

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022
Hosted by the City of Novato
Ayawaska Hilltop ~ 850 Lamont Ave., Novato, CA
5:30pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Sally Wilkinson
Corte Madera: Mayor Fred Casissa, Councilmembers Lee, Ravasio
Fairfax: Mayor Stephanie Hellman, Councilmembers Ackerman, Coler, Goddard
Larkspur: Absent
Mill Valley: Mayor Jim Wickham, Councilmembers Burke, Perrey
Novato: Mayor Eric Lucan, Councilmembers Athas, Eklund, Millberg, Wernick
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmembers Kemnitzer
San Anselmo: Vice Mayor Steve Burdo, Councilmembers Colbert, Fineman
San Rafael: Vice Mayor Rachel Kertz, Councilmembers Bushey, Llorens Gulati,
Sausalito: Councilmember Jill Hoffman
Tiburon: Councilmember Holli Thier

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

Guests in attendance: Supervisors Judy Arnold, Stephanie Moulton-Peters, and Dennis Rodoni; Denise Mulligan, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District; Eddy Cummins, SMART; Mark Van Gorder, PG&E; Nancy Whelan, Marin Transit.

1. Call to Order

President Brian Colbert called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for October 26, 2022.

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 (Larkspur not present for business meeting).

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

2. Public Comment:

Emailed public comment was received from Patricia Lesavoy, Ed.D.: The message stated, "As a Fairfax resident of over 40 years, I urge you to participate in the SB-9 lawsuits as well as support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. Sincerely. Patricia Lesavoy, Ed.D."

There were no attendees wishing to provide public comment and no additional emailed public comment.

Hearing no additional public comment, President Colbert asked everyone to review the written committee reports that were provided for the packet, and introduced the first business item, as there were no presentations scheduled.

3. 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.

3.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

- 3a. Report from Supervisor Damon Connolly
- 3.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
 - 3b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
- ~~3.c. BCDC Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) * No report~~
 - 3c. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
- 3.d. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District *
 - 3d. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon
- 3.e. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) *
 - 3e. Written report provided by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur
- 3.g. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 3g. Written report by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon.

There was one announcement:

1. Rachel Kertz, San Rafael – Provided an update regarding the MCCMC Homeless Committee and revisions to the objectives and strategies of the Committee. She stated that, “The MCCMC Homeless Committee leads with the value that everyone should be treated with dignity. Although the MCCMC Homeless Committee has been on a pause, there is important work and discussions happening around the county to support the homeless. It is time to bring the Homeless Committee back as one of MCCMC’s active committees to review current initiatives, learn best practices from neighboring counties and work together to support one another on addressing issues related to the unhoused.

Homelessness has been part of our jurisdictions for years. This past year has brought the issue to the forefront and one that is much more visible to everyone. As a county we have moved to the Housing First model to address homelessness but we know this is not the only answer. We need to bring more policy makers into the discussion and continue to explore other and complementary approaches.

Objectives:

- Reduce chronic homelessness in Marin County.
- Reduce the total number of homeless individuals and families in Marin.
- Support implementation of appropriate countywide and regional solutions.

Strategies:

- Provide a forum for discussing homelessness and solutions.
- Expand the discussion of homelessness in Marin County by having Committee members regularly update their Council and City Management.
- Support the Community Homeless Fund (CHF) which is supported by all jurisdictions and matched by the County through 2025.
 - Delivers immediate, basic human needs, with urgency
 - Locally Driven and Supported - all cities/towns participate
 - Entry to system navigation, employment, case management
 - Based in care and compassion, deliver dignity
 - Provides person to person relationship building

Next Steps

- Partner with the County on a comprehensive plan, data model, and funding opportunities
- Hear from speakers/organizations about how communities outside of Marin are addressing homelessness
- Updates from Marin's local agencies
- Feet on the Street - Hear from those working with the homeless community

- CHF Quarterly Reporting and Update
- Lessons Learned - Large City/Small City Considerations

4. BUSINESS MEETING

4.a. Consideration and Possible Action to Make Appointments to Committees.

