

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

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
6:00pm**

**Members Present**

Belvedere: Mayor Campbell; Councilmembers Block, Kemnitzer, Lynch, Wilkinson  
Corte Madera: Mayor Beckman; Councilmembers Casissa, Lee, Mongan, Ravasio  
Fairfax: Mayor Ackerman; Councilmembers Coler, Cutrano, Goddard, Hellman  
Larkspur: Mayor Haroff; Councilmember Way  
Mill Valley: Mayor McCauley; Councilmembers Carmel, McEntee  
Novato: Mayor Eklund; Councilmembers Athas, Lucan, Wernick  
Ross: Mayor Robbins; Councilmembers Kircher, Kuhl, McMillan  
San Anselmo: Mayor Colbert; Councilmember Burdo  
San Rafael: Mayor Colin; Councilmember Kertz  
Sausalito: Mayor Hoffman; Councilmember Sobieski  
Tiburon: Mayor Their; Councilmembers Fredericks, Ryan, Welner

**Ex Officio:** Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano; Mill Valley City Manager Alan Piombo; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

**Guests were:** Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters; Supervisor Katie Rice; District Attorney Lori Frugoli, Dan Eilerman, Assistant County Administrator; Anna Guiles, Strategic Project Manager for the County of Marin Nancy Hall Bennett, Cal Cities North Bay Division

**Call to Order**

President Sashi McEntee called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers via webinar, for October 27, 2021.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was at least one representative present from each of the 11 Marin cities/towns.

President McEntee then called for Public Comment.

**Public Comment –**

1. Mayor Brian Colbert, San Anselmo: Announced that the second symposium put on by the MCCMC Economic Recovery committee hosted by Mayor Kate and himself will be Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 11:30am. The symposium is e-commerce cannibalizing local retail, and it's about post-COVID economic development in Marin County. We've got three more rockstar panelists. We've got David Poku, who's a serial entrepreneur and founder of Lumacart, the retail aggregator platform with super fast delivery. We've got Anne Pottmeyer Rohosy. She spent her career as an executive at Levi's and Nike, and is currently on the board of several retail companies. And Ken Hira, who several of you might know, he's the president of Kosmont Companies, an expert in real estate and economic development. Rebecca will be sharing the information via email after the meeting, and I hope you share it with all interested members of your community. It should be really good for us as policy makers, and for local brick and mortar business people looking for some strategies and tactics.

2. Mayor Pat Eklund, Novato – I have two announcements and a comment. The first announcement I wanted to make is that, I was appointed to the League of California Cities Committee to evaluate the constitutional amendment number seven, and also the initiative number 21-0016. What that constitutional amendment and initiative does, is it prohibits the State from changing our land use and zoning requirements, and it actually goes back retroactively. So all of the legislation since the 1950s affecting our land use and the way the League is looking at it, affecting our land use and zoning, if it's something that is contrary to what we have as local governments, then it's off the books, which is great.

The other announcement I wanted to make is Mark Milberg is our new city council member. He was sworn in this morning and he was voted in by the four, got a four-zero vote. So it was unanimous. And I publicly would like to thank city council member and former Mayor Denise Athas for really standing up and helping. And Mark just joined this meeting, so as he is joining us, I did want to publicly thank Denise for really doing a great job in capsulizing why he was the best of the three candidates that we had gotten. One of the things that was really incredible was that one of the candidates she withdrew her name because she did not think that she had enough time or experience.

The last comment I wanted to make is that I am concerned about tonight's meeting. And after having received the emails, I firmly believe that MCCMC should form a group to reexamine our bylaws and make them more transparent. And I did talk to Sashi today, and I'm volunteering to chair that up or be on the committee. I've written bylaws or helped craft bylaws with the League of California Cities, not only for the mayor's department, but also for the League itself. I've done nonprofits. I've done ABAG. There's a lot of different ones that I've done. She then invited newly appointed Novato Council member Mark Millberg to introduce himself to the group.

3. Council member Mark Millberg, Novato - My name is Mark Milberg. I'm a resident of Bayside in Hamilton in District 5. And I'm so excited to begin this appointment. I work as a senior director of clinical outsourcing at Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical in Novato, based in Novato. We are a biotech company that specializes in rare and ultra rare disease development, clinical drug development. And I love being a resident here in Novato. I'm really excited to get started in working with the council. I'm very, very excited to be part of this adventure. And I have served for the last three years on the Novato Citizens Finance Advisory and Oversight Committee, which has been very, very helpful to get me the knowledge that I need to start here. So thank you so much. It's a pleasure to meet you all.
4. Council member Alice Fredericks, Tiburon - I have two short comments. One is that I will volunteer to serve with Pat on that committee, if that's helpful. And the other is that I've just been reappointed to the North Bay Division of the League of California Cities Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committee. This is a position I've served for a while, and what I'd really appreciate from all of you is input on those issues that this Policy Committee hears. Thank you.
5. Supervisor Katie Rice - Later on tonight, I know you're having a presentation by Dan Eilerman on the Supervisorial district redistricting. But I just wanted to make sure that also on the cities and towns radar is the California redistricting process for especially congressional districts. We, the board of supervisors, will probably be taking up an urgency item next Tuesday, if not next Tuesday, the week after, weighing in on the just-released new set of what they're calling hypothetical district boundaries visualizations. And what's on the maps right now as hypothetical boundaries has Marin County grouped with Napa and Solano County and parts of Petaluma. It's a complete shift away from the coastal district, coastal congressional district. And given that

