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City of Sebastopol City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 15, 2016

6:00 pm - Convene Regular City Council Meeting, Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, Ca

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Notice: All resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda are waived of all reading of entire resolution(s) and ordinance(s).

The Sebastopol City Council welcomes you to its meetings that are generally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Your interest and participation are encouraged and appreciated.

A notice of the meeting was posted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2016.

6:00 pm Convene Regular City Council Meeting, Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, Ca

Call to Order: Mayor Gurney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Gurney
Vice Mayor Glass
Councilmember Eder
Councilmember Slayter
Absent: Councilmember Jacob
Staff: City Manager-City Attorney Larry McLaughlin
City Clerk Mary Gourley
Building Official Glenn Schainblatt
Engineering Manager Henry Mikus
Finance Director Ana Kwong
Fire Chief Bill Braga
Planning Director Kenyon Webster

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Gurney led the salute to the flag.

PROCLAMATION(S)/PRESENTATION(S): None

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Announced the Fiddler on the Roof at Analy High School
- Announced the Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival

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Councilmember Slayter announced that the Sebastopol Area Senior Center Transportation Coordinator, Dean Brittingham, was nominated and has a strong chance of winning a Bay Area Metropolitan Transit Authority Award for Seniors in Motion. He stated this is a big honor and congratulations to Dean.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on items that are not listed on the agenda. This time is set aside to receive comments from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda, but related to City Council business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, however, the City Council cannot consider any issues or take action on any requests during this comment period. Speakers are allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes so that all speakers have an opportunity to address the City Council. The Mayor has the authority to limit the time allowed for speakers dependent on the amount of speakers in attendance. It is the goal of the Council to conclude the public comments portion of the agenda within 30 minutes. If the public comment period exceeds twenty minutes, the presiding officer, typically the Mayor, reserves the right to reduce the time per speaker or carry over public comments to after all business items are completed.)

There were none.

STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (This is the time for the Mayor or City Councilmembers to indicate any statements of conflicts of interests for any item listed on this agenda) There were none.

Consent calendar items are routine matters or matters which have been reviewed by the City Council previously. These items may be approved by one motion without discussion unless a member of the City Council requests that the item be taken off the consent calendar. Items removed from the consent calendar will be taken up upon completion of action on the remainder of the items on the consent calendar.

Vice Mayor Glass moved and Councilmember Slayter seconded the motion to approve Consent Calendar Items Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Jacob
Abstain: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM(s):

1. Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)
City Council Action: Approved City Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016
Minute Order Number: 2016-063
2. Approval of Resolution Appointing the Engineer of Work and Directing the Preparation and Filing of the Engineer's Report and Describing Potential Changes to the City of Sebastopol's Lighting Special Assessment District for FY 2016-2017 (Finance Director)
City Council Action: Approved Resolution Appointing the Engineer of Work and Directing the Preparation and Filing of the Engineer's Report and Describing Potential Changes to the City of Sebastopol's Lighting Special Assessment District for FY 2016-2017
Minute Order Number: 2016-064
Resolution Number: 6074
3. Approval of Resolution Adopting Comprehensive Memorandum of Understandings Sebastopol Police Officers Association (SPOA) (City Manager/Finance Director)

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City Council Action: Approved Resolution Adopting Comprehensive Memorandum of Understandings Sebastopol Police Officers Association (SPOA)

Minute Order Number: 2016-065

Resolution Number: 6075

4. Approval of Amendment to City Manager Employment Contract (City Manager)

City Council Action: Approved Amendment to City Manager Employment Contract

Minute Order Number: 2016-066

Resolution Number: 6076

5. Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance for modifications to the City of Sebastopol's Building Ordinance, Municipal Code Section 15.16 thru 15.32 regulating the procedures for flood plain management Regulations (Building Official)

City Council Action: Approved Adoption of Ordinance for modifications to the City of Sebastopol's Building Ordinance, Municipal Code Section 15.16 thru 15.32 regulating the procedures for flood plain management Regulations

Minute Order Number: 2016-067

6. Approval of Letter of Support for SB 1030 (McGuire) – Sonoma Climate Protections - To remove the sunset date on the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) (Mayor Gurney)

City Council Action: Approved Letter of Support for SB 1030 (McGuire) – Sonoma Climate Protections - To remove the sunset date on the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA)

Minute Order Number: 2016-068

7. Approval of Traffic and Air Quality Impact Studies, Piazza Hotel Project, 6826, 6826, 6824 Depot Street (Planning Department)

City Council Action: Approved Traffic and Air Quality Impact Studies, Piazza Hotel Project

Minute Order Number: 2016-069

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING(s): None

REGULAR CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION):

8. Discussion and Action of Request from Carol Watanabe, Sebastopol Library Art Curator, for Placement of Banners on the City Library (City Manager/City Clerk)

City Manager McLaughlin presented the staff report recommending the City Council discuss and provide direction to staff on the Request from Carol Watanabe, Sebastopol Library Art Curator, for Placement of Banners on the City Library.

Amy White, representing Carol Watanabee, commented as follows:

- Works on the Library Arts Curating Committee
- Currently doing two installations a year of the arts projects
- Suggesting rotating the banners one every six months if it is well received; however, suggested doing this one time and leave it hung for six months as a trial
- Discussed the process of reaching out to schools, request submission of art work from children, rate those and then select work that would look good
- Stated they are looking to have different representations from the area
- Stated they will reach out to Sebastopol area schools
- Photographs of the art projects will be printed on vinyl banners (weather proof)
- Will work with whomever is appointed to work on the outside of the buildings on hanging the art work banners

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- Hang on the exterior of the buildings
- Possibly with hooks installed into the hooks

Mayor Gurney questioned how the banners will hang.

Ms. White stated the banners will hang flat against the building.

Mayor Gurney questioned where the title Sebastopol Library Curator comes from.

Ms. White commented as follows:

- Stated the Sebastopol Library has an arts committee that selects work from local artists and then in Annex of Library there is an art show that is held about every six months
- Stated the project stays up for about one month

Mayor Gurney questioned if the people who will pick the art is from that same group.

Ms. White stated that is correct.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Clarified if these are outside banners
- Clarified if this is a permanent installation with rotating displays every six months

Ms. White commented as follows:

- Stated they would like start with one time placement of banners for six months and see how they are received
- Stated if they are successful they will ask for permission to replace the banners with other art project banners
- Stated they will work with the Library and others when other banners need to be installed
- Stated they will work with others to bring down their banners when other information needs to go up

Councilmember Slayter questioned which locations the City uses for banner locations.

Staff indicated that the East and South side are used for banner installations.

Mayor Gurney stated the Friends of the Library and Library itself use the south wall as well as the City. Mayor Gurney questioned when would be the start date for the installation of the banners.

Ms. White commented they would like to solicit art projects from the youth prior to the end of the school year so they are proposing to have them finished by June with installation to be from July through the end of the year.

