

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of October 22, 1996

Present: Breen, Chignell, Hodgens, Kroot, Yarish
Absent: none

8:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience was welcomed by Associated Student Body President Sophia Ghebremicael. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Charlotte Souch.

Mayor Breen introduced Supervisor Hal Brown and Town staff.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION.

Bill Abright, 190 Oak Avenue, said San Anselmo has a townwide ban on skateboarding. He said skateboarding is a sport that should be encouraged for our youth. He suggested that the abandoned basketball court at Red Hill School be used for this purpose. Many communities have responded to this need and San Anselmo should too.

Yarish pointed out that Red Hill School is owned by the Ross Valley School District.

Hodgens said they are collaborating with the district in other areas and perhaps this could be included.

Town Administrator Pollard said one of the obstacles to a skateboard park has been liability. Recent state legislation, however, may provide more latitude in this area. She would recommend that this issue be referred to Parks & Recreation, and to the Red Hill Field subcommittee to review this issue and report back.

Kay Coleman, Volunteer Coordinator, said that the San Anselmo Volunteer Effort is having a bulb planting day on Saturday, November 2. Bring your own tools and meet in front of Town Hall at 9 a.m.

Charlotte Souch, ASB Vice-President, thanked Mayor Breen and the Council for their commitment to youth and the community.

Rose Kesten, Academy X, said Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzoni made an informative presentation at Drake today, which the students very much appreciated.

Peter Sirke, Park Drive, said he is a neighbor of the school and the kids hang out in front of his house. Perhaps a trash can or ash tray in front of his house would help.

4. RECYCLING AWARD TO JOE GARBARINO FROM THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE.

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Chair Barbara Thornton presented the Green Phoenix/Green Earth recycling award to Joe Garbarino.

5. COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO STAFF; STAFF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Kroot said he attended a United Nations Association meeting as San Anselmo's representative. San Anselmo was presented with a U.N. flag and a tee-shirt.

Kroot said the Downtown Revitalization committee met this week to hear community input on the landscape plan.

Chignell asked that an additional item be included after item 13, regarding Measure G sign placement.

Chignell said Andronico's is supporting the Ross Valley Community for Schools with a percentage of their sales through the 26th of October.

Chignell confirmed that the joint meeting with the Planning Commission on October 29 is still on.

Chignell said he and Kroot attended a Fire Board meeting where the issue of assessing individual homeowners for upgrading fire hydrants was discussed. It was referred back to staff for study.

Chignell said he and Breen are meeting with neighbors on Crest Road to discuss a collaborative paving project on a non-maintained road.

Hodgens said the San Anselmo Baseball Association invited Council to its upcoming Founders Night.

Hodgens said she would like the issue of deed restrictions to be placed on a future agenda to complete the discussion begun at an earlier meeting.

Hodgens asked the Town Administrator about ERAF money that may be forthcoming to the Town. Pollard said \$89,000 is coming to the Town in ERAF money. Council decided at budget hearings to look at how to use these funds when reviewing the results of the audit.

Hodgens confirmed that it is appropriate to move forward with the San Anselmo community web site being connected with the Association for Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Breen acknowledged the hard work of Bob Lenz and the Academy X students.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. OTHERWISE, ALL ITEMS MAY BE APPROVED WITH ONE ACTION:

- (a) Approve minutes: October 1 and 8, 1996.
- (b) Approve Resolution No. 3369 authorizing the Town Administrator to take steps necessary to delegate responsibility for Household Waste Management to the JPA
- (c) Approve application for San Anselmo Antique Fair, scheduled for June 1, 1997.
- (d) CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 26, 1996: 80 South Oak Avenue; Appeal of a Planning Commission decision granting, with conditions, a precise development plan, design review, and variances to construct a new single family home at 80 South Oak Avenue.
- (e) CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 12, 1996: Public hearing on introduction of ordinance amending the Animal Control Ordinance.
- (f) CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 12, 1996: Public Hearing on request to increase the rates for garbage and recycling collection service, and on recommendation to increase the garbage franchise fee from 6% to 10%.
- (g) CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 12, 1996: Public hearing on adoption of an agreement for reimbursement for improvements and environmental review expenses associated with the Oak Avenue Development Agreement.

Consent agenda items (a), (b) and (c) were removed for discussion.

M/s, Chignell/ Yarish, to approve consent agenda items (d), (e), (f) and (g) .

Regarding item (a), Hodgens asked that the minutes of October 1, page 2, paragraph 15, regarding the Robson Stop-By, she would like *moved to non departmental services* included in the sentence on the Recreation Director's costs. She indicated that she said that, *in the future, she'd like to revisit having this cost included in the Recreation Fund*. In paragraph 16, she asked that the minutes be revised to indicated 7 to 8 children *per day*. It was the consensus of Council to continue this to the next meeting.

