

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 14, 1992

6:45 p.m.

Closed session regarding labor negotiations and personnel matters.

7:30 p.m.

Interviews with applicants to the Planning Commission.

8:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Kanis convened the regular meeting, with Councilmembers Breen, Chignell, Yarish and Zaharoff present.

Town Administrator Bonander requested that an item be added to the agenda: discussion regarding the agenda for a joint San Anselmo Town Council and Fairfax Town Council meeting on July 20, 1992, on the grounds that the need for taking action on the item arose following posting of the agenda.

M/S, Zaharoff/Yarish, to add the item to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION.

Terry Jones, Downtown Business Association, reported that 150 people attended the film night in Creek Park, thanked the Council for its approval, and said she would follow up with persons who had expressed concern before the event to find out whether there had been any problems. Tom Boss, Cafe Nuvo, noted that no complaints had been received.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approve minutes: May 26, and June 23, 1992.
- (b) Acknowledge and file warrants: Nos. 9417 - 9777, in the amount of \$732,159.96.
- (c) Acknowledge and file financial reports through June 30, 1992.
- (d) Acknowledge and file report on sidewalk repairs.
- (e) Nominate applicants to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Historical Commission.
- (f) Announce expiration of terms: Volunteer Program Advisory Board (4 seats), and Historical Commission (5 seats)
- (g) Appropriate \$3,000 for purchase of computer equipment and furniture for the Public Works Department.
- (h) Commend the Stapleton School of the Performing Arts for its selection to perform at the Edinburgh International Festival Fringe.
- (i) Approve resolution designating the Marin County Congestion Management Agency as recipient of and overall program manager for AB 434 Vehicle Registration Fee Revenues.

Kanis expressed concern about the warrant payment for the municipal election, and whether the date of the election could be changed to reduce costs.

M/S, Zaharoff/Chignell, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ORAL REPORT FROM PAULA NEESE, SAN ANSELMO'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MARIN COMMISSION ON AGING.

Paula Neese reported on the Commission's accomplishments over the past year, and upcoming events and projects.

5. ~~RECOGNIZE TOM PERRY FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.~~

Tom Perry was given a proclamation commending his service on the Commission.

6. INTRODUCE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WAYNE BUSH.

Wayne Bush, formerly with the City of Millbrae, was introduced to the public.

7. PROPOSAL FROM THE SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT EVENT CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE TOWN BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR RECYCLING.

M/S, Chignell/Zaharoff, to approve in concept the proposal from the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee, and refer to staff for recommendation on implementation, with a report back to the Council at the second regular Council meeting in August. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SUFFIELD AVENUE AT VALLEY ROAD, BENNITT AVENUE, AND BUTTERFIELD ROAD.

Bonander presented the staff report. New Public Works Director Bush noted he has not reviewed all the information on this issue, addressed some of the problems generally inherent in stop signs, had ideas on the issue, but wanted to hear from the neighborhood.

The following persons spoke in favor of the stop signs as proposed:

Bryan Clune, 59 Suffield
Debbie Fay, 20 Suffield
Pamela Alliman, 79 Suffield
Deborah Yarish, 77 Suffield
Jennifer DeLaSantina
Jeanne Pimentel
Susan Edwards, 1 Rutherford; added that Suffield and Bennitt and Rutherford and Bennitt intersections were blocked by foliage;
Harry Parker, 50 Suffield

The following persons said Rutherford should also be looked at for traffic control measures:

Michael Alliman, 79 Suffield.
Resident of 76 Suffield

Mike Kaufman, 107 Suffield, said he was not insensitive to protecting children; but that stop signs are in force 24 hours a day, would generate noise, and proposed less burdensome measures such as "no left turn" signs onto Suffield Avenue at peak hours, "children at play" signs, or posting of speed limit signs.

Kay Davis, 17 Valley Road, asked how many speeding tickets had been issued in the last 3 months.

Police Chief Del Santo had no such tickets had been issued, that it is difficult to clock a vehicle on such a narrow street, and to reduce the speed limit would require a study and commitment to abiding by the results, even if the results called for increasing the speed limit.

Richard Peltzman, 1 Valley Road, expressed concern about the decrease in privacy for persons whose properties are adjacent the stop signs.

Nancy LePrie, 101 Suffield, said incremental measures were needed; if signs are not placed on Valley Road, there will be speeding there; law enforcement needs to be noticeable; and noted there were no speed limit signs posted.

Jackie Kenilvort, 12 Valley Road, cautioned that stop signs can give a false sense of security; they will not eradicate traffic and speeding hazards.

Zaharoff said she has walked that neighborhood for 31 years, the safety of her child and other children is the most important thing to her, and the issue is whether stop signs will stop speeding cars. She expressed concern that the signs will not solve the problem, and that they may cause some drivers to increase speed between signs. She proposed considering posting a 15 mph sign on Suffield between Valley and Butterfield; placing a stop sign at Suffield and Butterfield; and a stop sign northbound on Suffield at Valley; placement of "no left turn" signs at appropriate places and time, and look at other measures to address the issue of speeding. Other signs may also be appropriate, but other issues have already been brought up regarding the impact of the signs on Rutherford.

