

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Hosted by the City of Novato

Novato City Hall – 922 Machin Ave & 901 Sherman Ave, Novato, CA 94945

Members Present

Belvedere: Kemnitzer; McAuliffe, Winter
Corte Madera: Andrews, Bailey, Beckman, Kunhardt
Fairfax: Coler, Goddard, Reed
Larkspur: Haroff, Way
Mill Valley: Moulton-Peters, McCauley, McEntee, Wickham
Novato: Athas, Drew, Eklund, Lucan
Ross: Brekhus, McMillan, Kuhl, Robbins
San Anselmo: Brown, Colbert, Fineman
San Rafael: Colin, Phillips
Sausalito: Burns, Reilly, Withy
Tiburon: Fredericks; Thier

Ex Officio: Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy; Novato Interim City Manager Adam McGill; Ross Town Manager Joe Chinn; San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz; MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

Guests were: Supervisor Judy Arnold; Supervisor Damon Connolly; Supervisor Katie Rice; Supervisor Dennis Rodoni; Lori Frugoli, District Attorney; Anne Richman, TAM Executive Director; Marin County Civil Grand Jury Foreperson Lucy Dilworth; Leanne Hoadley (MCE); Jenna Famular (MCE);

Call to Order

President Elizabeth Brekhus called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for October 23, 2019. She then called for Public Comment.

Public Comment

1. Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Councilmember – Invited those interested to attend the 2019 Netherlands Sustainable Mobility Study presentation on Monday, October 28th at 5:30pm in the San Rafael City Council Chambers. The Transportation Alternatives of Marin sent five members to eight different cities last June, over eight different days and without ever using a car. They will discuss their experiences participating in the study. Introductory remarks will be provided by Supervisor Damon Connolly. Councilmember Colbert will be moderating the panel.
2. Lucy Dilworth, Marin County Civil Grand Jury – Ms. Dilworth is the Foreperson of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury and wanted to let the membership know about a new tracking mechanism utilized by the Grand Jury. Responses received are now tracked by marking on their website page what entities need to respond, when the due date is, and a link to the response, once received. If the response is deemed noncompliant, the user can click through to learn more about why a particular response was found to be noncompliant.
3. John Diamonte – Longtime rail advocate, is pitching a rapid connection between Marin and the rest of the nation via a dramatic, imaginative new causeway between approximately Sears Point and Vallejo, linking the Hwy 101/ Hwy 80 corridors with rail. The challenge to planners and administrators is that the causeway is the most ecological solution with respect to the bay habitat

and the least expensive compared with the expansion of Hwy 37. It would also be the fastest to implement.

Seeing no more public comment, President Brekhus then introduced Novato Mayor Eric Lucan.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Lucan welcomed everyone to the City of Novato.

He introduced his fellow Council members: Vice Mayor Denise Athas and Councilmembers Pam Drew and Pat Eklund.

He then introduced the Novato City Staff: Acting City Manager Adam McGill, City Attorney Veronica Nebb, Community Development Director Vicky Parker, City Clerk Terrie Gillen, Assistant City Clerk Teresa Brown, and Sustainability Coordinator Gretchen Schubeck

Mayor Lucan then announced that four out of five Marin County Supervisors were present: Damon Connolly, Katie Rice, Dennis Rodoni, and Judy Arnold. He also welcomed District Attorney Lori Frugoli. He then announced that it was the final MCCMC meeting for several councilmembers who were not running for re-elections: Pam Drew (Novato), Ann Morrison (Larkspur), Larry Chu (Larkspur), Matt Brown (San Anselmo), Peter Lacques (Fairfax), and Jim Fraser (Tiburon).

4. Presentations:

4a. Drive Clean Marin – Brief summary of cars on display during the MCCMC Social Hour prior to the meeting

Mayor Lucan introduced special guest: Anne Richman, the new Executive Director for the Transportation Authority of Marin, who started October 1. Ms. Richman introduced herself to the membership and stated that TAM has been supporting the transition from fossil fuels since 2010. She invited agencies to contact TAM for advice on either electric vehicles or available grants. She then introduced Carleen Cullen, Director of Cool the Earth/Drive Clean Marin.