Regarding Item (b), Chignell asked if there are any costs associated with this agreement other than what is in the JPA budget for this program. Town Administrator Pollard said there would not be any additional fees over and above what is already being paid into the JPA. Costs will be absorbed within the fees.

Chignell noted that Novato is excluded. Town Administrator Pollard said it was felt they are too far away from Mr. Garbarino's operation. Chignell confirmed that homeowners would not have to pay.

Yarish asked if there was competitive bidding for this work. Pollard said the agreement piggybacked on an agreement that the City of San Rafael has with Marin Resource & Recycling. That agreement may have originally been bid out.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, asked about the current fees for the JPA. Pollard said it is approximately \$30,000 and is charged on resident's garbage bills.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, asked if her garbage bill will be going up. Pollard said it went up several years ago to provide these services. Mathews asked how much a business owner would have to pay. Pollard will report back on this.

Regarding Item (c), Hodgins asked the Antique Dealers what alternatives they looked at for places to hold the Fair.

Oveda Mauer, Oveda Mauer Antiques, said they have considered Greenfield Avenue and area parking lots, although liability is a problem. They may give these a try this year or next if insurance questions can be worked out with the Town.

Kroot said an application is before the Council this evening and he feels it should be heard.

Jerry Goldman, Antique Fair Chairman, said they have looked at alternatives on Greenfield Avenue, but he feels it might be a loss of revenue to San Anselmo Avenue. Regarding adding the two additional police officers, they don't serve liquor at the Fair and he wondered why the police officers are needed this time.

Police Chief Del Santo said that this has not been a requirement before as alcohol is not served. He is willing to withdraw this requirement as he was out of the office when the application was reviewed.

Drew McEachron, San Anselmo Avenue, said his business gets hurt when the street is closed. He'd like to see the Antique Dealer's be more flexible. The weekend is a high volume business time for him.

M/s, Yarish/Chignell, to approve item (a) for October 8 and continue the minutes of October 1, and approval of item (b). Ayes: All.

M/s, Yarish/Chignell, to approve consent agenda item (c). Ayes: Breen, Chignell, Kroot, Yarish. Abstain: Hodgins. Staff was directed to look into Robert's Rules of Order to see if an abstention is appropriate here.

Hodgins said that many hours of negotiations have gone into this subject. She would like to see the Antique Dealers make a good faith effort toward finding alternative sites with a proposal that wouldn't impede the progress of the event.

Kroot said this ground has been gone over and this application reflects the discussion at the time.

Emily Dvorin, Various & Sundries, said she feels this Fair is an enhancement to her business.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO ROBSON HARRINGTON BOARD.

Town Administrator Pollard said the Council has interviewed three candidates to the Robson Harrington Board and there is one opening.

M/s, Chignell/Kroot, to nominate Anna Frost to the Robson Board. Ayes: All. Hodgens: Abstain.

Kroot said all three candidates were excellent.

8. UPDATE REPORT FROM SAN ANSELMO'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MARIN COMMISSION ON AGING, KAREN WHITTEN. (ORAL REPORT).

Karen Whitten, San Anselmo's representative to the Marin Commission on Aging, reported on activities of the Commission over the past year. There are a lot of elderly people in the Ross Valley. This Commission works to help these older people through a variety of programs.

9. ORAL REPORT FROM DRAKE STUDENTS REGARDING YOUTH VOTE '96.

Two Drake students reported that 42,000 Bay Area students participated in Youth Vote '96. The students reported the results for Drake voting, which included a landslide win for Clinton, support for more governmental spending regulations, and an almost evenly divided vote on the civil rights issue. Students showed overwhelming support for the marijuana for medical use proposition.

Hodgens asked that a copy of the Drake Youth Vote results be sent to Town Hall.

10. REPORT ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP ON TOWN'S COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS.

Mayor Breen said that he and Councilmember Hodgens are serving on a Council subcommittee on Youth in Town Government. They have determined that the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions are interested in having youth serve on these groups.

Hodgens said most Town committees meet once a month and they look into various issues affecting the community, such as open space, volunteer program, recycling issues, library, etc.

Bob Lenz, Leadership Academy, said a number of school groups require community service and this would be an excellent way of satisfying that requirement.

Chignell said the subcommittee has done an excellent job pulling this together. Most Town Council's consist mostly of older people and this is of concern to him. This is an opportunity for youth who might want to become involved in the governmental process to see how it works.

Several students in the audience commented that this seems like a good idea.

Lucky Phelps, SAVE Advisory Board Chair, said they are enthusiastic about having several members of the student population as voting members on their board.

11. UPDATE REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON USING TOWN MONEYS TO HELP PAY FOR A PART-TIME POLICEMAN.

Breen said this item came up when he met with the student body officers. He would like to hear student input on this subject.

A student asked why a police officer should be on campus when the police can be called whenever there's trouble.