Breen expressed concern about not placing the signs and an accident occurring; noted that the neighbors had come together on this issue; and heard a need for an incremental approach where the Town continue to improve the traffic safety.

Yarish said it was the Interim Public Works Director who had recommended 7 signs, and that he agreed they are justified and appropriate. People are cutting through on Suffield to access Butterfield Road and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, when that traffic belongs on arterial roadways. "No left turn" is a viable alternative. Drivers may still accelerate between signs, but the inconvenience of the signs may change their traffic patterns. He noted there were 100 signatures of neighborhood agreement with the signs.

Chignell said the issue cries out for immediate action; that while punitive action by the police is the only thing that will make drivers reduce speed, the constant stopping and going from stop signs may impact the traffic; there was near unanimity in the neighborhood; he has seen signs work in other neighborhoods; and if they do not work, they can be removed and something different can be done.

Kanis said law enforcement, not stop signs, is the deterrent. The stop sign in front of his house did not solve the speeding and traffic safety problem. He said there were too many cars trying to use an inadequate road network; that they needed to allow the Public Works Director and Police Department to analyze the situation, and cautioned the neighborhood against feeling that stop signs were the final solution. He encouraged the public to urge the Town to go further to address the traffic safety issues.

M/S, Zaharoff/Yarish, to approve the placement of stop signs as proposed, with an additional stop sign to be placed at Butterfield and Suffield at the site of an existing yield sign, on a trial basis through November 1, 1992, to be reviewed by Town Council no sooner than November 1, but shortly thereafter, with public comment on the signs and traffic issues invited, and review by staff

of whether other changes are recommended, with the neighborhood to be noticed for the Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 100 SPRING GROVE AVENUE: PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO REZONE A/P NOS. 6-172-06, 6-172-07, AND A PORTION OF 6-172-04, TO R-1 H (HILLSIDE DENSITY DISTRICT) FOR ONE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING (AFTER IT HAS BEEN CONVERTED FROM AN OFFICE; AND TO REZONE A/P NOS. 6-172--3, 6-172-08, 6-172-09, AND A PORTION OF 6-172-04, TO R-1 H (HILLSIDE DENSITY DISTRICT), FOR ONE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING; AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE REZONING. APPLICANT: PHILLIP DANSKIN FOR JAMES REED.

M/S, Yarish/Chignell, to approve the mitigated negative declaration as recommended by staff. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S, Yarish/Chignell, to introduce Ordinance No. 926 amending Table 4D - Table of R-1 H parcels to include A/P Numbers 6-172-03, 6-172-06, 6-172-07, 6-172-08, and 6-172-09 with A/P Number 6-172-04, and to establish the maximum allowable number of units for the six parcels. Motion passed unanimously.

10. UPDATE ON HOUSING ELEMENT. (Oral report)

Planning Director Chaney reported that after distributing a request for proposals, and reviewing the responses, staff has selected Lisa Newman as the consultant to recommend for the project. The contract has not been signed or submitted to Council for approval, pending notification by the State of California on whether production of a housing element will be eliminated as a state mandate due to the state budget crisis. Chaney will notify the State of the Town's status on the element revision. The cost of the consulting work proposed is \$8,000, and does not include some additional work to be done by Town staff on the project.

11. UPDATE ON 1992-93 BUDGET. (Oral report)

Bonander reported that starting July 1, the Town is certain to lose the remainder of the cigarette tax, which is a \$9,500 revenue cut. The State of California has not yet adopted a budget, and the therefore impact of its budget decisions on local governments is still unknown.

12. TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 1991-92 BUDGET.

Kanis expressed concern about encumbering funds for the remainder of the dispatch equipment and review of the housing element. Bonander noted that Council would be asked to approve any expenditure of funds on these projects before any funds are expensed.

Council asked for an update on capital projects, including any projects on hold pending notification regarding the Town's financial situation with respect to the state budget.

M/S, Chignell/Breen, to authorize staff to continue providing essential programs and services in the 1992-93 fiscal year at the same expenditure levels as adopted in 1991-92 fiscal year; and to approve technical adjustments to the 1991-92 fiscal year budget, as stated in the staff report dated July 10, 1992. Motion passed unanimously.

13. REVIEW OF SAN ANSELMO AVENUE BIKE PARKING LAYOUT.

A survey of San Anselmo Avenue showed that four additional parking spaces can be created. The merchant parking

committee recommended that one of the new spaces, at the corner of San Anselmo Avenue and Tamalpais, be designated for handicapped parking. One of the spaces will be used for the new bike rack in front of the Coffee Roasters.

M/S, Chignell/Zaharoff, to authorize staff to proceed with the restriping as recommended by the parking committee. Motion passed unanimously.

14. JOINT MEETING WITH FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to provide Fairfax with the list of possible areas of joint cooperation and/or consolidation as prepared by staff, with the following modifications: eliminate sharing Town Administrator, and modify the cooperative efforts on planning to apply in the case of temporary vacancies.

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

Art and Wine Festival - Yarish and Breen were designated as a subcommittee to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and merchants regarding the festival.

Police news item - Kanis asked if there was a policy on public relations on police matters.

Special meeting for interviews - Staff asked for a special Council meeting to conduct interviews with applicants to various Boards and Commissions. (Set for August 4)

15. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Beth Pollard