Ms. Carleen Cullen stated the group contracts with the County of Marin to develop and implement consumer EV awareness. They started working on climate change about thirteen year ago and expanded Climate Action Programs throughout the country. She noted it takes simple actions to reduce the carbon footprint. Driving in the Bay Area represents 40% of the carbon footprint and she stated it would not be possible to impact climate change without transitioning to electric vehicles. She stated that 35% of all petroleum in the United States is consumed by passenger vehicles. The group held focus groups throughout the County and found that people could name three to four types of electric vehicles. The group is hosting an event this Saturday at Terra Linda High School in the afternoon and will be making a presentation to all local jurisdictions about EV policy, how to work with consumers, how to take advantage of TAM's rebates, etc. There is a lot that local governments can do.

4.b. FASTER Bay Area – Update on November 2020 ballot measure proposed by a coalition of business lobbying groups to raise up to \$100 billion over 40 years for transportation projects in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mayor Lucan introduced John Grubb, Chief Operating Officer for the Bay Area Council to provide an update about FASTER Bay Area

Mr. Grubb stated the Bay Area Council is working with a coalition of groups throughout the Bay Area on the FASTER initiative. The Bay Area has the second worst traffic in the country and the fifth worst

traffic on the planet. The Bay Area Council will be bringing to the voters of the nine counties an opportunity to vote on what will probably be a \$100 million transportation measure. The challenge in the Bay Area is that there is little done on a regional level. Approximately 36% of Marin residents leave the County to work and about 37% of workers in Marin come from outside the County. He discussed the four funding “buckets” including: 1) \$60 to \$70 million for an improved rapid transit network; 2) \$20 million for local connections; 3) Programs that would take advantage of new technologies and innovations; 4) Affordable ?? programs. They are proposing a 1% Sales Tax that would be dedicated for regional transportation improvements. They are also proposing an Earned Income Tax Credit for lower income residents. On top of the Sales Tax would be an Employer Funded Congestion Reduction Program which would be a mandate on companies with more than 100 employees. They are going to take a programmatic approach and use a data-driven process. Applicants would need to apply for the FASTER funds and use them along the commuter corridors. The Sales Tax approach has flaws but provides flexibility with the money that would be raised. The Bay Area Council is starting to do as much public outreach as possible and has already held about 250 meetings.

Upon Conclusion of the presentations, President Brekhus called on committee reports.

5. Committee Reports:

5.a. MTC – Verbal report from Supervisor Damon Connolly

Supervisor Connolly reported they are about to embark on a huge year for transportation. They will need to take a hybrid programmatic/project approach and come up with regional projects that will attract support. One other issue is how projects will fit in with AB 1487. He briefly discussed the notion of “fair integration” and the fact there were over 27 different transit agencies in the Bay Area with their own set of rules, etc. MTC recently allocated over \$600,000 towards a study of “fair integration”.

5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments – Written and verbal report from Pat Eklund, Novato.

Councilmember Eklund reported she, along with the Planning Director from San Anselmo, is on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Technology Committee. ABAG delegates will be meeting with planners to share information and provide coordinated direction. The changes that are coming as a result of the RHNA allocations will result in a much higher number for local jurisdictions. She noted she consolidated recent housing legislation (passed and rejected) in her written report.

5.c. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

Councilmember Fredericks stated much of her report was already made by previous speakers. The Committee has been on hiatus since the end of the legislative session but will meet next week. They will review the slew of recent housing legislation.

5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

5.e. Golden Gate Bridge Highway Transportation District - Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

Councilmember Fredericks encouraged everyone to go on-line and review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The District operates three service oriented divisions and has 826 employees. It is supported by operational revenues and supplemental grants. The Board will consider a Climate Emergency Declaration at its upcoming meeting. The District recently purchased 67 new hybrid diesel buses to help meet its Zero Emissions mandate and is overhauling many of its high-speed ferry vessels. The District is committed to environmentally conscious practices and reliable sustainable transportation.