Mayor Gurney commented that she would be interested in a six month trial basis and then having this item return to the City Council for the information to be shared of the outcome of this project and then the Council can make a similar decision at that time and create a policy if needed.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Marsha Sue Lustig commented as follows:

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- Great idea to cover that building
- Discussed this is public art and it is art coming from public agency
- Does not open door to private sign requirements
- Excited about it
- Easy for them to work with Matthew Rose to not conflict with other programs or banners
- Great idea
- Like the idea of colorful stuff on that building
- Better than what is there

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Discussed public art
- Stated he has seen the Library's public arts shows and is comfortable with that body as selectors for this art
- Stated the City has a Public Arts Committee that may be utilized
- Might be appropriate to bring them into the conversation either at this level or at level of choosing the art
- Questioned if the banners are to be purchased by the Friends of the Library

Ms. White stated right now they will be privately funded by Carol Watanabee.

Councilmember Slayter stated that is extremely generous.

Ms. White commented as follows:

- Would like to have a fundraising campaign in the future to help support this program
- Discussed art for young people in Sebastopol needs to be supported on a greater level
- Stated she would like to be more involved in arts in the community

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Only cost essentially is two hours to hang and one hour to take down
- Six man hours estimate for City
- Comfortable asking that cost be included in the Public Works budget to cover that time
- Stated he agrees with the Mayor's comments about looking at this again in six months
- Stated he is concerned with the number of banners
- Stated to have those banners there permanent with that number of banners may lead to a sense of being overwhelming

Vice Mayor Glass moved and Councilmember Slayter seconded the motion to approve the request to proceed with the project of installation of banners for the Sebastopol Library Children's Art Project on the Sebastopol Library on a trial basis through the end of the year and to receive feedback from all users and have this item return to the City Council at the beginning of the next calendar year to determine continuation of this program.

Discussion:

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he went to a presentation where 50 kindergartners were asked who can draw and all raised their hands; stated 50 high schoolers were asked who can draw and 10 raised their hands; and stated 50 adults were asked who can draw and 1-2 raised their hands
- Important to encourage art before people talk themselves out of being artistic

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- Stated we convince ourselves we are not artistic as we get older
- Might work to install horizontal grip for the banners and provided a photo of a grip
- Stated this would cut down on number of people hours
- Stated they are adaptable and stated weights can be put on the bottom of the banners
- Stated there would be no ropes stretched all over the building
- Thought for installation purposes might be useful

Mayor Gurney questioned if that is a detail that the Council could direct to the Public Works and Art Committee.

City Manager McLaughlin stated staff will review it to see if it will help facilitate the banner installation process.

Mayor Gurney questioned if this was purchased, who would pay for the equipment.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated it would facilitate installation of any banner
- The City could pay for it – not very expensive
- Future banners (track would be there for future banners)

Mayor Gurney questioned what if it was not being used, would it be attractive on the building.

Councilmember Eder stated it is a strip of metal one and a half inches.

City Manager McLaughlin stated staff will look into this.

Councilmember Eder commented if recurring banner installations are occurring on the building, this would be a method to receive the rotating banners.

Mayor Gurney questioned if this can be referred to Public Works.

Councilmember Eder stated yes.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Jacob

Abstain: None

City Council Action: Approved approve the request to proceed with the project of installation of banners for the Sebastopol Library Children's Art Project on the Sebastopol Library on a trial basis through the end of the year and to receive feedback from all users and have this item return to the City Council at the beginning of the next calendar year to determine continuation of this program. Minute Order Number:2016-070

9. Discussion and Action of Request from Sebastopol Village Building Convergence (VBC) for Approval of Project Proposals for the 2016 VBC event to be held April 15-24, 2016 (Planning Director)

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Planning Director Webster presented the staff report recommending the City Council review and consider the proposed conditional approval of selected projects as proposed by the Sebastopol Village Building Convergence for 2016 VBC Event.

The Council discussed the proposed projects:

Project 1: Repainting street murals. The original paintings were accomplished in the prior round of VBC projects. As this would occur on public property, an Encroachment Permit is a requirement of the Resolution. No application has yet been submitted. Since the works were previously approved and accomplished, it does not appear necessary for the project to provide petitions documenting community support, however consultation/notice with affected businesses and property owners should occur. The project is an artwork on public property. One member off the Public Arts Committee expressed concern about the quality of paint used in light of the rapid deterioration of one of the paintings. Staff noted that some of the deterioration was likely weather-related, with one painting having been accomplished shortly after a rain event.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Voiced concern with the quality of paint and questioned if it is sufficient
- Stated there was an issue with the mural in the Barlow
- Stated the issue had to do with the rain that happened in the morning and then the sun came out and there was an issue with the paint
- Discussed requirement for barricades for street closure
- Stated notification to businesses and neighbors of the project would need to be done

Mayor Gurney questioned Dana Vallarino if they intend to paint the one deeper in the Barlow.

Ms. Vallarino commented as follows:

- Stated she did not paint any of them, the entire community painted the murals
- Stated she created the design and helped paint that day
- Discussed organizing the people to paint
- Stated she designed all three murals except the fish and footprints
- Agreed the rain was an issue as well as this was newer pavement, but the paint was all the same paint
- Not able to clean it as much because of the rain
- Barlow is not looking for repainting that mural

Councilmember Eder commented that the end result is that the mural in Barlow does not look very good and detracts from the street scape.

Ms. Vallarino suggested painting over it possibly in black.

Councilmember Eder stated this has been done in Portland, where it rains heavily, and the weather is worse than ours, and questioned if VBC can contact Portland and find out what kind of paint they are using.

Ms. Vallarino commented they are using the same paint that VBC is using and that Portland has provided VBC recipes on how to mix the paint. She stated that last year they recommended someone using a power washer to wash the streets before painting, but the City was not in favor of

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doing that. She stated it should be repainted every year. She also stated this is not about painting murals, but is about a community coming together to reclaim space and feel part of the community less than creating a lasting piece of art.

Mayor Gurney commented the community members feel ownership of the fish.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

Andrew Levis commented that he supported this project.

Councilmember Eder questioned if this is to be done in two big paintings in two separate days.

Ms. Vallarino stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder questioned if it is VBC's intention to block off that whole length of McKinley on both days or will it be blocked off in little pieces.

Ms. Vallarino commented they are looking to trying to make the closer times smaller.

Councilmember Eder commented that Brown Street should be made available for access by cars and stated he would like to see less time for closure of the street.

Vice Mayor Glass stated that as she was reviewing the staff report and proposals, she is confused as to the points of contact and stated it would be a benefit from having someone who is the project leader identified for each project. She stated it would be helpful to know who the responsible person is for each project, who is the interface, etc.

Cassandra Ferreira, VBC, commented as follows:

- Stated Sebastian is the point person for the entire proposal
- Stated she believes that there are designated contacts for each of the projects
- Stated she recalls that in 2014, VBC did provide a contact person for every project as part of the process
- Stated it is clear that a point person should be identified earlier in the process for the next proposal for next year

Vice Mayor Glass voiced concern with not having this information sooner in the process and stated that City Staff need to be able to find the right people if they need to address issues during the process of the application or during the project.

The Council was in consensus for support of the project.

