



## **MARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION AND CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY**

Marin County Administrator's Office, Suite 325  
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California 94903

### **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2016 DRAFT MINUTES**

Held at  
Marin County Marin Center  
Friends of Marin Center Conference Room  
San Rafael, California

Cultural Services Commission Members Present: Al Boro, Marge Bartolini, William Cope, Suzie Pollock, Annette Rose, Helen Williams

Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Conservancy Members Present: Joan Brown, Sandra Fawn, Cheryl Lentini, June Miller, Annette Rose, Kate Sears, Suki Sennett

Others Present: David Speer and Janis West, County Administrator's Office; Marion Boyd, Gabriella Calicchio, and Libby Garrison, Department of Cultural Services; David Vaughan, Department of Public Works (DPW); Paul Turner, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University; Jenny Callaway, Assemblymember Jared Huffman's office

1. CALL TO ORDER: Al Boro, Chair, Cultural Services Commission, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
2. REVIEW AGENDA: Chair Boro called for comments on the agenda; no comments.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments
4. INTRODUCTION OF FARMERS' MARKET PROJECT AND SHORT BACKGROUND: David Speer provided a brief introduction and background of the Farmers Market project
  - A. Current design concepts are underway
  - B. Architect firm is Backen Gillam & Kroeger and will present proposed design concept for the Farmers' Market (item #6)
  - C. The County retained Paul Turner to consult on the design and will present examples of buildings adjacent to a structure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (FLW) (item #5)
5. BUILDING EXAMPLES NEAR A FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT STRUCTURE: Paul Turner said there are no precise guidelines about building designs that are near or adjacent to buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright
  - A. The general consensus is designs should not be identical, but complement or are similar
    - i. Building height lower than FLW building (Robie House)
    - ii. Similar shapes (Johnson building)
    - iii. View-open, window placement toward FLW (Johnson, Darwin Martin house)
    - iv. Extending sweeping roof line (Unitarian Church)
    - v. Part of landscape (Fallingwater)

6. PROPOSED DESIGN OF FARMERS' MARKET AND MARKET HALL ON CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Backen Gillam & Kroeger is the new architect for the design of the new proposed Farmers' Market. Luca Pignata presented the concept for the market using principles of FLW.
  - A. Larger-concept market for farmers and the community, and a place for engagement (social, education) and proximity to the Civic Center (CC)
    - i. Farmers market, play area, classrooms and meeting spaces, vegetable garden, commercial kitchen, (locally sourced) restaurants, butcher shop, etc.
    - ii. Multi-use market space concept factors included SMART and Highway 101, parking, lagoon, and indoor/outdoor space
  - B. 10 points were considered in the design process shown by elements such as translucent canopy, similar scale to CC corridor, flow of line for CC, form as solid and open
    - i. Respect of natural formation
    - ii. Visual and physical connection with surroundings
    - iii. Comparable architecture
    - iv. Emphasis on horizontal planes
    - v. Maximize exterior walls transparencies (glass, open, translucent)
    - vi. Architectural scale and proportions inspired by CC
    - vii. Linear long and simple building forms
    - viii. Parallel, staggered structures
    - ix. Sustainable design elements (natural light and ventilation, water recycling, use of natural and local materials)
  - C. Questions/Comments:
    - i. Gives the effect of an open campus
    - ii. Maintenance is part of the operating budget
    - iii. County responsible for parking area maintenance
    - iv. Corporation yard not included and not yet studied
    - v. Parking alternatives are being discussed for full-use capacity needs
    - vi. Anchor tenants for other use facility will draw in community
    - vii. Not for profit; direct sale to support farmers
    - viii. Good access; convenience to SMART
    - ix. Good synergy between residents, visitors and Cultural Services
7. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF TRAFFIC, CIRCULATION, AND PARKING STUDY:  
This item was removed from the agenda
8. NOVEMBER MEETING: THE NATIONAL FLW BUILDING CONSERVANCY IN SAN FRANCISCO: June Miller announced the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy is holding their annual conference November 2-6 in San Francisco.
  - A. They will be visiting 10 FLW-designed buildings
  - B. Talk with her about volunteering opportunities
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM