

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023  
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE  
6:00pm**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: -  
Corte Madera: Mayor Charles Lee, Councilmembers Beckman, Casissa, Ravasio  
Fairfax: Mayor Chance Cutrano, Councilmembers Ackerman, Blash, Hellman  
Larkspur: Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Carroll, Harroff, Way  
Mill Valley: Mayor Jim Wickham, Councilmember Carmel  
Novato: Mayor Susan Wernick, Councilmembers Eklund, Millberg  
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmembers Kircher, McMillan  
San Anselmo: Mayor Steve Burdo, Councilmembers Colbert, Kullaway  
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Bushey, Kertz  
Sausalito: Mayor Melissa Blaustein, Councilmembers Cox, Hoffman  
Tiburon: Councilmembers Fredericks, Thier

**Ex Officio:** MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City/Town Managers: Adam McGill, Heather Abrams

Guests in attendance: Supervisors Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Dennis Rodoni, Mary Sackett; District Attorney Lori Frugoli; Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

**1. Call to Order**

President Brian Colbert called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for January 25, 2023.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns present, with representatives from 10 cities/towns in attendance (Belvedere not present for business meeting).

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

**2. Public Comment:**

Public Comment was received from:

1. District Attorney Lori Frugoli – Spoke about hate crime legislation which she had proposed to the State District Attorneys Association, and that was picked up by Senator Umberg. It would allow police officers to obtain search warrants in misdemeanor cases of hate crimes investigations, where currently it is only allowed in felony cases, with limited exceptions. Information on the legislation can be viewed here <http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/SB64-Hate-Crimes-Search-Warrant.pdf>.
2. Supervisor Dennis Rodoni – Spoke about the County’s model Reusable Foodware Ordinance that the County adopted in May, 2022 and which goes into effect on November 10, 2023. The offer to cities and towns in Marin is that the Environmental Services Division will provide enforcement as part of their food inspection process for cities/towns that adopt the model ordinance without any changes. The onboarding fee would be waived if adopted prior to May 10, 2023. More information is available here:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-health-services/reusable-foodware-ordinance>

3. Melissa Apuya, District Director for Assemblymember Damon Connolly. Introduced herself and let the group know that she's continuing as the District Director for Assemblymember Damon Connolly and invited the members to use her office as a resource as needed and that she will also be reaching out to the City Managers as well.
4. Richard Owens, Mill Valley Resident – spoke about the ongoing concerns about a Mill Valley construction project on E. Blithedale and concern for the safety flaggers who are working on the site; concern about the excessive amount of time taken to complete the project, and concern that no steps were taken to consider the possible undergrounding of the powerlines adjacent to this heavily trafficked street
5. Steve Burdo, San Anselmo Mayor – Announced that the Marin Democratic Party is hosting one of it's two annual fundraisers on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged people to attend.
6. Michelle Fadelli, First 5 Marin – Announced an upcoming forum on the County's Participatory Budgeting Process, which will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael.

Hearing no additional public comment, President Colbert continued with the agenda.

### **3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: President Brian Colbert.**

President Colbert welcomed the guests in attendance: Members of the Board of Supervisors: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Dennis Rodoni and Mary Sackett; District Attorney Lori Frugoli; and Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

### **4. Presentations:**

4.a. Senator Mike McGuire – Provided an update to MCCMC regarding the current legislative session and responded to questions from the audience. He spoke about where we're at with the economy and Marin-specific projects such as housing for Marin's homeless, wildfire preparedness and mitigation, drought rehabilitation, findings of the EIR for the Marin section of the Highway 37 upgrades, funding to solve the Marin City flooding issues, housing for teachers and essential workers, PG&E accountability for making their system more fire-safe, the Corte Madera Highway 101 overcrossing project, continued investments in sea level rise infrastructure and capping profits at the pump for oil companies.

4.b. Ron Arlas, former Councilmember for the City of Larkspur and member of the 2018-19 Marin County Civil Grand Jury – Provided an update regarding the Marin County Civil Grand Jury and upcoming application period, and requested that Councilmembers encourage their constituents to apply to serve on the Jury. More information, and application form can be found on the Marin County Civil Grand Jury website:

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj>

**5. Committee Reports:** All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President Colbert thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

- 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments
  - 5a. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
- 5.b. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District \*
  - 5b. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon
- 5.c. MCCMC Homeless Committee
  - 5.c. Written report from Rachel Kertz, San Rafael
- 5.d. Marin Transit Board of Directors
  - 5d. Written report provided by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael
- 5.e. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
  - 5e. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur

## **6. BUSINESS MEETING**

- 6.a. Report Out From The City Selection Committee Meeting, Convened Just Prior To The Start Of The Regular MCCMC Meeting In Order To Review Letters Of Interest Received For Appointment Of Marin Representative To The Metropolitan Transportation Commission And Select Up To Three Candidates To Forward To The Marin County Board Of Supervisors For Interview And Possible Appointment.

President Colbert explained that former Supervisor Damon Connolly was the incumbent representative, and was appointed to a 4-year term expiring February 2023. At the City Selection Committee meeting that was convened at 5:30pm on January 25, 2023, just prior to the start of the regular Marin Council of Mayors and Councilmembers meeting, the Committee met to vote on a maximum of three candidates to forward to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for consideration and possible appointment to serve as the Marin representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters submitted a letter of interest. Only one letter of interest was received. The Committee voted to forward Stephanie Moulton Peters to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, which will then agendaize the item and consider appointing Supervisor Moulton Peters to represent the County of Marin on the Commission

- 6.b. Update to 2022-23 Meeting Schedule and List of Host Cities: Call for Host Cities for April, May, June, September and October, 2023.

Secretary Vaughn announced that MCCMC was seeking cities and towns to volunteer to serve as host cities for in-person meetings in April, May, June, September and October of 2023.

- 6.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the February 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom

There were no comments on the draft agenda, which will be held virtually via Zoom.

6.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Draft Minutes of the October 26, 2022  
MCCMC Meeting

President Colbert called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for October 26, 2022  
There was a motion and second (Burdo / Kuhl) to approve the draft minutes for October 26,  
2022. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1  
(Belvedere absent)

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 22,  
2023 to be held virtually, via zoom webinar.