The following general comments were made prior to further discussion of the proposed projects.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he supports what VBC has done, is doing, and what they hope to do
- Stated he is distressed that the staff report contains so many items of no plans, no specifics, no permits applied for, etc.
- Stated there are 20-30 things that need to be complied with
- Stated he is disappointed that this is the cart before the horse again

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- Questioned what kind of time lines is the City talking about for these proposal
- Stated working from the event date and backwards, are these projects feasible to get through the permit process
- Stated the City gave the VBC a free pass the first time, but now the City is in crunch time again

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the application is in better shape than it was last year
- Stated the event is to take place in one month
- Stated the applicant will need to provide the application permit, fee and insurance
- Stated the applications for the encroachment permit and special events permit should be applied for asap
- Stated the insurance documents are sometimes a challenge
- Stated that VBC does have experience from this from last year
- Stated the time frame does put a crunch onto the city
- Stated the City needs specifics on how these projects will be accomplished

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Questioned if it is accurate to say that no project is complete at this time
- Questioned if it is accurate to say that none of the paperwork is complete at this time
- Stated he had hoped that it would have been the lesson learned from the first time around
- Stated the City moves at a certain place for processing of applications
- Stated he hopes that staff can inform the Council as to which projects have issues and are not feasible with the remaining time
- Stated it is not fair to the Council or staff to jump through hoops

Mayor Gurney questioned what is it that the Councilmember Eder would like to see tonight from staff.

Councilmember Eder stated that it would be good for the Council who are the decision makers to know from staff what is or what is not easily accomplished proposed projects that can be permitted in the remaining time prior to the event.

Vice Mayor Glass commented on the statement in the staff report that City staff provided comments on each project, identifying the need for more specific information on a number of projects, requesting demonstration of community outreach as required by Resolution 6037, and identifying issues with several projects.

Mayor Gurney stated if the Council is formally approving these proposals tonight, there is the expectation of work that needs to be met before the project can go live.

Vice Mayor Glass stated there are some unrealistic projects that may be able to proceed with the overall schedule.

Mayor Gurney stated that it looks like there are seven items tonight that may be able to move forward.

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

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Stated she did go through the staff report

- Stated it is not about defending VBC, but stated that the last VBC event has a tremendous amount of energy to get those projects underway
- Stated it was determined that it was an unsustainable level
- Stated when it got going again in the Fall of 2015, it was determined that planning over the summer is not the best idea and they proposed to have the event in the Spring similar to Portland
- Stated there was the expectation of more school involvement if done in the Spring
- Stated it was suggested to start planning over the winter
- Stated they have done their best and put the expectations on the proposers
- Asked the Council for patience
- Stated they hope to get it better and smoother every year
- Stated they will get a jump on the encroachment permit and get it in tomorrow

Project 2: Nature Connection Youth Hub. The project description and locations are unclear. It appears this project is probably ephemeral in nature, but specific information is needed. Given the scale of what is described, a Special Events Permit appears needed if activities would occur in a City park. No application has been filed.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated there are no specifics for this project
- Stated the project appears to be in a public park
- Stated the description of the even sounds like it should not be an issue
- Stated a special event permit will be needed
- Stated he hopes to receive more details in the next month

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated it is unclear what this is
- Stated he does not know if it is something temporary or permanent
- Stated there is no site located for this project

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

- Stated this should be part of the educational programming part of VBC
- Stated it could be done at the Grange
- Stated she thinks it would be wasting the Council's time tonight to have the item on this list

Councilmember Slayter clarified if this event will be held outside of City limits at the Grange.

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

- Stated that is very likely
- Stated if it within City limits they will put it on the Special Event Permits application
- Stated it is an event of kids gathering in the Laguna to learn about the Laguna
- Stated there is no building of anything taking place

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated the application states: to host games, teach skills, and to have vibrant places to go when bored

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- Thanked the applicant for clarifying what this event is about

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated this event will happen only during this week only
- Stated it is perceived as being an event
- Stated if it is an event, it will require a special events permit
- Stated it may happen at the Grange with the roll out education programs
- Stated the event needs to provide contact names, addresses, emails, etc.

Councilmember Slayter commented he is comfortable with this event if it is what was just described as a group of kids gathering in the Laguna and if it is in City limits, it needs to be part of the permit.

The Council was in consensus to support this project.

Project 3: Robinson Road. The March 9 submittal shows two alternative street locations for a roadway mural, and also provided a design. The submittal also identifies a bench and a mobile book exchange as part of the project. The bench would be located on private property. A petition of support is required. The mobile book exchange cannot be parked on a public street for longer than 72 hours unless the Police Department approves a limited exception approval. If the mobile book exchanges meets the definition of a 'trailer' under state law, it would need to be licensed by the State of California. Painting of the mural requires a Block Party Permit from the Police Department. If roadways are fully or partially blocked, a project representative is required to be on-site at all times the barricades are present. No block party application has yet been filed. Information on how the project will be executed should also be provided.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the painting or bench needs to go through the neighborhood notification process.

Director Webster commented that the painting is supposed to have substantial neighborhood support provided to the City with the application.

Mayor Gurney stated it is her understanding that the bench is to be located on private property at Two Acre Woods.

Marty Roberts, Dana Vallarino, and Maggie Fleming, proposers, commented as follows:

- Discussed the contact person and team of people involved
- Stated it will be on private property
- Stated they have 24 signatures from neighbors who support this
- Stated they have not heard of one person who does not want this
- Stated they will continue to knock on doors
- Discussed fundraising for the event
- Stated there is a lot of community support
- Stated they will submit a block permit application tomorrow
- Stated they will be blocking of part of the road, and there will still be access
- Stated they showed the neighbors the design created
- Stated everyone is excited
- Stated a suggestion to add an apple to the design was proposed
- Stated the design was inspired by Cindy Stefenoni

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- Discussed safety and stated this will help to slow traffic down on that street
- Stated this will be right in front of Cindy Stefenoni's house and stated she has been attending the meetings and is excited about this

Councilmember Slayter stated he likes the design of the bench with a dog bowl.

Marty Roberts stated this bench will be at the entrance to Two Acre Woods.

Dana Vallarino commented as follows:

- Discussed the mobile book exchange
- Stated they are not sure if they want this permanent
- Stated they like the idea of moving this around
- Suggested that it can be in the Apple Blossom Parade

Maggie Fleming commented as follows:

- Stated this was made from an old phone booth
- Stated it actually has a phone in it
- Stated they are looking to register it as a trailer if it does not work out on private property

Mayor Gurney clarified that it may be licensed or not licensed, and it may be located on private property.

Councilmember Eder commented on the bench and questioned if the City bears any responsibility for the design or durability of the bench and is the City liable if a claim is presented if the Council approves this project.

Director Webster commented that if it is on private property, the City is not liable.

Councilmember Eder stated he is concerned of this being mobile; stated it will need to be registered; and will have to have proof of insurance if it is to be registered. He voiced concerned with it being mobile and people of any age having some malicious mischief intent of stealing it or moving it.

Ms. Vallarino commented it will be designed to be locked from moving and stated that Sebastian has experience with this and has a contingency plan.

Councilmember Eder voiced concern with this being mobile and having the ability for someone to push it out into the street.

Ms. Fleming commented that it will be immobilized. She stated it will also be heavy and will have shelves built into it.

Mayor Gurney questioned how it would lock.