Police Chief Del Santo said this is a retired police officer who will be a campus supervisor. The Superintendent of Schools recommended that this position be funded jointly by the Town and the School District.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, said she initially opposed this and is still concerned that this is an employee of the School District and she doesn't understand why the Town should be paying half his salary.

A student asked if the campus police officer had a problem with his retirement and that's why he could only work half the year. Police Chief Del Santo said that by hiring him on an independent contract he could spend the entire year on campus. It is beneficial to have a retired police officer because he knows the system and is able to work better than just an ordinary campus supervisor.

Bob Lenz asked if there is a continuing dialog with the school administration on this subject. He hasn't heard any talk from Administration.

Breen said continuing the dialog with the school administration would be the next step.

Hodgens said she voted against this because she wanted student input on how they feel about this issue.

A student said she feels there isn't a big need for a police presence on campus, but there is potential for problems. Another student said it can be positive for students to get to know a police person and have a good experience. Another student expressed support for the retired police officer. A student said having an officer on campus makes her feel they think the students are automatically guilty. One student said a police officer has more information and can be more helpful. We don't really need it but it's a good idea.

Tom Markum, Drake Teacher, said the campus doesn't need an increased police presence. Having a person like this who is helpful is great.

12. DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

Proposition 217 - a tax break on top income brackets benefitting school funding and local government

Proposition 218 - affects local government fees, taxes, and assessments

Measure A - Marin County 1/4 cent sales tax for parks, open space and agricultural land trusts

Town Administrator Pollard said Proposition 217 is a measure that would redress some funding takeaways with return of ERAF moneys. The Town would receive approximately \$77,000 more in funds if this measure should pass.

Kroot said he feels the entire ballot arguments should be included in the future.

Hodgens said she asked that Measure A be included as the Council was asked to take a stand on this.

Kroot said there should be some sort of policy on what issues the Council will take a position on.

M/s, Chignell/Kroot, to not take a position on any of these items. Ayes: Breen, Chignell, Kroot, Yarish. Noes: Hodgens

Hodgens said she would like to have Measure A removed from this motion.

13. UPDATE REPORT ON POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT.

Town Administrator Pollard reported that at the last meeting several options were discussed regarding coordinating recruitment services for a police officer. In discussing this with the County, they were willing to play a consulting role, but not divide the actual process up between the two entities. The consulting role did not serve the Town needs. The timing is the concern, so staff recommends we work with the County Personnel Department on this recruitment and impress on them the urgency of getting this done quickly. They have proposed hiring by the end of December, with an opening and continuing process to be pursued.

Police Chief Del Santo said he feels that this matter has been resolved satisfactorily with the County.

Chignell said he would hope the word would trickle down to the rank and file that this is going to be a positive experience.

Yarish said the Town could benefit from having an in-house human resources person to handle these tasks, handled within the restructuring of the Administration Department.

Breen asked about a review on how this contract recruitment process is going. Pollard said they had a round table discussion this morning with the County Human Resources Department at the staff meeting on this issue and she will report back next month.

Hodgens asked if this process is part of the Police Department's low morale. Del Santo said it is because of the long process and because of the amount of money being spent to do recruitments outside. Hodgens asked if it possible to address this issue proactively with the police staff. Breen said that dialog has started.

Hodgens asked for a periodic update from the Council subcommittee.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, said she understood that Town Administrator Pollard and other Town staff are handling negotiations. She asked if the County contract on recruitments is being discussed. Breen said we are asking staff to review the whole matter.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, asked if there is an end date to the contract. Pollard said there is a cancellation clause.

Hodgens said she understands we are planning to go with a full County recruitment, which is different from what is being talked about now.

M/s, Hodgens/Chignell, to authorize Town staff to continue to work with the County Resources Department, to create an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer and Dispatcher, and encourage the County to carry out this process as soon as possible. Ayes: All.

13A MEASURE G SIGNS

Pollard said the staff met with the Measure G Monitoring Committee regarding publicity and it was decided that individual door hangers be placed on properties to be affected by paving and drainage work, plus a "Measure G - It's Working" sign displayed at the end of the project. Putting the signs up during the construction didn't work out well from a community reaction point of view. Notices were also placed in the local paper regarding where work was scheduled. Another idea has come up to put signs up instead of the door hangers.

Chignell said the signs on Suffield are poorly done. The signs should be done better.

Breen said he has heard that people want the Measure G sign while the construction work is going on.

Kroot said it would be good to get Measure G recognition out there while the project is going on.

Hodgens said she would like something out while the work is going on.

Louise Mathews, Foothill Road, said the cost of the signs is taking money away from projects. She suggested putting a sign at the hub announcing all work in progress. She has heard complaints from residents that they can't ask questions, but are referred to the County of Marin and are not getting answers.

Chignell requested this issue be sent back to staff. Pollard said staff will begin work tomorrow on improving signs.

14. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Debbie Stutsman