

MARIN GENERAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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MEETING NOTES

Meeting of September 10, 2009

The meeting came to order in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers at 10:00 AM.

PRESENT: Ken Nordhoff, Chair, called the meeting to order with Clarissa Daniel, Michael Frank, George Rodericks, and Hamid Shamsapour present; Gary Broad and Wayne Bush were absent. Staff present: Executive Officer Paul Berlant, General Counsel David Byers, Taxicab Regulations Program Manager Jeff Rawles.

- A. The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
- B. Berlant noted that Cathy Capriola, Novato Assistant City Manager had been designated Alternate for the City of Novato by Member Michael Frank.
- C. Berlant reported on the Streetlight Program; 189 Metricom units have been removed and Republic ITS will initiate the inspection and repair program in September. The City of Larkspur has requested a physical inspection program called "pole test and treat," for which a fee schedule will be prepared and presented to the Board for approval. Board member Shamsapour noted that he felt that the visual inspection to be done under the MGSA's inspection program was not sufficient and felt that a more comprehensive inspection of wooden poles is warranted. No action was taken.
- D. 1) Berlant and Rawles reviewed the update on the Taxicab Regulation Program.
2) Berlant reported that the County Board of Supervisors has requested that the MGSA Board discuss a limit to the number of taxi company permits to be issued. General Counsel Byers advised that the MGSA has not been delegated the authority to set any such limits, and that if the towns/cities or the County wish to have any, they need to take the necessary actions to accomplish that.

Gary Whitemore of Northbay Co-op Taxi stated that nine company representatives met and agreed that they would like to see a limit on the number of taxicab companies.

The consensus of the Board was that, absent a change to the local taxicab regulation ordinances, the MGSA Board does not have the authority to limit the number of taxicab company, driver, or vehicle permits.

- E. Berlant presented a new 2009-2010 Budget Summary Table. Member Frank made a motion, seconded by Member Shamsapour to accept that table as conforming to the Budget Resolution, Resolution 2009-06 adopted by the Board in May.
- F. Berlant reported on MCEP activities, including the amendment to Richard Schorske's contract and the new contracts with Miya Kitahara, BKi and Norcross, Hill and Ach. No action was taken.

- G. Since Member Bush was absent, no report on MarinMap was given.
- H. Berlant presented the Letter Agreement for Audit Report services by Maher Accountancy. Member Rodericks made a motion, seconded by Member Shamsapour to authorize the Executive Officer to execute the letter agreement in the amount of \$11,250.
- I. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
- J. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 12, 2009 (10:00 AM)



Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

APPROVED AS WRITTEN November 12, 2009