Ms. Fleming commented it will lock at the wheel or bottom of the trailer so that it will not be able to be moved.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

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- Questioned if this will sit around for a length of time and moved infrequently, he suggested that it should be on another type of base
- Stated he should be kept out of the street as it would create a liability
- Stated it is not illuminated
- Questioned the requirements for reflectorized surfaces so that people see it at night
- Stated it would be an extra hassle to put it into the street rather than have it in someone's yard
- Read excerpt from staff report "This mobile placemaking trailer would move around periodically and frequently live on private property"

Ms. Vallarino stated it is a great suggestion to just make it permanent and make it look like a phone booth.

Mayor Gurney stated she was okay if this was on private property only.

Ms. Fleming stated they would like the opportunity to apply to make it mobile, but agrees that the time line does not work for this year and may try for a permit for the next year's event.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Thumbs up for the street painting
- Supports the bench on private property
- Supports the book exchange on private property
- Stated he appreciates the cleverness of the phone booth for the book exchange

The Council was in support of the project as follows:

- Supports Painting
- Supports the bench on private property
- Supports the book exchange on private property

Project 4: City Bike Lanes. Withdrawn.

Project 5: Leland Street Farms. If on private property as appears to be the case, property ownership information and consent should be provided. A petition of support would be required if located on public property. Any structure also has to conform to setback, size and height limits of the Zoning Ordinance. No determination regarding conformance with code requirements is possible without submittal of a fully dimensioned plan. The March 9 submittal appears to show two structures (coffee/tea stand, and kiosk) that would violate Zoning Ordinance setback and height limits in the front yard setback area. The Zoning Ordinance standards state that an 'ornamental garden feature' may be permitted in a front yard, if located at least 5 feet from the property line, and is not more than 6 feet in height and 3 feet in width. The project should conform to these standards. Depending on the design of the built improvements, an Electrical or a Building Permit could be required. Planning Commissioners noted specific design information was lacking, and that there could be setback or other zoning issues. The project also proposes removal of an existing creek sign located in the public right of way. The existing placement of this sign appears appropriate and removal is not recommended.

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Councilmember Eder questioned if there are current activities on this site that do not conform to City regulations.

Mayor Gurney questioned which activities were being referred to.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the farm is a conforming activity as it is treated as a facility.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated there are issues about the types of animal that are on that property
- Stated this is zoned RSF – 1 – single family residential
- Stated the property is not in an agricultural zone
- Stated most residential zones allow chickens, dogs, cats, other domestic pets, but not horses, cows, pigs, etc.
- Stated there are also structures that are towards the front of the property that do not appear to conform to the height limits of the zoning ordinance

Councilmember Eder questioned is it accurate that if this project is approved, the City Council will be approving expansion of a non-conforming use.

Director Webster commented that those issues are separate from this application and that this proposal should be considered on its own merits. He stated that staff will be looking directly into these other issues

City Manager McLaughlin commented that at the present time, staff does not know what kinds of animals are located there.

Mayor Gurney commented that she went by the property and did not see any animals, but did see a red building and questioned the dimension of the proposed building.

Director Webster commented that he does not have that information, but given the concept, it appears to be larger than what the zoning ordinance allows.

Mayor Gurney commented when she saw the drawing, she saw what looked to be a building the size of a train car and that it is large for that area.

Nancy Prebelich, proposer of project, commented as follows:

- Handed the City Council information on her property
- Discussed the opening remarks to VBC process – stated there are missing details and that comment was astute and well deserved
- Stated as a participant felt waiting for more clarity of requirements was needed for purposes of the application
- Apologized for not supplying more information earlier
- Stated it is her property
- Discussed private property line versus Leland Street
- Discussed description of property
- Discussed two feet of reservation
- Stated she takes that to understand that the property extends two feet into the asphalt
- Discussed plot of where structures would be relating to this proposal

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- Read a prepared statement
- Discussed her home as a small reality for herself
- Selfishly built for herself
- Path to salvation
- Know animals
- Know land
- Know creek
- Know neighborhood
- Know culture (West Sonoma County culture)
- Neighbors pride themselves
- Coffee Tea Shack is a solution as much as evolution
- Enhance what is already happening
- Place for kids to hang out
- Way towards sustainability

Mayor Gurney asked Ms. Prebelich to address the proposal.

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated there is a small structure there
- Based on what read, set back 10 feet from property line, 8 feet back from road
- Is a foot and half behind the chain link fence structure that is there
- Idea is to remove and beautify that chain link structure
- Put easily removable decking where it is now to cover the drainage plate
- Provides the City access to it if needed
- Discussed removing the chain link
- Discussed leaving the poles
- Building self-contained seating structure
- Seating would be where chain link structure is now
- Shack would be where there is a structure right now
- Project would be to bring electrical and water to that side of the property
- Make it feasible to make this happen
- Done on a volunteer basis
- Discussed the Laguna Sign – stated she asked Public Works to put it on the other side of the road and was told it needed to be where it is
- Stated Public Works was instructed to put it where there is physical water
- Stated she waited until Engineering Manager Henry Mikus was on staff to follow up with him
- Stated she has done so multiple times
- Stated she was told there is an easement and was told that there was a public right of way
- Stated she has been asking for language of the easement but has not received it
- Stated her recollection is when the culverts were placed in was the need for the easement, not for the signage
- Stated she has never seen the language of the easement
- Discussed her thoughts of the original intent of the sign
- Stated the signs were voluntary not mandatory
- Stated she was informed from Andrew Bei (?) that any negative response to the sign means that the program is not doing its job

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- Asked to have the signs be put on other side of street
- Trying to offer compromise of building and information kiosk
- Like sign to look more like her house
- Not see any other signs placed in front of people's homes
- Stated other signs are on the sidewalk

Mayor Gurney questioned if the red building is the building that the proposer wants to convert.

Ms. Prebelich stated that is correct.

Mayor Gurney questioned the chain link fence that has arrows and dividers and questioned who installed that fence.

Ms. Prebelich stated the City installed the fence and the reflectors are facing the field and not the street.

Councilmember Eder questioned if the proposer is saying that the existing with the sky light is proposed to be repurposed is on private property.

Ms. Prebelich stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder questioned if it is back farther than the five foot setback of the property line.

Ms. Prebelich stated yes.

Councilmember Eder questioned the size of the building.

Ms. Prebelich commented that the building is 6 feet x 12 feet.

Councilmember Eder questioned who is going to maintain the building.

Ms. Prebelich stated she would maintain it.

Councilmember Eder questioned if supplies are being donated.

Mr. Prebelich stated yes.

Vice Mayor Glass questioned which sign is the proposer discussing and what does Andrew Bei (?) have to do with the sign.

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated the signage is from the educational campaign from the County
- Stated it was started by the Russian River Water Keepers and the signs were placed throughout the County
- Stated the program is voluntary and municipalities were brought into the project
- Stated there is no mandate for the signs
- Stated the signs are purely educational

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Mr. Gurney stated she believed the Water Agency did that program and the signs are available in every City.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated this was through the Russian River Water Shed Association
- Stated he was on the Board when these signs were ordered
- Stated they are placed at all the creeks in Sebastopol and there are several locations in town where the signs are installed
- Stated the signs were also custom made for the City of Sebastopol

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated the intention was to place them at locations where the public would not regularly think there is a water way there
- Stated such examples are creeks below underpasses such as on Stone Point road

Councilmember Slayter questioned where the proposer believes the setback of the south wall of the red shed is to the property line to the most generous interpretation of the property line.