Marin, we've historically been linked with the coast, we have communities of interest mostly located north of San Francisco in the Golden Gate Bridge. We are characterized by predominantly small cities and suburban and rural land use patterns, with interest in sustainable agricultural technology, small business, open space, and environmental preservation and tourism. And I think our board will probably be taking a strong position that Marin County has much more of a community interest with Sonoma County and the rest of the North Coast versus Napa and Solano counties to the east. And we have lots of shared interests, among them not only economic but also coastal community issues like water transportation, coastal protections, et cetera. And I think it's really going to be important that the cities and towns weigh in on this redistricting process as well. It's huge implications. So I just wanted to make sure that was on every city and town's radar. I believe that our CAO, Matthew Hymel, will also be talking to the other city managers. I'm not sure what your meeting schedule is like and/or what your legislative plans allow for, but though decisions won't be made, I don't think, final map is not drawn until December. There is momentum with these kinds of things. So it's really important that I think as local communities we weigh in now.

#### **4. Presentations:**

- 4.a. Redistrict Marin:** Dan Eilerman, Assistant County Administrator for the County of Marin, and Anna Guiles, Strategic Project Manager for the County of Marin provided a brief overview of about the County's redistricting process, and how the public can participate in the process.

In Marin County, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for drawing supervisorial districts based on U.S. Census data and input from County residents. The process must be completed by the end of 2021, and the final district map created through this process will determine supervisorial district boundaries for the next 10 years.

Note: Visit the County's website for information on the redistricting process, and view the Ordinance that was approved on December 14, 2021, to adopt new map reflecting population balance and communities of interest:

<https://redistrictmarin.org/>

<https://www.marincounty.org/main/county-press-releases/press-releases/2021/cao-redistrictingwrapup-121521>

Following the presentation and Q&A, President McEntee introduced the next presentation.

- 4.b. An Infectious Disease Doctor's Perspective on Mitigating COVID-19: Presentation by Dr. Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH of UCSF**

Dr. Gandhi, an Infectious Diseases doctor, Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief in the Division of HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Global Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), presented a summary of the basics of her field and how she thinks about emerging COVID-19 scientific studies. Dr. Gandhi spoke about immunology and the state of the pandemic, Covid vaccines and effectiveness, boosters, vaccine trials, Covid variants and masking.

Following the presentation and Q&A, President McEntee continued with the remainder of the meeting agenda.

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

- 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)  
5a. Written report from Supervisor Damon Connolly
- 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments  
5b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
- 5.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District  
5c. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin  
5d. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.e. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)  
5e. Written report provided by Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley
- 5.f. Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART)  
5f. Written report provided by Dan Hillmer, Larkspur
- 5.g. Climate Action Committee  
5g. Written report by Urban Carmel, Mill Valley and Alexis Fineman, San Anselmo (not received at time of publication, agenda packet will be updated to include report once received)
- 5.h. Report from North Bay representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)  
5h. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato (not received at time of publication, agenda packet will be updated to include report once received)
- 5.i. Marin Transit Report  
5.i. Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael
- 5.j. MCCMC Economic Recovery Committee Report  
5.j. Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael
- 5.k. MCCMC Homelessness Committee Report  
5.k. Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael
- 5.l. MCCMC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee Report  
5.l. Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael

## 6. BUSINESS MEETING

6.a. Consideration and Appointments to Fill Upcoming Vacancies:

#### 6.a.1 MCCMC Representatives to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2022

Three seats have expiring terms: Representative, 2nd Representative and Alternate Representative. MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually for the upcoming calendar year. Incumbents are: 1st: Vacant; 2nd: Gabe Paulson, Larkspur; Alternate: Charles Lee, Corte Madera. Expiration of current terms were announced and Letters of Interest were solicited at the September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting. Nominations were accepted from the floor, and appointments will be made, at the October 27, 2021 MCCMC Meeting.

Incumbents Gabe Paulson, Larkspur, and Charles Lee, Corte Madera, indicated interest in the two primary representatives. Councilmember Paulson served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative for 2021 and Councilmember Lee served as the Alternate.

No letters of interest were received for the Alternate Representative seat. Corte Madera Mayor Eli Beckman stated that he would be interested in serving as the Alternate if there wasn't other interest. He stated that, as Immediate Past President of the North Bay Division, he is already attending those meetings and has an established relationship there.

