

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1987

Mayor Cordingley convened the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., following interviews with applicants to the Planning Commission beginning at 6:45 p.m., with Councilmembers Sharp, Walsh and Wooliever present, Chignell excused.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

William Jelinek, 53 Florence, Chairman of the Downtown Business Association Events Committee, said that in his effort to get more shoppers downtown he wanted to place a banner over Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Tunstead. He was informed that according to the Town's policy established by the previous Town Administrator, an organization is limited to two banners per year. Jelinek asked if it was possible to change that policy to help the downtown merchants. Town Administrator Dickens said he will look into this matter.

Bill Bandy, 730 San Anselmo Avenue, concurred with Jelinek, stating that there are thousands of people that pass through San Anselmo daily and if the town had tasteful advertising, it would bring more people into the downtown area. Bandy said there were record breaking sales for the Red Tag Sale, that was due primarily to advertising. He said the merchants must seek business other than just San Anselmo residents.

3. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF SS-268, A TWO LOT PARCEL SPLIT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; TERRY SCHENK, A/P 5-300-28, OFF CHERNE LANE

John Roberto presented the staff report explaining why this application was denied by the Planning Commission. Originally Mr. Schenk obtained approval to subdivide his property in the R-1-H zone into two lots. He now wants to subdivide one of the lots into two lots, creating a 1.12 acre lot and a .53 acre lot. The Commission denied this request on the grounds that it did not meet the one unit per acre requirements of the R-1-H zone. Roberto reported that this issue of whether to allow more than one unit per acre on this site was a matter of policy.

Gene Schenk said their property was the first allowed to be split after the R-1-H ordinance was in effect. He said the Commission approved the lot split off Lillian and that they would hear the request for Cherne later. Schenk said there was never any mention that the lots had to be an acre. The applicants have met several times with Roberto and the one unit per acre limit was not discussed. He said the first they heard about it was at the Commission meeting when the application was denied. Schenk said they would not have spent the time and money on the application if they had been aware of the density limitation. He added that there were no objections on the part of the neighbors to the proposed lot split, there were favorable soils reports, the area is being upgraded, a turnaround will be built, and the neighborhood and drainage will be enhanced.

Wooliever expressed concern about the applicant's comments that he was not aware of the one unit per acre limit as she vividly recalls talking in terms of one unit per acre. She suggested the Council get more information on this matter before proceeding.

Sharp recommended the minutes on this issue be researched. M/S, Wooliever/Sharp, to continue the application to the meeting of September 22, 1987. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE CURBSIDE PICKUP FREQUENCY OF ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS UP TO A WEEKLY BASIS, AND TO REVIEW A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THIS SERVICE.

San Anselmo Garbage has reported that an additional monthly fee of 25¢ per service unit would be necessary for a weekly pickup schedule

for all recyclable materials. They have also requested a 10 year extension of their franchise agreement.

Dickens reported that in order for San Anselmo to be included in the AB 2020 exemption being requested by the County, the Town must have weekly collection of all recyclables in effect by 1 October. If the Town is not included in the exemption, an additional redemption center would be required in town. He recommended the Council consider weekly recycling on its own merits, and only consider AB 2020 in terms of the timing of implementing a weekly pickup schedule if that is the decision the Council makes.

Gloria Duncan, Chairman of the Marin County Committee on Recycling and Litter Control, said Marin County has the finest recycling program in the state and she would like to see Marin County as a whole be exempted. She said it has been found that resource recovery has to be as convenient as possible in order to be successful, adding that AB 2020 applies only to certain beverage containers whereas more recyclables can be picked up under a curbside program.

Ray Forrest, San Anselmo Garbage Disposal, said the Town had a pioneer weekly recycling program beginning in 1969, that was subsequently reduced to monthly due to costs. He said AB 2020 would affect their revenues and supported being included in the exemption.

The following persons spoke in favor of a weekly curbside pickup recycling program:

Karin Urquhart, 135 Laurel Avenue  
Ken Anderson, 468 Laurel Avenue  
Bob Rabb, 164 Ridge Road  
Dorothy Hughes, Scenic Road  
Chris Hamilton, 33 Rosemont  
Jonathan Braun, 479 Scenic  
Suzanne Dantanet, 211 San Anselmo Avenue  
Edith Stump, 13 Calumet  
Val Schaaf, 32 Crest  
Betty Alvarado, 49 Austin  
Richard Nagley, Butterfield Road  
Jon Strait, 211 San Anselmo Avenue  
Tracy Davis, Butterfield Road  
Stephanie Kramer, 211 San Anselmo Avenue  
Sophia Spencer, 18 Jordan  
Don Urquhart, 134 Laurel

Sleepy Hollow residents Joan Jacks, 540 Fawn Drive, and Robin Robinson, Fawn Drive, said they did not have, but wanted, curbside recycling.

Suzanne Dantanet and Jon Strait, 211 San Anselmo Avenue, asked that the curbside recycling pickup include multiple residential dwellings.

In response to a concern by Councilmembers that the recycling did not include multiple residential dwellings, Forrest said that they do pick up at those residences as long as they abide by the regulations for multiple residential dwellings, such as marking their cans with their unit numbers.

Forrest explained he requested an extension of his franchise agreement because of the capital investment the increase in the curbside recycling program will require at this time. It was the consensus of the Council to place this issue on a future agenda.