Ms. Prebelich stated ten feet.

Mayor Gurney stated the proposer has indicated that the property line is in the street and she is taking the measurement from the street.

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez-Heaster, 7777 Bodega Avenue, commented as follows:

- Thanked the Council for staying open to the idea
- Discussed watching Sebastian discuss this item at the Planning Commission Meeting
- Stated the Planning Commission received the same materials that is being presented here tonight to the City Council
- Stated there has been no change
- Stated she has seen Nancy do a lot of dedicated work to answer the questions
- Questioned what are we doing here
- Stated we should be supporting this group
- Stated there is a lot of valuable work that is done
- Stated this is needed
- Stated we need to invest a little bit
- Stated she believes that Nancy provides good pieces and believes what is needed here in our little town is what makes it unique
- Stated this is told by the number of people who stop there and get educated
- Stated the little shack will begin to deepen our roots about what we are really about
- Stated we have little tribes but we don't have a clan
- Questioned where the heart of our little town is
- Stated we need to encourage the group and give value to what they are doing
- Stated we need to look and listen
- Stated the Council is asking fabulous questions
- Urged the Council to keep going as there are some important things here

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- Urged not letting this slip over our head
- Talked about rootedness
- Not get lost because we are going for the glitter rather than the earth sustaining us

Rachel Banks, Jewell Avenue, and Sarah, Petaluma Avenue, commented as follows:

- Are students at Brookhaven School
- Rachel met Nancy five years ago
- Rachel just moved from Santa Barbara and all new stuff for her here
- Not know difference between goat and sheep
- Taught so much
- Feel like part of family
- Best person ever met
- Think of as aunt
- Taught so much of everything
- Changed her
- Having the farm would be awesome
- Like own little community
- Sarah has known Nancy for little while
- First time went to farm learned so much from just one day there
- Always want to go back there
- Nancy teaches to the kids
- Having a little place for all of us to go and hang out there will make learning so much better and fun

Jacob Banks, Analy High School, commented as follows:

- Moved here about two years ago from Washington D.C.
- Used to living in a City
- Not know much about farm
- Walking around with his sister and saw Nancy's place
- Stated he has learned a lot
- Stated he keeps going back
- Helped pig have babies
- Learned so much about animals
- Great opportunity
- Stated Nancy welcomes everyone in
- Everyone enjoys it
- Special to have this place here in town
- Road side store thing would be nice
- People could come and hang out
- Learn more about farm and animals

Brandon commented as follows:

- Has not known Nancy for that long
- Nancy amazing and nice to everyone
- Believe it would be helpful and beneficial to have this little store to teach the community
- Teach about agriculture and animals
- Has taken care of the animals

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- Amazing to see animals grow
- Believe it would be nice to have that shack to teach people
- See more people there than see anyone at any other farm
- Cool to see people come up and see animals and pet them

Myers, Brookhaven School, commented as follows:

- Met Nancy and she is super nice
- Taught things to her
- Inspired to learn more about animals
- Helped her do stuff around – felt like doing something really good
- Really appreciate it
- Having this little place to hang out would be beneficial and would mean a lot

Suzanna Banks commented as follows:

- Lives on Jewell Street
- Kids going there for a few years
- Could not imagine lives without Leland Street Farms and Nancy
- No kid goes there without having a chore
- Constantly teaching them stuff
- Idea of community is encompassed here
- Has so much to do with community we are living in
- What kids are experiencing is wonderful
- Opportunity right around corner
- Could not imagine this if it was not there
- Not just neighborhood people but tons of people going by there all the time
- Asset to the City
- Wonderful thing in Sebastopol

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she can see how this was inspired by the VBC
- Project is meant to be community builder
- Bring together and create gathering spot
- Project may be way too big for the time line
- See as project that involves the placement and building of an accessory building
- Not sure it fits within regulations
- Not know if staff has figured this out
- Not sure of coordination with Public Works
- Concerned of moving forward in tight time line
- Not see reason to hustle that quickly tonight
- More complicated than what VBC considered
- Problematic right now
- Not know where property lines are
- Worried of doing something without understanding who has rights to what is on the ground

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

Concurs with the Mayor's comments

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- Questioned if the existing structure that is on the 4x4 fence is a size currently, or if that building has electrical or water added, this would trigger a building permit

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the building is probably below the size required for a building permit
- Stated an application for a building permit would need to be made for water or electrical
- Stated the structures as indicated have limitations as to where they can be located on the property
- Stated the City considers Leland to be the front yard of the property
- Stated this has a 30 feet setback
- Stated that accessory buildings are not permitted in the front yard setback

Councilmember Eder questioned if a building of that size does not require a building permit.

Director Webster stated he does not think so.

Councilmember Eder questioned if providing electrical or water would require a permit.

Director Webster stated that is correct.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he sees the conceptual idea of fitting in with the VBC
- Not sure it could meet the deadlines for this date specific event
- Stated it seems like there are a lot of things that need to be resolved
- Consider separately on quick time line
- Stated he does not believe that all requisite data is available to move this item forward tonight

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated she was inspired by the Coffee/Tea stand in Oregon
- Stated the VBC in Oregon did this
- Use what is already existing on the site
- Using structure on the site
- Is a simple project
- Most difficult thing is to get the electrical and water permit
- Stated it is her understanding that if on a block face there are so many properties that have had developments that have setbacks less than the minimum, they can do an average of those setbacks to get the setback

Director Webster commented that some zones do allow for that.

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated they are two on the top of Leland and Robinson
- Stated they are two properties that have face of building and steps to their front door is 8 feet from the property line
- Stated there is one on First Street where an old barn has a 10 foot setback
- Stated this would be the fourth in the near vicinity less than 30 foot setback

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- Stated the nature of the neighborhood is that there are neighbors that have established the precedent for the smaller setbacks

Mayor Gurney stated that issue cannot be resolved at this level and that it would need to go to the Planning Commission for a variance.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated there would need to be documentation of those setbacks of the block face
- Stated there would need to be verification from staff
- Stated he did not think the setback would be substantially less

Mayor Gurney voiced concern with the lack of understanding where the property line is and stated it may need to be surveyed as it is not clear.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Not want to see sign deleted
- Not in favor of removing the sign
- Discussed relocation of the sign if there was a Council consensus to relocate it and suggested putting it on the area of the side of the building where the coffee mug would be located
- Stated it would be present to drivers
- Stated it needs to be incorporated in some manner where it is visible and prominent
- Part of City branding project
- Questioned if for all projects, does the City have a nuisance or complaints procedures or abatement process in place for projects
- Questioned if over time, if the project was problematic, is there a way to abate them

Director Webster stated there is a recommended condition that the City Manager is authorized to request the project be modified or request initiation of relocation.

