

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 9, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Dave Haubert, City of Dublin, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barbara Halliday at the Dublin Ranch Golf Course located at 5900 Signal Hill Drive, Dublin, California.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Rochelle Nason
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Oakland	Councilmember Dan Kalb
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the November 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Haubert and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no amendments

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Shareem Ram, Senior Field Representative for California State Senator Steven Glazer's office provided a legislative update on newly approved state legislation and identified the state government committee seats currently held by Senator Glazer.

Darien Louie, Executive Director for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) announced that nominations are being accepted for the Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame and encouraged members to nominate worthy candidates prior to the January 31, 2019 deadline. She also indicated that East Bay EDA Innovation Award 2019 finalist have been announced and they include businesses located in the cities Berkeley, Emeryville, San Leandro, Pleasanton, and Oakland. Finalists will be announced on March 28, 2019.

## **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Dutra Vernaci provided an MTC update concerning the CASA Compact expressing concern regarding the scope of the planned community engagement process. She also indicated that MTC is planning to meet on January 23, 2019 during which it may be voting on a new executive director.

President Halliday discussed a December 2018 ABAG working session on the CASA Compact.

## **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

It was moved by Mayor Medina and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley as a Board Member to the Bay Area Association of Governments Executive Board commencing upon approval by the Association of Government and continuing until June 30, 2020. The motion was approved and so ordered with seven (7) members voting in favor and four (four) members voting against.

It was moved by Mayor and seconded by Mayor to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Rochelle Nason, Mayor, City of Albany as committee member to the East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee for a term of four years effective January 1, 2019. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor and seconded by Mayor to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Ed Bogue a commissioner to the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission for a term of four years commencing January 9, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Halliday informed members of the current regional board openings and timelines for submittal of applications and anticipated appointments as listed in the agenda report for this item.

## **7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities provided a brief overview of recent legislation including SB 50 (Senator Weiner) and SB5 tax increment financing. She requested feedback and discussion on these bills. She also announced that the new mayors and councilmember training is scheduled for January 17-19, 2019 in Sacramento and that the next division meeting will be held on January 25, 2019 in Berkeley.

## **8. Other Business Matters**

a) President Halliday presented Christine Martin with a commendation in recognition of her 2018 work as the Chair to the Alameda County City Managers' Association.

## **9. Host City Mayor's Report**

Mayor David Haubert welcomed attendees and introduced City of Dublin councilmembers, staff, and community members. He presented a video providing an overview of current city amenities and living in Dublin. Mayor Haubert introduced Garrett Holmes, Chief of Police, City of Dublin. Chief Holmes provided an overview of the City's Police Department, which currently has 57 sworn officers, and discussed the police department's use of residential security cameras which are currently registered with the City to allow better community relationships, including the ability to upload videos, license plate reader technology and situational awareness cameras. Chief Holmes also presented a case study demonstrating how this technology has helped the City solve crime. The case was followed with a neighborhood meeting attended by 100 residents who thanked the department for its help. Mayor Haubert played another video regarding upcoming development activity including IKEA, the Saint Patrick residential project, the Zeiss Innovation Center, Kaiser Medical Center, Elegance Dublin senior care facility, and the Alameda County Superior Court building.

## **10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

a) Request to consider a presentation regarding litigation options for addressing the opioid crisis in cities. Mayor Haubert provided background on this matter and requested that the mayors consider having the presentation. Mayor Ashcraft also recommended that it be agendaized. This matter will be placed on next month's agenda to determine interest in having a presentation. The members indicated an interest in presenting.

President Halliday presented a request from Casey Farmer, Executive Director, Alameda County Complete Count Census 2020 to present at a future meeting and members agreed to invite him to present.

## **11. Meeting Presentation**

President Halliday introduced Taj Tashombe, Vice President of External Affairs, Oakland Athletics to discuss the status of the Oakland Athletics baseball team and community events. Mr. Tashombe indicated that the Oakland Athletics are our County's team. Mr. Tashombe indicated that he is responsible for the organization's community outreach on the subject of a new East Bay Oakland A's stadium and expressed that the Major League Baseball really wants the A's to stay in the East Bay, which is positive since most of the Oakland A's fans come from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Mr. Tashombe indicated that the team has over one-hundred design professionals working on the project focused on building a new stadium at the Howard Terminal site. He indicated that for the first time the Oakland A's, the City of Oakland and Alameda County are working together to find a solution developing a new baseball stadium for the Oakland A's.

Mr. Tashombe indicated that the Oakland A's are pursuing a "jewel box" type stadium design, which conforms with older baseball stadiums such as Fenway Park in Boston. The project would include a working gondola which would include a 200-foot tower and run from Washington Street and to Jack London Square and serve as both a landmark and functional transportation from BART to the stadium. He also indicated that there would be an open park at the top of the ballpark that would be public when games are not in play.

Mr. Tashombe discussed potential uses for the current Coliseum site indicating that it is an important piece of the overall development project. The current stadium site would house a wide range of uses to both service the East Oakland community and provide amenities to the greater area. The project would include significant green space to address issues related to the fact that the site is located at sea level. Uses include retaining the current arena, tech and research businesses and retention of a baseball stadium. Overall, the project would include over 5.5 million square feet of development and he believes that the Oakland A's offer the best alternative for directing the development.

## **12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director