

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

**Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo and the City of Larkspur
University of Redlands Marin Campus, Geneva Hall ~ 109 Seminary Road, San Anselmo, CA
5:30pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Vice Mayor Jim Lynch; Councilmember Kemnitzer
Corte Madera: Mayor Casissa;
Fairfax: Mayor Hellman; Councilmembers Ackerman, Cutrano, Goddard
Larkspur: Vice Mayor Paulson; Councilmembers Way and Candell
Mill Valley: -
Novato: Mayor Lucan; Councilmember Eklund
Ross: Vice Mayor Kuhl;
San Anselmo: Mayor Fineman; Councilmember Colbert
San Rafael: Vice Mayor Kertz; Councilmember Bushey
Sausalito: Vice Mayor Blaustein
Tiburon: Councilmember Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

1. Call to Order

President Brian Colbert called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for September 28, 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 (Mill Valley not present).

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

2. Public Comment:

1. Guy Meyer – He stated that he is a resident of San Anselmo and is concerned about the housing mandates in Marin. He will be looking to reach out to other communities and to other councilmembers and candidates to talk and discuss this issue to see what we can do. He would like to stand firm against the loss of local discretion in our zoning and housing requirements, as well as the impact of ecological, fire, safety all of the issues that add up to all of the important reasons to take up this action. He saw the appeal by San Anselmo, which was a powerfully worded appeal, as well as the appeals of other local cities, and he thinks they all add up to the people saying that this is not acceptable.

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.

There were two announcements:

1. Pat Eklund, Novato – Announced that the Alternate for the Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC) has been selected, after a nearly year long process. The alternate will be Nancy Kemnitzer, Belvedere. She was certified as the Alternate and will be participating in her first meeting on October 6th.
2. Melissa Blaustein, Sausalito – Wanted to acknowledge the Water Policy Committee for the work they did on their final report. It is an amazing report and was a lot of work and effort by them. There are a lot of really good ideas for the County in the report and she encouraged everyone to read it.
- 3.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
3a. Written report from Supervisor Damon Connolly
- 3.b. ~~Association of Bay Area Governments~~ No report, will be combined and provided in October
- 3.c. ~~BCDC Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)~~ No report, will be combined and provided in October
- 3.d. Disaster & Citizen Corps Council Meeting (DC3)
3d. Written report from Catherine Way, Larkspur
- 3.e. Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)
3e. Written report provided by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur
- 3.f. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
3f. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon
- 3.g. MCCMC Water Policy Committee - Final Report, “Water Policy in Marin: How Councilmembers Can Productively Engage With Water and Wastewater Boards and Recommended Actions for Local Jurisdictions”
3g. Final report, written by Stephanie Hellman, Eli Beckman, Maribeth Bushey, Chance Cutrano and Eli Hill.

4. BUSINESS MEETING

- 4.a. Consideration And Possible Adoption Of MCCMC Operating Budget For FY 2022-2023, With Annual Dues Set At \$850 For 2022-23 Only
Attachment 4a. Staff Report and attachment

Clerk Vaughn stated that the budget was minimal this year and the dues were held at \$850 per city, not knowing how the meeting schedule, in-person versus hybrid would be carried out. There were some savings from the previous year’s budget, which is being held over to cover additional guest speakers for host cities. Typically the MCCMC budget pays the host city for the President, the Secretary and up to two guest speakers. Now MCCMC will be able to cover up to four guest speakers. And the zoom meeting budget was decreased to account for a partial return to in-person meetings. The Executive Committee, when it meets in April, will be able to discuss and recommend future adjustments to the budget going forward.

President Colbert called for a vote to approve the budget for 2022-23

There was a motion and second (Lucan / Hellman) to approve the Operating Budget

For FY 2022-2023, With Annual Dues Set At \$850 For 2022-23 Only. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Mill Valley absent)

4.b. Announcement Of Upcoming Vacancies And Call For Letters Of Interest For The Following Committee Appointments:

Expiration of current terms were announced and Letters of Interest were solicited. Anyone interested in being considered for an appointment should submit a letter of interest to President Colbert and Clerk Vaughn prior to the next meeting, October 26th. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the October 26th meeting, and appointments will be voted on by MCCMC membership, or by the City Selection Committee, as noted on the agenda.

The following appointment opportunities were announced:

4.b.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.

4.b.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 has indicated interest in seeking appointment as one of the Primary Representatives and will submit a letter of interest.

Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael, has indicated interest in seeking appointment as one of the Primary Representatives and has submitted a letter of interest.

4.b.3. Sonoma-Marín 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.

4.b.4. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

There are two vacancies with unexpired terms:

- One Primary Representative seat (vacated by Sashi Sabaratnam, Mill Valley) has 18 months remaining on the current four-year term, expiring May, 2024
- The Alternate Representative seat (which will be vacated by James Campbell, Belvedere) has 18 months remaining on the current four-year term, expiring May, 2024.

A call for letters of interest from elected interested in the LAFCo primary and alternate representative appointments will take place at the September 28th MCCMC meeting, with a vote on appointments by the City Selection Committee scheduled for the October 26th meeting.

4.c. Review of Draft Agenda for October 26, 2022 MCCMC Meeting To Be Hosted By the City of Novato

Attachment 4c: Draft agenda for October 26, 2022 MCCMC Meeting

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

4.d. Consideration and Possible Approve of Draft Minutes of the June 22, 2022 MCCMC Meeting

President Colbert called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for June 22, 2022

There was a motion and second (Kuhl / Casissa) to approve the draft minutes for June 22, 2022. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Mill Valley absent)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for October 26, 2022 to be held in person and hosted by the City of Novato.