City Manager stated this condition is specific to VBC.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated if the projects are so successful that people are in the street this may cause an issue
- Stated if the trailer was moved to the street by vandals this may cause an issue
- Stated if any project had issues, it sounds like the City has the right to say that this was a great idea but it is not working out and it may have to be modified or abated

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated all projects have a condition of approval that the Planning Director just indicated
- Stated if conditions of approval for the use are violated, that permit can be revoked for this event
- Stated more generally, if it is an illegal use, the City does not have a speedy abatement process

Councilmember Eder questioned what if the event did not violate the original approval.

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City Manager McLaughlin commented that the City Manager can revoke the approval for the VBC approvals if it is found that issues are created.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this meeting has been very informative
- Been very informative
- Stated this has tweaked her brain of how we are getting into the suburban rut of beliefs or a mindset of what we are doing to neighborhoods
- Stated she did not think how this could be done, but stated it would be cool to do
- Stated it would get more people into the neighborhood
- Stated it would get people out their front doors and away from backward facing deck and shunning neighbors
- Stated this would bring everyone to be part of the community
- Think neat idea to have some kind of place for people to go in the middle of a neighborhood
- Interesting idea
- Stated it is a short time frame to get all figured out as part of VBC process
- Stated she believes our Planning Department needs to work on how to make this viable and stated that some things take longer than others
- Stated if we had more vibrant things happening in our neighbors that would be a good thing
- Stated we need to figure out the details
- Stated the City also needs to know if neighbors are not happy about the event
- Stated the City needs to know the neighborhood is happy

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Concurs with the Vice Mayor's comments
- Nice idea to have community gathering point in this location
- Stated it is a great idea
- Stated he was thinking back to youth and relationship and stated he had similar to the relationships to the types of relationship that Nancy has with the kids
- Stated facilitation of this is great
- Sense of community and cross generational connections
- Stated he received many emails from the community on this item
- Stated they were overwhelmingly in support of this project
- Stated however, as a representative of the City, the City does have a Zoning Ordinance that needs to be followed
- Stated with the representation comes the responsibility of complying with the Zoning Code
- Stated this needs a building permit
- Stated the City does not know the size of the shed
- Stated it may be on the edge of being allowed
- RSF-1 Zone and discussed permitted uses and conditionally permitted uses
- Stated the City has a generous approval rating for granting use permits
- If present case and well done and not community detriment, can get use permit
- Speaks to far beyond the one day thing
- Bigger legislatively than originally imagined
- Seems simple but is not
- Discussed community assembly and community education
- Stated he is in favor of those two uses

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- Have set of procedures as City has to go through to let the community weigh in if this is a use that others in the neighborhood want
- Hope community is in support of this
- In sticky wicket
- Three vote world he sees support but need some other boxes checked

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this need more boxes checked
- Stated there are good reasons to have to do things like that, and that sometimes it is a good idea to do something, but the quantity may be problematic
- Stated there are reasons there are rules
- Look at things individually
- Have to look at the big picture

Ms. Prebelich stated she official withdraws her project from the VBC event and will take the advice and feedback and work with the Planning Director to go through an independent and appropriate route.

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated time needs to be taken to figure out the details
- Stated which animals are a permitted use needs to be determined

Ms. Prebelich commented as follows:

- Stated the farm is not one static thing
- Stated the farm is a functioning thing

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated for the purpose of education for the support group in attendance, she stated there are reasons for rules and there are ways to be successful
- Stated she appreciates the applicant withdrawing this event from the VBC
- Stated she appreciates the willingness of the applicant to work with staff

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

- Stated this is an education process
- Stated this event is exactly what the VBC is made for
- Whether do in separate process or partner in another time frame, VBC's service to Sebastopol made richer by projects of Nancy and involvement of community
- Suggested a middle way to consider
- Suggested beginning the project by building a kiosk
- Not be whole but a piece in the greater vision but still allow VBC to nourish and support energy that is under way

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated that might be possible, but not sure it could be approved tonight
- Stated there may still be time to have it go through the process
- Stated if it needed special review of one project, the City Council does have a meeting prior to the event taking place

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- Stated the proposer can scale down the event and see what can happen
- Stated she will leave it with the proposer to stop and figure out what she wants to build and in what order

The applicant withdrew the request. No further Council action at this time.

Project 6: Natural Log Hives. In the original written description, project locations appeared not yet finalized; in prior comments staff had raised concerns about placement of this project in more urban parks, and suggested the Laguna Preserve might be more suitable. The updated exhibit indicates one location in the Laguna Preserve. Logs placed in the Laguna Preserve would need to be secured against flood movement. Planning Commissioners thought the planned location was workable. An Encroachment Permit is required; no application has been filed. More recently, VBC has indicated that the applicants are also seeking approval of a location at the Burbank Experiment Farm and possibly another location. No information about Farm approval for the concept or another location has yet been provided.

Councilmember Eder questioned if there are other agencies with jurisdiction over this area that the City would need clearance from.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the Open Space District does have an easement over the property
- Stated the scale of this improvement is so small and is not necessarily of scale to need to go to District and ask their opinion
- Stated staff send it to the Open Space District and see what they have to say
- Stated staff can condition the event to have concurrence of the Open Space District

Councilmember Eder questioned if it will take a take to transport that log and stated that driving a truck in that area is not allowed.

David Harris, proposer, stated that this particular hive is not a bee hive that is a pollinator habitat and stated when he scoped out the project he looked for access for a truck.

Councilmember Eder commented there is a prohibition against vehicular movement in the park and asked staff to clarify.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated that staff does drive maintenance vehicles along the pathways
- Stated that the Laguna Foundation does that also

Councilmember Eder questioned if staff does not see this as an issue.

Director Webster stated that is correct but it must be done at the right time of the year.

Mr. Harris commented as follows:

- Intended to install a habitat in the Laguna Park
- Intention with this particular hive natural log habitat (bee) is that there will not be any harvesting of honey
- Stated this is a wild pollinator habitat
- Creating ideal conditions for it

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- Stated this is a different sort of installation than one that is being done at the CERES project which will be a harvestable hive

Mayor Gurney clarified that this permit will be for the Laguna Preserve, but that the applicant will also be doing a project at the CERES garden at O'Reilly.

Mr. Harris stated he would also like to do a similar one at the Luther Burbank property.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Commended the proposer on the professionalism of the proposal submitted
- Stated it was clear and well done
- Stated there was no ambiguity
- Stated this was a good job

Mr. Harris commented as follows:

- Stated he does code enforcement in the County
- Stated he is an advocate for private parties
- Stated the earlier application presented (Leland Farms) is full of community enrichment
- Stated VBC involves public sentiment and enriches the environment
- Stated he appreciates Sebastopol for working through these issues

Mayor Gurney clarified that there are three potential locations: two are certain and one is not certain and that these will be structures that the bees will find.

Councilmember Slayter thanked the proposer for such a comprehensive application.

The Council was in consensus for support of Project Number 6.

