



## San Anselmo News

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### Town Council Meeting Notes

At the meeting of Tuesday, December 8, the Town Council took the following actions:

- Approved the resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2009 election.
- Recognized the service of outgoing members Judy House, Ted Freeman and Peter Breen.
- Delivered the oath of office to incoming Councilmembers Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot and Tom McInerney.
- Appointed Barbara Thornton Mayor and Ford Greene Vice Mayor.
- Approved the resolution declaring Saturday, December 19, Bring Your Own Bag Day, encouraging the use of reuseable bags for shopping.
- Approved the resolution authorizing a grant application to the California Energy Commission for federal grants funds for energy efficiency programs.
- Approved the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission to create a Dog Park Steering Committee.
- Accepted the Town's 2008-09 audit report prepared by OUM.
- Waived application and permit fees for the First Presbyterian Church to apply for the necessary zoning and General Plan changes to permit them to participate in the rotating winter homeless shelter program with other Marin faith communities.
- Received the report from the Marin Energy Authority on the draft contract for power purchase and directed staff to set up a special meeting the first week of January to discuss this topic further.
- Appointed (or reconfirmed) the following Councilmembers to various committees:
  - Capital Program Monitoring Committee – Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney
  - CDBG Upper Ross Valley – Barbara Thornton
  - Chamber of Commerce liaison – Barbara Thornton
  - Downtown SA Merchants Association liaison – Kay Coleman
  - Economic Development Subcommittee – Kay Coleman, Ford Greene
  - Flood Committee – Ford Greene, Tom McInerney
  - Flood Control District Zone 9 – Tom McInerney
  - League of California Cities, North Bay – Ford Greene
  - Lombard Property – Ford Greene, Jeff Kroot
  - Marin Energy Authority – Barbara Thornton, Ford Greene (Alternate)
  - Marin Telecommunications Authority – Ford Greene, Tom McInerney (Alternate)
  - MCCMC JPA Oversight Committee – Kay Coleman, Jeff Kroot (Alternate)
  - MCCMC Legislative Committee – Barbara Thornton
  - Marin Emergency Radio Authority – Charles Maynard, Barbara Thornton (Alternate)
  - Red Hill Community Park – Barbara Thornton, Tom McInerney
  - Refuse & Recycling Subcommittee – Barbara Thornton, Ford Greene
  - Ross Valley Fire Board – Barbara Thornton, Jeff Kroot, Tom McInerney (Alternate)
  - Transportation Authority of Marin – Ford Greene, Barbara Thornton (Alternate)

## **Bulb Planting Thanks**

Many thanks to all who came out to plant spring bulbs in medians last Saturday. Thanks go to Barbara Born, Ruth Schafran, Peter Eisenberg and daughters, Nancy Altman, Nick Graham, Ryan Stark, Sydney Stark, Tina Hunerberg, Mitch Wells, Joanne Kessel, Jason Masii, Peter McNair, Sawyer Wilson, Lynn Brown, Tom McInerney, Julie McInerney, Molly McInerney, Joe McInerney, Anita Pisciotta, Carter Coleman, Kay Coleman and Ford Greene.

Special thanks to Sunnyside Nursery for the donation of bulbs.

## **Draft Housing Element**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. to discuss the draft Housing Element.

The Housing Element is part of the Town's General Plan and provides an overview of the community's existing housing conditions, future needs and an inventory of housing opportunity sites to meet the Town's fair share of regional housing needs at all income levels. It also outlines specific policies for meeting San Anselmo's housing goals. It is updated approximately every five years.

The agenda and draft Housing Element will be available on the Town's website at <http://townofsananselmo.org/planning/index.htm> on Friday evening, December 11th.

## **Holiday Event reminders**

The Police and Fire Department holiday toy drive is ongoing. If you want to participate, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to one of the fire stations.

On Friday, December 18, from 5-8 p.m. there will be a Holiday Open House in downtown San Anselmo, sponsored by the Downtown San Anselmo Merchants Association. Browse through local shops and taste savory treats.

## **Rotating Winter Shelter**

First Presbyterian Church is participating, along with other Marin faith communities, in the rotating winter shelter for homeless individuals. Pastor Joanne Whitt indicates that the first few nights of the shelter have gone very smoothly and quietly. Church and neighborhood volunteers report that it has been a rewarding experience.

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