President Colbert summarized that the expiration of current terms were announced and Letters of Interest were solicited at the September 28, 2022 meeting in San Anselmo. Appointments will be made at the October 26, 2022 MCCMC Meeting.

4.a.1. MCCMC Representatives to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2023.

Three seats have expiring terms: Representative, 2nd Representative and Alternate Representative. MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually for the upcoming calendar year.

Incumbents are:

- 1st: Charles Lee, Corte Madera
- 2nd: Gabe Paulson, Larkspur;
- Alternate: Eli Beckman, Corte Madera

Incumbent Eli Beckman, Corte Madera, has indicated interest in seeking appointment to a one-year term as one of the two primary representatives and will submit a letter of interest.

Jill Hoffman, Sausalito, has indicated interest in seeking appointment to a one-year term as one of the two primary representatives and has submitted a letter of interest.

No letters of interest received for Alternate.

There was a motion and second (Thier / Kertz) to appoint Eli Beckman, Corte Madera, and Jill Hoffman, Sausalito, to serve as the 1st and 2nd representatives to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board for 2023.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

4.a.2. Marin Transit Board of Directors

Representatives to the Marin Transit Board:

Primary Representative 1; Primary Representative 2; Alternate Representative

- Primary Representative 1, Kate Colin, San Rafael: Seat expires January 1, 2023
- Primary Representative 2, Eric Lucan, Novato (leaving office): Seat expires January 1, 2024 – one year remaining on term.
- Alternate Representative: Brian Colbert, San Anselmo, Seat expires January 1, 2023

Incumbent Brian Colbert, San Anselmo, and Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael, have indicated interest in seeking appointment as the two Primary Representatives and have submitted letters of interest.

Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, has expressed interest in appointment as Alternate, and has submitted a letter of interest.

There was a motion and second (Hellman / Lucan) to:

- (1) Appoint Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael, to serve as Primary Representative 1 to the Marin Transit Board for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2025; and
- (2) Appoint Brian Colbert, San Anselmo, to serve as Primary Representative 2 to the Marin Transit Board, to fill the unexpired portion of a two-year term expiring January 1, 2024; and
- (3) Appoint Fred Casissa, Corte Madera, to serve as Alternate Representative Marin Transit Board for a two-year term expiring January 1, 2025.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

4.a.3. Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors

MCCMC appoints one at-large member from a city other than Novato or San Rafael. The incumbent, Dan Hillmer, Larkspur, is not seeking re-election and will be leaving office in December. His current four-year term on the SMART Board expires February, 2025.

One letter of interest was received, from Gabe Paulson, Larkspur.

There was a motion and second (Bushey / Thier) to appoint Gabe Paulson, Larkspur, to fill the unexpired portion of a four-year term as Marin At-Large Representative to the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board of Directors, expiring February, 2025.

The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

4.b. Announcement Of Upcoming Nomination Of Up To Three Candidates To The Board Of Supervisors For Marin Commissioner To The Metropolitan Transportation Commission

President Colbert explained that Supervisor Damon Connolly, who will be leaving office in December, 2022, is the incumbent representative, and was appointed to a 4-year term expiring February 2023. At a City Selection Committee meeting to be convened January 25, 2023, the Committee will vote on a maximum of three candidates to forward to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will then agendaize the item and select an appointee to represent the County of Marin on the Commission

He asked that any interested persons submit a letter of interest to Secretary Vaughn and himself in advance of the January 25th City Selection Committee meeting.

4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for January 25, 2023 MCCMC Meeting (to be held virtually via Zoom)

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

4.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the September 28, 2022
MCCMC Meeting

President Colbert called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for September 28, 2022

There was a motion and second (Kertz / Casissa) to approve the draft minutes for September 28, 2022. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Larkspur absent)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for January 25, 2023 to be held virtually, via zoom webinar. (A Marin County City Selection Committee meeting was convened immediately following the regular MCCMC Business meeting)