Project 7: Libby Park Green Path. A petition of support is needed. A statement complying with Resolution 6037 B. 9 is needed. An engineered design is needed that shows compliance with ADA requirements, and that identifies trees, irrigation, any utilities, and grades in the proposed construction area. It is City staff's understanding that the end of Washington is private property; proof of an easement or other legal documentation that authorizes public access in that area is needed, or proof that the area is a public right of way. No plans for referenced potential bench or kiosk have been provided. An Encroachment Permit would also be needed. Even if these elements could be provided, due to review requirements, it is unrealistic for this project to proceed per the overall VBC schedule. Planning Commissioners expressed support for the project concept.

Andrew Levis, 7986 Washington Avenue, proposer, commented as follows:

- Discussed lack of petitions of support being submitted to the City
- Stated that requirement is very ambiguous
- Suggested creating a form and establishing actual measures
- Establish means and methods if holding people to 80 percent for support
- Stated generally everyone he talked to supports the project
- Stated that area is challenging for people
- Stated there are technical needs such as drainage and that is simply delaying the correction of what is a clear and present danger
- Have an opportunity to correct it during this coming week

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- Drain pipe is there that can accept water
- Discussed two different drawings in the application
- Discussed utilities – only talking of 3-4 inches of dirt removal and 3-4 inches of base rock
- City did recently in area of white fence
- Stated the City put this in without any technical drawings or engineering or drainage details
- Asked to make it a gentler slope and be one in twenty to be ADA compliant
- Will be an ADA compliant path
- Area is level enough not need to be over one in twenty
- Technical needs are vague but are not real reasons to discourage this from taking place at this time
- May be other reasons that he is not aware of
- No reason to reject this project
- Good City improvement
- Make it safer for people
- Become more pedestrian friendly
- Community building
- Much more beautiful for the area
- Benches can be delayed for later
- Stated this is a project to allow people to walk from one end to the other in safety

Mayor Gurney stated that she has walked this area many times and is questioning if the proposer is requesting that the City staff dig the grass out and put the rock in or does the proposer have volunteers or a team to do this.

Mr. Levis commented yes to either, but the question is where to get the money to do this.

Mayor Gurney questioned funding.

Mr. Levis commented as follows:

- Stated they submitted a grant to the Rotary Club
- Stated he is in conversation with a site contractor
- Have issue of what to do with dirt once removed
- Think drainage is an issue but not insurmountable issue
- City did not address drainage
- Drain pipe comes onto City property but City has stated they cannot put water into drop inlet
- Stated he is not sure the property owner is opposed to water going into that pipe

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she believes the petitions need to be submitted to the VBC
- Stated this is not something the City has imposed on the project
- Stated that requirement is part of the whole concept of the application as a community building project

Vice Mayor Glass commented the concern of the most issue is who actually owns the property.

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Mr. Levis commented that the Washington Avenue roadway is 40 feet wide and the existing neighbor put up a zero lot line fence. He discussed that the City owns the property near the white fence and that everything that is being done is being done in the park.

Mayor Gurney questioned if the property that is an old vacant lot, old apple orchard is a dedicated open space.

Director Webster stated he is not aware of which property is being discussed but that there is one property in that neighborhood that has a restriction on development.

Councilmember Eder stated he does not think the Council can move forward until the City knows what the property ownership actually is.

Mr. Levis stated the grass is owned by the City of Sebastopol.

Councilmember Eder questioned where is it determined or confirmed that the property is the City's.

Mr. Levis commented that the City has determined that this is their property when they put in the road base and dug out the dirt and put in a fence.

Mayor Gurney questioned if there is a place for a trailhead on the property.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated there is a utility easement that allows the City to do maintenance related to that
- Stated he has not seen the language of that or what it involves
- Stated he does not believe it involves pedestrian access

Councilmember Eder stated it is clear if the project were to proceed and not encroaching on any private property, but then at the end there is private property, the City does not have the right to encroach onto that private property.

Director Webster commented the City could not build a pathway up to private property and then imply it is okay to cross what may be private property. He stated what if the private property owner said no and stated there would be no point to the pathway.

Councilmember Eder stated ultimately the City would be holding the bag.

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated if this project were proposed by City staff, staff would have to complete a work up of the project
- Stated staff would have to analyze what rights the City has access to
- Stated staff would have to approach any private property owners and work out right of access
- Stated staff would have to work where to budget funds
- Stated all that is missing from this proposal

Mayor Gurney questioned the ADA compliance.

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City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Discussed ADA Compliance
- Stated this is very complicated and not as easy as it appears
- Stated he is not suggesting that it is impossible to do
- Stated this proposal is missing everything that needs to be done to analyze it

Mayor Gurney stated there are hydrological issues as well such as the Calder Creek Spring.

Councilmember Eder stated it needs to be made clear that as policy makers for the City, the City Council has the City's interest to protect and that is the foremost concern. He questioned if this stretch is part of the bike and ped master plan.

Councilmember Slayter stated it is in the Capital Improvement Program.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he is not sure if it is anted-octal or documented but stated he has heard there is some resistance to putting a bike path down Washington Avenue
- Stated this is one of the reasons for the justification to have buy in from the neighborhood
- Stated there is a mechanism for notification in place to notify the neighborhood of what is being proposed
- Stated VBC projects last year did not incur any participation financially from the City

Mayor Gurney stated this project is of great magnitude and questioned if it was worked up by the City and received bids, it could be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

City Manager McLaughlin commented the City would have to analyze the project and would have to budget for the project.

Councilmember Eder stated it was not his understanding looking at the VBC project list that the City would do the project and pay for it.

Mr. Levis stated that was not his expectation.

Councilmember Eder stated he may have misunderstood, but he thought he proposer stated that there may not have a place to put the dirt and it was the proposer's expectation for the City to provide materials and dig the dirt.

Mr. Levis stated it is a possibility as suggested by the Mayor.

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she did not suggest that the City provide the materials or dig the dirt
- Stated she asked what the proposer intended the City to do
- Stated she cannot commit City money to this project for this event
- Stated she would like to see a pathway built
- Stated people use this pathway all the time
- Stated it is more complicated than the VBC type of project
- Stated staff and Council have to balance it against other CIP projects that may have a differing priority than this one

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Mr. Levis stated he did not see a line item or budget for the work that the City did.

Mayor Gurney commented that the Public Works does have a maintenance budget that they use at their own discretion, but the Council talks of big projects that takes a chunk of money and that there needs to be a plan for that.

Mr. Levis stated there is no determination whether this is maintaining private or public property.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this project is on a larger scale than a VBC project
- Stated she has seen two projects that have the spirit of VBC but cannot necessarily be done in such a short time frame
- Stated these projects may need engineering for ADA
- Stated the City has been sued on ADA issues
- Questioned if we can out our thinking caps on and think of how we might use the VBC concept on an annual basis to pick out a few more projects where the City can get the community involved
- Questioned projects to leverage the community in town
- Questioned how we can figure out a process that takes the spirit of VBX and figure out how to do these projects within the function of the City

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she likes that idea
- Stated it keeps the spirit of the VBC running
- Discussed City projects
- Suggested projects that are small enough to start and finish and suggested businesses to volunteer
- Discussed the Rotary projects
- Suggested projects that can be done with volunteers

Mr. Levis commented as follows:

- Discussed looking at this as a maintenance issue
- Stated this is getting a path that is more safely passable
- Questioned why not make it a maintenance issue to complete 185 feet
- Stated this could be a day's project
- Urged the Council to direct staff to do this
- Stated it is obviously needed and is a hazard

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated this is a known issue
- Stated he understands how much more complex it is than a hand sketch indicates
- Stated it is more expensive than can be imagined to do it right and legally
- Stated this is not a VBC project

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she likes the idea of trying to figure out how to get this done

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- Stated it sounds like the Council is in consensus that this project is not a go for the VBC event

Councilmember Slayter stated he does not know if staff over-stepped their bounds with the work that they did.