M/S, Wooliever/Sharp, to establish a weekly curbside pickup recycling program by October 1, with a fee of 25¢ per month per service unit. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORT FROM THE CREEK PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

The nine-member committee, consisting of representatives from the Planning and Park and Recreation Commissions, the Chamber of Commerce, the Campaign for a Healthier Community for Children and the community at large, was appointed in March 1987 to make recommendations on the future use of Creek Park and what changes, if any, were necessary to support that use. The Committee has completed and submitted its final report to the Council.

Committee Chairman Val Schaaf reported on the Committee's findings and recommendations. The members had agreed that the purpose of Creek Park was to serve as a quiet and restful oasis that enhances the environment of downtown San Anselmo and the Creek Park Shopping District. It is a community statement that San Anselmo cares for the environment, the Town's natural beauty and the comfort of people of all ages.

Schaaf reported that the Committee concluded that the most important item concerning the park was maintenance. He said the Park does not have the lush feel it once had, noting there is not enough personnel or resources devoted to parks maintenance. Concerning the use of the Park, the Committee recommended that entertainment events in character with the park and street musicians be allowed. Other changes recommended included building low-key structures that blend in with the park and accent its entrances, creating a new entrance from the parking lot because people are crossing over the planted berms, and adding benches in conversation groups and play structures. The members feel that a plan for improvement of the backs of the buildings should be developed in conceptual form.

Schaaf urged the Council to dedicate \$17,000 from the 1987-88 budget to enable the Town to hire a staff member with horticultural experience, contract with a landscape design consultant as needed, and begin a re-planting program on the berms.

In response to questions from the Council concerning a boardwalk and a standing advisory committee, Schaaf explained that the Committee urged the Council to adopt a policy to work with merchants in planning for development of the backs of the buildings, which may or may not include some kind of boardwalk and that one of the roles of the proposed advisory committee would be to get involved in the review of plans developed for different improvements to the park.

Bill Bandy, the Chamber of Commerce representative on the Committee, urged the Council to make parks a higher budget priority, and noted that Creek Park was a unique asset to the downtown. He felt the creekbank and the backs of the buildings had substantial potential.

Committee member Bill Jelinek noted that the 1987-88 budget sets downtown revitalization as a budget priority. He added that two panels of experts had stated that the park and creek are assets to the downtown and he urged the Council to take budget steps to protect and improve Creek Park.

Ken Anderson suggested the Council find out how often the police patrol the park.

Dan Goltz, project architect for the original design of Creek Park, praised the efforts of the Committee, adding that he appreciated people seeing the value of the Park as a park and not a sales gimmick. He said he thought the Council should pinpoint maintenance as a priority for the park.

Dorothy Olson, representative on the Committee from the Campaign for a Healthier Community for Children, said she was satisfied with the Committee's proposal to rededicate the Park to children and have a plaque acknowledging this dedication.

Walsh said she wanted the Chamber of Commerce to get a copy of the report.

Wooliever noted that there were budget constraints and expressed concern about having an ongoing committee that needs finances to operate and to see their plans come to fruition. She suggested that Creek Park be looked at more in conjunction with downtown revitalization and that the idea of having college interns help with maintenance be explored.

Sharp said he was anxious to see staff's analysis and the comments of the Commissions, adding that he does not necessarily want the backs of the creekside buildings facing San Anselmo Avenue instead of the creek if some kind of boardwalk is built.

Cordingley said he would like to see the report passed on to property owners and merchants on San Anselmo Avenue.

It was the consensus of the Council to solicit comments from the Park and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission and members of the commercial community, and to request staff to prepare a cost analysis on the recommendations in the report.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 13, PRIVATE TREES, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE PRUNING OF ELM TREES AND REVISING PROCEDURES INVOLVING HERITAGE TREES.

The ordinance, which addresses the dutch elm disease problem and the process of issuing permits for cutting heritage trees, was revised in accordance with the Council's comments at its meeting of March 24. It was noted that the tree service companies in the area will be contacted about the changes and that it will be acceptable to have the State Department of Forestry review the pruning of elm trees instead of a private licensed arborist.

Sarah Nome, 77 Alder Avenue, said that bays and elms removed are not being replaced after they are removed and that there is insufficient monitoring of trees being removed.

William Jelinek, 53 Florence, asked if someone removing a heritage tree can be required to show the permit. Kottage responded that the Town could require that the permit be posted.

It was the consensus of the Council to modify the proposed ordinance to extend the radius for notification of permit requests to property owners within 300 feet and to require the posting of the permits.

M/S, Sharp/Wooliever, to continue introduction of the ordinance to the next regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

7. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMENTS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF; STAFF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Parking - Walsh asked when the parking changes discussed at the last Council meeting would be brought to the Council. Staff responded that they were in the process of preparing a report on this issue for the Council.

Proclamations - Cordingley reported he had received requests for Proclamations from United Way and the American Cancer Society.

Budget - Dickens reported that based on property tax revenues received from the County, he was able to increase the projected revenue and place those funds into the contingency budget.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of Warrants. CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1987.
- (b) Approval of Minutes of August 25, 1987.
- (c) Resolution establishing a two ton weight limit for vehicles using Caleta Avenue Bridge.
- (d) Authorization for Town Administrator to execute agreement

- with Don Herzog & Associates to provide geotechnical services for the Halprin Park Hazard Mitigation Project.
- (e) Authorization for Town Administrator to execute service agreement with Comm Air for heating/ventilation system in the Town Hall and Isabel Cook Community Center complexes.

M/S, Sharp/Wooliever, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT to closed session regarding labor negotiations at 10:30 p.m., and thereafter to the next regular meeting of September 22, 1987.

Barbara Chambers  
Beth Calamar