5.f. Marin Transit – Verbal report from Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley

Councilmember Moulton-Peters reported Marin Transit is a local agency that serves the entire County and partners with Golden Gate Transit. The Board is made up of five County Supervisors and three city representatives. This summer, the agency introduced free transit service to the Marin County Fair- it was quite successful. They have also streamlined the fare policy, consolidated subsidies for seniors, and decreased the cost of monthly passes.

5.g. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Written and verbal report from Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley

Councilmember McEntee reported the committee wrapped up the San Rafael municipal services review and are in the final stages of the Novato municipal services review including the comment period. The committee is working hard on building its community list and she asked jurisdictions to forward their lists of neighborhood and community organizations to LAFCO.

5.h. Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Ad Hoc Committee – Update from David Kunhardt, Corte Madera and Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley

Councilmember Kunhardt stated there will be a revitalization of the committee. The Draft Statement of Purpose and Goals was finalized and he will be sending an email about a meeting in November.

5.i. MCCMC Homeless Committee – Written report from Kate Colin, San Rafael (

Councilmember Colin reported this is a County committee that has two representatives from this group. There are two vacancies and she encouraged people to apply. They received \$5 million from the Federal Government. The Community Homeless Fund, in its fifth year, provides mobile showers for homeless individuals in San Rafael, Novato, and Sausalito. She stated the Housing First Program results in a 54% reduction in emergency medical transports and an 86% reduction in calls to the police. She discussed the Safe Harbor Program, created by the City of Sausalito, which consists of ten slips that can be used by “anchor outs”.

6. Keynote Presentation:

6. Update on Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), Presentation Provided By Farhad Mansourian

Mayor Lucan introduced Farhad Mansourian. Mr. Mansourian stated SMART is serving a very large area and have carried over 1.5 million people and 150,000 bicycles in the two years since service started. The train service is connecting employers with employees all along the corridor. The train can provide transportation services when Highway 101 is closed during an emergency. This “green” mode of transportation carries about 700,000 passengers per year. The Board is adamant about making this service affordable and provides senior and student discounts. He briefly discussed the multi-use pathways along the rail line with the next priority being the bike path connection from the Civic Center to McGinnis Park (the McGinnis Extension). Construction of bike paths can be expensive partly due to the need to go around major obstacles. SMART works closely with nine separate transit agencies, coordinate schedules, etc. He discussed future extensions including Larkspur, Cloverdale, and possibly Highway 37.

With that, he concluded his update and asked for any questions from the members.

Following the presentation, President Brekhus continued with the Business Meeting.

7. BUSINESS MEETING

- 7.a. Discussion and Possible Direction to the Executive Committee to Bring Forward an Amendment to the MCCMC Operating Budget for FY 2019-2020 to (1) Increase the Stipend Paid to the MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer From \$700 Per Month to \$800 Per Month, With the Exception of the Summer Hiatus of July and August, for Which the Recommended Stipend is \$450 Per Month; and (2) Approve a One-Time Bonus in the Amount of \$500

This item was brought forward by the Executive Committee in recognition of the increased workload of the MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer due to additional meetings of the City Selection Committee that were required over the past year, as well as additional assistance with special projects related to ad hoc committee work.

There was a motion and a second (Moulton-Peters/Eklund) to direct the Executive Committee to bring forward an amendment to the MCCMC Operating Budget for FY2019-20 to increase the stipend paid to the MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer from \$700 per month to \$800 per month, with exceptions as noted, and to approve a one-time bonus in the amount of \$500. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Make the Following Committee Appointments:

- 7.b.1 MCCMC 1st Representative to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board

MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually each calendar year. Incumbent is: Vacant - was previously held by Kay Coleman, San Anselmo

Expiration of current term was announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. A letter of interest was received from Joe Burns, Sausalito, which was included in the agenda packet. No further nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Withy/Eklund) to appoint Joe Burns, Sausalito, to serve as the 1st Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board for a one year term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.2 MCCMC 2nd Representative to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board. MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually each calendar year. Incumbent is: Joe Burns, Sausalito

Expiration of current term was announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. A letter of interest was received from David Kunhardt, Corte Madera, which was included in the agenda packet. No further nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Withy/Eklund) to appoint David Kunhardt, Corte Madera, to serve as the 2nd Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board for a one year term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.3 MCCMC Alternate Representative to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board. MCCMC Representatives are appointed annually each calendar year. Incumbent is: David Kunhardt, Corte Madera

Expiration of current term was announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. No letters of interest were received. Nominations were solicited from the floor. Kevin Haroff, Larkspur, and Eli Beckman, Corte Madera were nominated from the floor, and Kevin Haroff withdrew from consideration.