There were no other nominations from the floor. President McEntee called for any motions.

There was a motion and second (Haroff / Colin) to appoint Gabe Paulson and Charles Lee to serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Representatives, respectively, and Eli Beckman to serve as the Alternate, to the League of California Cities North Bay Division. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0

#### 6.a.2 Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps ("DC3")

The two-year term of Incumbent Catherine Way, Larkspur, will expire 01/2022. Expiration of current term was announced, and Letters of Interest solicited, at the September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting. Nominations were accepted from the floor, and appointments will be made, at the October 27, 2021 MCCMC Meeting.

Councilmember Way has indicated interest in seeking re-appointment to a new two-year term and has submitted a letter of interest. There were no other nominations from the floor. President McEntee called for any motions.

There was a motion and second (Colin / Thier) to appoint Catherine Way to serve as the Representative to the Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0

### 6.a.3 Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District

The two-year term of Incumbent Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, will expire 01/2022. Expiration of current term was announced, and Letters of Interest solicited, at the September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting. Nominations were accepted from the floor, and appointments will be made, at the October 27, 2021 MCCMC Meeting.

Letters of interest were received from Incumbent Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, and Holli Thier, Tiburon.

President McEntee explained the process, as outlined in the MCCMC Bylaws for voting on contested appointments, and how that process has been adapted to a zoom/virtual environment, with each Marin City/Town submitting a vote through it's Mayor. She stated that she would explain the process again, and then ask the membership for a confirming vote on the process. If there's enough support, the appointment and voting process would proceed as outlined. If there is not enough support, then she will ask for a motion to continue the item to the next meeting, which will be in January.

President McEntee explained that the voting process will proceed as follows: letters of interest have been submitted, which are available in the agenda packet. She will call for any additional nominations from the floor. Any member can make a motion or second a motion for a nomination. And once all the nominations have been moved and seconded, she will close nominations. And then each candidate that's been moved and seconded for the nomination will have three minutes to make a statement to the body. Following that, a vote will be taken. The Mayors will have five minutes to submit a direct message to the MCCMC Secretary via the zoom chat. The Mayors will each send a direct message just to Rebecca Vaughn, from the mayors, with your vote from your city. After the votes are submitted, Rebecca and her assistant will count the votes and they will announce the results of the vote to the membership.

She further stated that Rebecca will be capturing that chat log the same way that if we had been in person she would have handed out paper ballots. She would have collected those, the same way she is going to collect the chat record. So it will mirror the process that we have for in person meetings.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Athas) continue with the appointment process as outlined. The motion was approved by acclamation. President McEntee stated that the body has agreed to move forward with this process, and then she opened the nomination period and asked if anyone would anyone like to make a nomination.

There was a motion and second (Coler/Kuhl) to nominate Alice Fredericks, Tiburon.  
There was a motion and second (Eklund/Athas) to nominate Holli Their, Tiburon.  
Hearing no further nominations, President McEntee closed the nominations and stated that each candidate would have three minutes to provide a statement to the membership.

Mayor Hollie Thier, Tiburon, and Councilmember Alice Fredeicks, Tiburon, each provided three-minute statements of interest to the membership.

After the statements concluded, President McEntee asked the Mayors of each Marin City/Town to send their city's vote to the MCCMC Secretary via direct chat through Zoom.

After receipt and tabulation of the votes, Secretary Vaughn announced that the final count was four votes for Alice Fredericks, seven votes for Holli Thier. And the votes were submitted as follows. Belvedere for Alice Fredericks, Corte Madera for Holli Thier, Fairfax for Holli Thier, Larkspur for Holli Thier, Mill Valley for Alice Fredericks, Novato for Holli Thier, Ross for Alice Fredericks, San Anselmo for Alice Fredericks, San Rafael for Holli Thier, Sausalito for Holli Thier, Tiburon for Holli Thier.

President McEntee congratulated Mayor Thier, and stated that her nomination will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for their ratification.

#### 6.a.4 Marin County Transit Board of Directors

The two-year term of Incumbent Eric Lucan, Novato, will expire 01/2022. Expiration of current term was announced, and Letters of Interest solicited, at the September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting. Nominations were accepted from the floor, and appointments will be made, at the October 27, 2021 MCCMC Meeting.

Incumbent Eric Lucan, Novato, has indicated interest in seeking reappointment to a new two-year term and has submitted a letter of interest. There were no other nominations from the floor. President McEntee called for any motions.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Beckman) to appoint Eric Lucan to serve as the Representative to the Marin County Transit Board of Directors. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0

#### 6.b. Review of Draft Agenda for January 26, 2022 MCCMC Meeting (In Person or Zoom, TBD)

There were no comments on the draft agenda.

#### 6.c. Consideration and Possible Approve of Draft Minutes of the September 29, 2021 MCCMC Meeting

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Ackerman) to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022 at 6:00pm to be held either in person or via Zoom videoconference.