

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 13, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Lily Mei, City of Fremont, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barbara Halliday at Boehringer Ingelheim located at 6701 Kaiser Drive, Fremont, 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 Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Rochelle Nason
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft to approve the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Ken Bukowski, an East Bay resident, expressed concern regarding the CASA Compact and said there is starting to get some pushback from residents regarding this proposed legislation.

Xian Ballesteros, Senior Economic Development Analyst, for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) made an announcement concerning the 26th Annual Women's Hall of Fame, East Bay Expo, which will be held on April 24, 2019, and the Women Breaking Barriers program to be held on April 25, 2019 in the City of Hayward.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin announced that he was elected as VicePresident of the ABAG Board and indicated he has provided members with CASA Compact matrix and encouraged all attendees to continue weighing in on this matter.

President Halliday indicated the MTC has been getting out and meeting with people to discuss the scope of the CASA Compact and that the League of California Cities has also been active.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci announced that Theresa McMillan, the new MTC Executive Director is on board and will be reaching out to MTC members.

John Bauters, councilmember City of Emeryville, provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management including the expansion of clean air centers and the fact that he has been appointed Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, which has developed a three-year and a five-year plan for addressing the District's unfunded liability.

Mayor Marchand summarized a presentation by Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director of the MTC, regarding the CASA Compact made at a recent East Bay Economic Development Alliance subcommittee meeting.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Cutter to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and Mayor Lily Mei as members to the Association of Bay Area Government's Committee to House the Bay Area (CASA) Legislative Task Force. The 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 stating that about 2,700 bills have been introduced in the legislature with over 200 of these concerning housing. She announced the League's legislative day on April 24, 2019 and the Bocci Ball fundraiser, which will be held on April 25, 2019.

8. Other Business Matters

President Halliday indicated that the Executive Committee discussed term limitations for membership on regional boards and priority for reappointment of rotating mayors. More information will be available at the next membership meeting.

9. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Lily Mei welcomed attendees and introduced City of Fremont councilmembers, staff, and community members and introduced a Boehringer Ingelheim official who welcomed attendees and provided a background of the company.

Using a PowerPoint presentation Mayor Mei informed members of the City of Fremont's recent efforts related to mixing transit with housing and jobs. During the presentation she outlined results including the Tesla Warm Springs Innovation District, the Lennar multi-use development, the Ardenwood Technology Park, the Warm Springs BART station access bridge and plaza project, and significant efforts related to housing and affordable housing developments including statistics showing a total of 2,736 affordable housing units of which 1,157 are currently under construction.

Karen Grimsich, Aging and Family Services Administrator for the City of Fremont, provided a presentation on the "Age Friendly Network" which is strongly supported by the City of Fremont." She indicated that Alameda County and other cities are currently participating in this effort that involves eight domains to support the needs of the area's elderly.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Schaaf indicated she intends to have a presentation concerning the Oakland Athletics when the Mayors' Conference is hosted by the City of Oakland.

11. Meeting Presentation

President Halliday introduced Felix Sargent, Chief Executive Officer and Simeon Jewell, Chief Financial Officer of HOVR to discuss its efforts to bring Hovercraft back to the San Francisco Bay Area. The presenters provided a brief history of hovercraft in the San Francisco Bay Area and its general use for various purposes including transportation, delivery, tourism, and emergency services. The presenters discussed their vision on how this effort could help improve transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area, where and when it could operate, the minimal environmental impacts of the operation and various potential routes. They also indicated that their company plans to manufacture and operate hovercraft services and stressed that the manufacturing was critical since current laws limit the importing of these vehicles. The presenters took question from the audience.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director