

In the absence of Chairman Merritt Webster the meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Commissioner Donald Works presiding.

Present: Commissioners Works, Meyerink, Thomas, Alsfnes and Sharp
Absent: Commissioner Webster.

Commissioner Works called for the reading of the minutes of the meeting of August 6, 1945, which were voted accepted as read.

Commissioner Works stated the main purpose of the meeting was to further consider the proposed plan for revising the San Anselmo business district, as outlined by tentative blue print plan now being considered and publicly exhibited, and stated the meeting was open for general discussion by anyone present.

Mayor Von Rotz stated the City Council had given the matter considerable thought and had enlisted the aid of the County Planning Commission technicians in working up plans for consideration and of those submitted the present plan seemed the less expensive and most practical to meet the present and future needs of the town. The Mayor stated the City Council felt before adopting this or any other plan that any such plan should have full publicity and an opportunity given for endorsement by the City Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, service clubs and other organizations representing the business interests of the community.

Mr. Knox, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that it had been the intention of calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors for this evening but on account of the absence of a number of the Directors from the city it had been postponed, but that he felt personally that the Board would favorably endorse the plan.

Mr. Wm. Peters, Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce stated he was in favor of a plan to relieve the business congestion but in talking with others he had gathered the impression that those concerned would want to know more fully as to the estimated cost of putting the plan into effect.

Mr. Wallace Meyers was called upon to give information relative to steps necessary to take to legally get the plan going. He stated there were provisions in the code for adopting a Master Plan by cities of this type through Street Improvement Acts and condemnation proceedings following adoption of the plan by the City Council, and that while there would be naturally considerable expense he was not in position to state a definite amount as that could be arrived at even only approximately by qualified appraisers.

Mr. Ray Overdick mentioned that it would be difficult at the present time to give an accurate estimated figure of cost and that an estimated figure of in the neighborhood of \$500,000. would be only a guess. He called attention to one concrete store building being just started and several others contemplated in the area being considered and stressed that no time was to be lost if the present plan was to be accepted.

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Councilmen Richard Love and Frank Monte both addressed the meeting stating they felt it necessary that some action be taken to avoid increasing congestion in the business area and to allow for future business expansion but particularly called attention to the fact the City Council was anxious to have the present plan given full publicity and opportunity for endorsement by all public minded organizations as a guide to the council before the plan came before the council for final adoption.

Mr. Frank Theron, Manager of the Bank of America, San Anselmo Branch, stated the plan as exhibited had attracted considerable attention and comment both pro and con and that most people seemed to favor some such plan but desired additional facts as to costs.

Supervisor Fasselmann stated years previously he had considered a somewhat similar plan for revamping the business district but in a different location, but he considered the present plan as practical and had ideas as to how it could be financed, which he would be pleased to go into at greater detail later.

Commissioner Craigie S. Sharp stated, speaking personally for himself and not for the Planning Commission as a whole, he was in favor of the present plan as outlined and was in favor of the Planning Commission taking the lead in sponsoring it in order that it might be brought before the City Council and other community organizations for consideration, previous to a called meeting of the general public for a hearing. He felt the business men of the town should have an early part in endorsing the plan through the Chamber of Commerce and without such endorsement by the business interests the plan would not meet with the approval of the community. He stated this was the simpler and less expensive of several plans considered and was in his opinion about as simple as could be considered for a Master Plan for the future with allowance for portions of the plan to be put into effect as most urgently needed and funds could be provided.

Mr. Miller, of the Vapor Cleaners and Mr. Eric Wilson, addressed the meeting as favoring a plan to relieve business and traffic congestion following which a recess was declared for fifteen minutes to allow those present to inspect and discuss a large detailed drawing of the proposed plan, which had been prepared by the County Planning Commission technicians, whose help had been solicited as being the best available and with a view that any plan adopted by the city of San Anselmo would advantageously tie in with other city and county street and road arrangements for advantageous handling of through traffic and water run off.

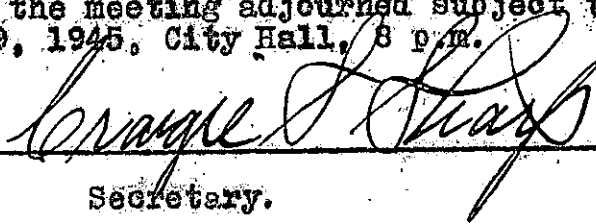
Following this recess the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Works. Commissioner Sharp, seconded by Commissioner Meyerink, moved that in the absence of Chairman Webster, the final vote for approval of the Master Plan be considered for action at a meeting to be held Monday, Oct. 29, 1945 at 8 p.m. in City Hall of San Anselmo, so as to give an opportunity for a full meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A petition containing some twenty names favoring the erection of triple apartments by Walter Singleton, Jr. and his wife Florence H. Singleton on the rear of their property within block 88 lot, Bush Tract, was called to the attention of the Planning Commission for preliminary consideration was in order. It was found the petition was not in proper form, incomplete and provided for spot zoning of a new small district, contrary

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to the adopted policy of the Planning Commission opposing spot zoning. It was suggested that the Singletons be recommended to consider taking in enough adjoining area so as to become part of the Yolanda rezoned district before presenting the petition to the commission for final consideration. On motion of Alsnes, seconded by Meyerink the present petition was denied.

On motion of Commissioner Sharp the meeting adjourned subject to meeting as scheduled for Oct. 29, 1945, City Hall, 8 p.m.



Secretary.

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