

**Marin Conservation League**  
**North Marin Unit**  
FINAL Meeting Notes  
May 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at the Webb home at 12:15. Present were Joyce Applen, Pam Drew, Don Wilhelm, Dorothy Thomas, Rick Fraites, Frank U'Ren, Pat U'Ren. Ralph Webb, Rosalie Webb, Susan Stompe

**Announcements:** There will be an MCL Senior hike at Stafford Lake on July 13

**Notes of the April meeting** were approved as distributed.

**Novato General Plan:** The City says the update of the General Plan should be available soon.

**Highway 37 upgrade:** Rick shared the agenda from the last meeting of the group addressing the issue (The Highway 37 Policy Committee). He attended the meeting and reported on the proposal that was presented. A private company would consider building a two lane eastbound causeway, leaving the existing road for westbound traffic. The builders would require the new road be a toll road. Dianne Steinhauer is going to be discussing the proposal with the MCL Land Use Transportation Committee on June 1. Concern was expressed about it being a toll road. The next meeting of the Hwy 37 Policy Committee will be July 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Mare Island, Vallejo.

**Gross Field update:** Susan shared the news that FAA had distributed a new "Purpose and Need Working Paper on Gross Field Runway extension". In it they change the Critical aircraft from the Cessna 525 to a Beachcraft Turboprop which doesn't require the longer runway, so the needed runway extension could be 300 ft. instead of 1100 ft. as studied in the EIR/EIS. A hearing on the issue will be Thursday, June 3 at 6 p.m. at the BOS chambers. The information was welcome news.

**Hamilton Sports Facility:** Rick attended an Audubon meeting recently at which the applicant reviewed the project. It no longer includes a lighted stadium or a soccer field, so there have been major changes. The project has still not been filed with the city, so more changes may be possible.

**Black Point Community Plan** – Rosalie said the BOS approved the Community Plan for Black Point, and a plan for Green Point to use until updated.

**Development proposals:** The city is processing an application to put a four story hotel at the corner of Wood Hollow Rd. and Redwood Blvd. The hotel would have 87 – 95 rooms. Parking would be a combination of surface stalls and a basement garage for a total 87 cars. It is scheduled for Design Review, and will also require Planning Commission and City Council approval. Susan pointed out that there is a wetland in the SE corner of the property and a high pressure gas line parallel to Redwood.

**Transportation** – Susan reported that Pat Eklund is briefing the MCL land Use committee on Priority Conservation Areas on May 4, prior to TAM review. She will also discuss the ABAG/MTC merger.

**Other:** Pam reported that the ABAG General Assembly last week supported Option 4 for ABAG/MTC with an allowance for full merger if the new agency did not happen. The Executive Committee met immediately after the General Assembly and voted for Option 7, for MTC to subsume ABAG. A union dispute must be reconciled.

The Novato City Manager search consultant has just published a brochure. Applications will come in soon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30

The next meeting will be at the Stompe home on June 23.