Larkspur-Corte Madera, Marin Community College District, Marin County Office of Education, Mill Valley, Novato, Reed Union, San Rafael Elementary and High School, Sausalito/Marin City, and Tamalpais Union.

Vice Mayor Fraser turned the meeting back over to President Marshall.

Approval of Minutes: From the meeting held on June 22, 2011

Moved and seconded (Fredericks/Connolly) to approve the minutes, as written. Motion passed by acclamation.

Proposed MCCMC By-Law Amendment

President Marshall introduced an amendment to the MCCMC Bylaws on voting procedure which she said was a result of the voting issue that had arisen at the June 22 meeting. She said this amendment would allow for a more gracious way to handle the vote for a contested seat and that it would not apply to voting on matters of content or policy considered by the membership.

Marshall said the proposed amendment would be mailed to the membership 10 days prior to the October 26 meeting, at which time it would be considered and voted upon.

She read the following proposal into the record:

“Article VIII shall be amended as follows:

Each member city shall have one vote. Voting may be by voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by any individual Councilmember. In a roll call vote, the representatives in attendance from each member city shall collectively cast a vote for their city. ***In the case of a policy issue, roll call votes shall be cast verbally. In the event of a committee, board, or other open seat sought by more than one councilmember, the vote may be cast by ballot, one ballot per city. The MCCMC Secretary will collect the ballots, tabulate them, and announce the tabulated result. City ballots will be available at the end of the meeting for viewing by any MCCMC member.*** A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for a decision.”

Committee Reports

Disaster Council Citizen Corps (Len Rifkind) – Mr. Rifkind distributed and highlighted the written report of the PDEP (Public Disaster Education and Preparedness Committee of the Disaster & Citizens Corps Council) presented to the DC3 on September 8. He said that the No. 1 priority identified was to have certified, trained disaster workers in our communities, and noted the importance of the Get Ready and CERT programs. He said the group was looking for funding to continue its efforts and also that a survey would be sent out in the coming year to help identify gaps in disaster training and preparedness.

Golden Gate Highway Bridge and Transportation District (Al Boro) – Mayor Boro reported on the progress of the seismic upgrade work. He said the work on the Westside walkway had been completed and would now be on the East side of the bridge. He said that the bridge decking would be replaced, in segments, beginning in January and the work would take place at night. He also reported on the deficit reduction from \$132 million to \$87 million and noted the opportunities to continue to improve on these numbers. He said that many of the toll takers whose jobs had been moved to other jobs, or were retiring. Boro said that the plans continued for the 75th anniversary celebration in 2012.

Homeless Policy Committee (Len Rifkind) – Mr. Rifkind summarized the written report which had been distributed at the meeting. He reported on the success of “Housing First” funded jointly by the County and the Marin Community Foundation, and administered through Ritter Center. He said that the number of homeless in Marin County had been reduced from 1,700 to 1,200, but noted that 4,000 people were still “precariously housed” and needed assistance due to impediments in obtaining housing. Rifkind urged anyone who was interested to attend the October 11 Board of Supervisors hearing on fair housing in Marin.

Transportation Authority of Marin (Alice Fredericks) – Ms. Fredericks reported on the ongoing efforts by TAM in urging MTC to have more flexibility in interpreting the mandates of SB 375 and AB 32 with regard to Marin County. She said that a letter had been written to MTC on this issue. She said that Marin County might “come up short” in receipt of transportation funds unless it

could demonstrate compliance with the aforementioned mandates. She gave examples of the ways Marin contributes to the reduction of green house gas emissions and transportation and housing solutions, especially noting Marin's unique Farm to Market economy, its large recreational areas provided to residents of the entire Bay Area, and other solutions to transportation and greenhouse gas emission problems.

Legislative Committee (Alice Fredericks) – Chair Fredericks reported on recent actions and outcomes of actions by the committee. She said that a bill that the committee had voted to support on behalf of MCCMC was SB 790 which would help level the playing field and allow for continued fair competition in Community Choice Aggregation. She said the bill was now on the Governor's desk, awaiting signature, and she said the group should acknowledge the work of Shawn Marshall in advancing this legislation. She also reviewed the status of several other bills.

League of California Cities (Nancy Hall Bennett) – Ms. Bennett reported on a successful annual meeting of the League in San Francisco, attended by 1800 elected officials. She said that four resolutions had been adopted at the Business Meeting and that the North Bay Division had elected its new officers for the year. She also gave a brief report on the ongoing issues with the state budget.

Announcement of Pending Vacancies

President Marshall announced the following vacancies and noted that letters of interest will be accepted in writing and copies submitted to the membership prior to the November 17 meeting in Corte Madera at which time appointments will be made. She said that any unfilled vacancies will be carried forward to the January meeting:

- ABAG – Carole Dillon Knutson, incumbent (not seeking re-election) plus one other vacancy (alternate representative)
Terms Expiration – June 2012
- BCDC – Joan Lundstrom, incumbent (resignation effective October 15, 2011)
Term Expiration - No set term limit
Appointment is made by ABAG to 27-member board
- Cal-ID Remote Access Network - Barbara Thornton, incumbent (not seeking re-election)
Term Expiration – March 2012
- GGHTTD– Al Boro, incumbent (not seeking re-election)
Term Expiration – January 2012
Appointment is made by Marin County Board of Supervisors
- LAFCO– Jeff Slavitz, incumbent (not seeking re-election)
Term Expiration – May 2014

President Marshall turned the meeting over to Alice Fredericks to introduce the program.

Program: *“The Role of Elected Officials in Response to the Findings of the Healthy Marin Partnership's 2011 Community Needs Assessment”*

Speakers: Pat Kendall, Chair, Medical Group Administration, Kaiser Permanente

Councilmember Fredericks talked about the role of Community United and how it had come about. She noted the previous speakers and programs and how they had inspired awareness and action in areas of mutual concern between local elected officials and representatives from the schools.

Marin County Superintendent of Schools Mary Jane Burke echoed these remarks, noting some of the positive outcomes of previous programs, such as a study that noted the high incidence of teen drinking in Marin County which had resulted in of “social host” ordinances being adopted by a number of municipalities, as well as some changes in sponsorship at the Marin County Fair.

Superintendent Burke introduced the speakers, Dr. Tom Peters and Pat Kendall.

Dr. Peters talked about the purpose of Healthy Marin Partnership and said that it was a proactive response to answering the question of how can we have healthier children and communities. He said there were still disparities within the County in achieving this goal.

Pat Kendall noted that in 2011, Marin County was rated No. 1 as the “healthiest community in the state” but agreed with Dr. Peters that disparities still existed. She said the challenge for elected officials was to think of “health” in all policy-making. She said she was impressed by the commitment of the group in listening to the committee reports presented and noted that transportation, homelessness, and other issues all related to healthy communities. She invited the membership to the forum on October 13 at the Marin County Office of Education.

During Q&A, Ms. Fredericks asked how elected officials could “create a culture of health” specifically.

Mary Jane Burke suggested reading the 2011 report and coming to the October 13 forum at which this idea would be discussed in more detail.

Past President Larry Chu thanked the Town of Tiburon for hosting the meeting and the speakers for their presentation.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the October 26 meeting in the City of Belvedere.

Submitted,

Diane Crane Iacopi,
Secretary/Treasurer