There was a motion and a second (Athas/Eklund) to appoint Eli Beckman, Corte Madera, to serve as the Alternate Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board for a one year term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.4 Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps ("DC3")
Incumbent: Catherine Way, Larkspur, 2-year terms will expire 01/2020.

Expiration of current terms were announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. Catherine Way, Larkspur, submitted a letter of interest, which was included in the agenda packet. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Withy/Lucan) to reappoint Catherine Way, Larkspur, to serve as the MCCMC Representative to the Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps for a new two year term commencing January, 2020 and expiring January, 2022. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.5 Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District
Incumbent: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, 2-year term will expire 01/2020

Expiration of current terms were announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, submitted a letter of interest, which was included in the agenda packet. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Kunhardt/Eklund) to reappoint Alice Fredericks, Tiburon, to serve as the MCCMC Representative to the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District for a new two year term commencing January, 2020 and expiring January, 2022. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.6 Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee (Primary)
Incumbent: Pat Eklund, Novato, 2-year term will expire 01/2020

Expiration of current terms were announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. Pat Eklund, Novato, submitted a letter of interest, which was included in the agenda packet. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Drew/Lucan) to reappoint Pat Eklund, Novato, to serve as the MCCMC Primary Representative to the Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee for a new two year term commencing January, 2020 and expiring January, 2022. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.b.7 Marin County Transit Board of Directors
Incumbent: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley, 2-year term will expire 01/2020

Expiration of current terms were announced and letters of interest were solicited at the September 25 meeting. Eric Lucan, Novato, submitted a letter of interest, which was included in the agenda packet. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

There was a motion and a second (Colin/Athas) to appoint Eric Lucan, Novato, to serve as Director on the Marin County Transit Board of Directors for a two year term commencing January, 2020 and expiring January, 2022. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.c. Announcement of Upcoming Vacancies and Call for Letters of Interest for the Following Committee Appointments:

7.c.1 County Homeless Policy Steering Committee (2 seats available, each for two year terms)

Incumbents are: Seat 1 – Vacant (Previously held by Kay Coleman, San Anselmo, and Seat 2 - Ann Morrison, Larkspur)

Expiration of current terms were announced and Letters of Interest were solicited. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor and appointments will be made at the January 22, 2019 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the Town of Ross.

7.c.2 Marin County Transit Board of Directors – Alternate Member

Incumbent: Eric Lucan, Novato, 2-year term will expire 01/2021

Eric Lucan, Novato, submitted a Letter of Interest to be considered for appointment to the Director seat, and was appointed to the new position under item 7.b.7 on this agenda. An appointment would need to be made for a new Alternate member to fill the unexpired portion of that term, expiring in January, 2021. The appointment opportunity was announced and Letters of Interest were solicited. A letter of interest from Brian Colbert, San Anselmo was received in advance of the meeting, and included with the agenda packet. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor and an appointment will be made at the January 22, 2019 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the Town of Ross.

7.d. Report out of City Selection Committee Meeting Regarding Appointment of An Alternate City Member to the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

President Brekhus reported that the City Selection Committee met at 6:00pm just before the start of the MCCMC meeting to review the applications received for the position of Alternate Representative to Marin LAFCO. One application was received, from Barbara Coler, Fairfax. The application was reviewed and the City Selection Committee voted by ballot to select Barbara Coler to serve as the Alternate to Marin LAFCO. Minutes of the City Selection Committee meeting will be available for review and approval at the next meeting of the City Selection Committee, date to be determined.

7.e. Review of Draft Agenda for the January 22, 2020 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Ross

There were no comments on the draft agenda for the January 22, 2020 MCCMC meeting.

7.f. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the September 25, 2019 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Mill Valley

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Lucan) to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 MCCMC meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Adjournment

President Brekhus thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for January 22, 2020 hosted by the Town of Ross.