



Marin County
Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING
WILLIAM E. CULLEN
FOR SIXTEEN YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE ON THE
TAMALPAIS DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, an architect, William E. ("Bill") Cullen has served on the Tamalpais Design Review Board with distinction since his appointment by Supervisor Annette Rose on August 2nd, 1994, and has played an instrumental role in key residential and commercial land use issues; and

WHEREAS, Bill Cullen has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the preservation of Marin County and has served the Tamalpais Planning Area as a member of the Tam Design Review Board for over 16 years, participating in over 300 meetings and providing invaluable institutional memory to this planning board since his initial appointment in 1994; and

WHEREAS, with his flash of silvery white hair and ready smile -- true to his Celtic origins, Bill Cullen exuded passion for the smallest details of planning, "minding the minutia" and demonstrating that getting down into the weeds and sheparding the details is what good community planning requires; and

WHEREAS, in addition to significant contributions to the completion of the Tamalpais Community Plan, Bill participated in the review of key projects, including the redevelopment of the Fireside Inn to provide senior and multifamily housing; and

WHEREAS, Bill has served as Chairman of the Design Review Board for many years and also spent untold hours keeping the Board's business affairs in order as its Secretary, producing agendas, minutes and notices, carefully documenting Board votes and actions; and

WHEREAS, in order to better communicate with the public, including both applicants and interested residents, Bill created and produced the Design Review Board's first website to keep community members apprised of hearing dates and matters on the Board's agenda thereby making possible better and more informed public input; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been a passionate voice for the creation of affordable housing and in particular worked hard to advocate for livable, walkable community-centered housing like Old Mill Commons which ultimately did not come to pass due to financing challenges but not for lack of trying on Bill's part; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the County of Marin have benefited in numerous ways, over many years, from the hard work, diligence, and remarkable fortitude of Bill Cullen, a tireless community volunteer who took great pleasure helping applicants through the design review process and never missed the chance to recommend fire-safe products like Hardi shake siding; and

WHEREAS, a licensed airplane pilot, Bill will have considerably more time to log winging the blue skies over the Log Cabin in Tam Valley, commanding a birds-eye view of the Design Review Board proceedings far below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors thanks Bill Cullen for his excellent service as a member of the Tamalpais Design Review Board making the communities of Southern Marin better places to live, play, work and enjoy nature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 11th day of May 2010.

Supervisor

President

Diane Patterson
Clerk