Project 8: Bodega Avenue East-West Pathway. Pedestrian improvements at this location are desirable. However, this project would require engineered plans approved by the City; if public funds were used as described, would require compliance with public works contracting requirements; and would require an Encroachment Permit. The project appears to assume substantial City funding; no such request has been budgeted. City Council approval of this project and any City funding would be required. A petition of support is also be needed per the Resolution. A statement complying with Resolution 6037 B. 9 is needed. Depending on the project design, it appears probable that written approval by the owner of the adjacent private property would be required. These requirements and considerations appear to make this project unrealistic relative to the planned VBC schedule. In addition, the applicants should be aware that the City has been in discussions for a number of months with an affordable housing developer about City assistance to a potential development on this property. Any such development would be required to provide the desired sidewalk. Planning Commissioners noted the need for a pedestrian improvement at this location but indicated they were unclear about some of the project specifics.

Director Webster stated this project is similar to the previous project.

Mayor Gurney questioned if this is the proposed sidewalk on Bodega Avenue where the hill is.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- That the proposer is proposing some type of pathway
- Stated the area is problematic
- Stated it is noted in the staff report that the City is in discussion with a potential housing development from a nonprofit developer

Mayor Gurney questioned if that development would be access off Bodega Avenue.

Director Webster stated there would be no vehicular access off Bodega Avenue, but that there is an easement for access behind the condominiums.

Mayor Gurney questioned if the proposal would include sidewalk improvement.

Director Webster stated that is correct.

Mr. Levis commented as follows:

- Stated this project is not similar to the earlier proposal
- Stated this is to get a white line where the sidewalk ends
- Stated it is 11 feet from the center of roadway
- Suggested continuing the white line from the center to where the sidewalk starts again
- Suggested installing a traffic delineator along the white line that white line from center to where sidewalk starts again
- Create safe walk way for pedestrians

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- Not see any City standards of what these need to be
- Can get delineators and get brightly colored reflective tape and stick on delineator
- Can be decorated by residents
- Use as traffic slowing measure
- Dirt path is dangerous

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the project description was not described in the application
- Discussed the prior version of the application was for pathway improvement on the hillside
- Stated it was not clear that there was a change to the proposal
- Stated hearing the proposal and explanation tonight, it would certainly be a safety concern that would need careful evaluation by staff
- Concern of sanctioning people next to a road way
- Need some kind of traffic engineer analysis

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she has walked this area many times
- Surprised property owner tolerates this
- Difficult to walk
- Stated she has also walked in roadway
- Not think bollard would make any one feel different or safer
- Do not think that is safe enough
- Wish property owner would move project forward
- Would not walk out in the street
- Stated she has the same safety concerns
- Have same safety concern
- Stated this is not an intermediate solution for this area and is not right for elders
- Stated this is not safe enough

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated this is related to the whole problem with this street
- Discussed the request for a signal
- Look at how to solve this problem
- Think people with walkers having to walk within those bollards would be scary
- Stated she is not aware of any potential project there
- Stated she would like to find out more about that time line

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated the applicant is proposing an affordable housing project
- Stated the applicant is looking for additional funding
- Stated staff has talked with them of the potential use of city affordable housing money
- Stated the project would include a sidewalk
- Stated the applicant has not made a formal proposal for funding nor have they submitted a formal application for this project
- Stated staff did convey how much money is available but stated the applicant is looking for additional funding from other sources

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Mayor Gurney commented if this was the tiny homes affordable project.

Director Webster stated the concept at the last report was 4-5 single family ownership homes that were proposed to be small, but not necessarily tiny, and that Sonoma Land Trust was also to be involved with the project.

Mayor Gurney questioned if there was a way to encourage the developer.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated that indicated support for the concept and it seems appropriate for the site
- Stated with the limited amount of affordable housing funds the City has, this may be a project that the City may be able to help make a difference on

City Manager McLaughlin commented as follows:

- Stated the City has been encouraging to the developer
- Stated City staff has met with them at least twice
- Stated the developer has other challenges that they need to pencil out
- Stated the City has not seen anything formal submitted yet

Vice Mayor Glass questioned if there are any other potential partners.

Director Webster commented not of the type and size of this project.

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated he would not suggest riding a bike there
- Stated there is a need to fix it
- Stated it needs to be fixed right, but not by putting the bollards out there
- Stated it was not clear from the material presented what was planned until the proposer provided an explanation of his intent
- Stated he does not want to encourage people to go out into that zone
- Stated he thinks there is the potential for someone getting hit by car
- All it takes is one inattentive driver
- Not wise on City's part to encourage pedestrians to walk there
- Stated we need to protect the City's interest
- Stated he does not support this project

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Stated she is concerned as well
- Stated the Council needs to think of the City's liability
- Stated Sebastopol is a small City
- Stated if we do not spend a lot of money on making sure we are projecting ourselves, a lawsuit can eat up a huge amount of the City's budget
- Stated this is a dangerous spot and needs more than a line and some reflectors

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez-Heaster, 7777 Bodega Avenue, commented as follows:

- Stated this has to be addressed

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- Stated there are people already working on it
- Thanked the Council for working on this
- Voiced concern that VBC does not understand its parameters and is putting projects through that are not clearly invested in
- Want to support VBC
- Stated the projects are not wrong, but voiced concern for the amount of time and energy that has gone into some of these projects
- Stated it was pathetic at Planning Commission when this was discussed
- Questioned how do we invest time
- Stated it seems like there is not an understanding of this project
- Wonderful project
- Is not a simple answer
- Scary to walk up there
- Need to step back and see where the issues are and what we need to address
- Want to support VBC in being more successful but questioned how we want to use our time on these proposed projects
- Stated the projects have gone through two boards already
- Stated when new organizations start at times they do not understand their parameters
- Stated that needs to be looked at more
- Stated the City does want to see it succeed and get projects in the City
- Suggested the City keep talking and not give up, the also not waste time

David Harris, 291 Watertrough Road, commented as follows:

- Stated this area does have a lot of place for potential exposure
- Stated the sidewalk is not really a sidewalk
- Stated there are pieces of sidewalk that people run across through busy traffic to get to the Park
- Suggest the City do survey of most egregious places throughout community that are potential hotspots for exposure
- VBC – hopes the VBC manifest its event into an artist type of connection rather than engineering
- Suggested not taking on projects that require civil engineering and projects that incite feelings of enrichment
- Not know if VBC needs to better evaluate the projects or if the City needs to give better feedback
- With clear premise VBC can tackle more projects
- Have projects list that the City wants to work on in the coming years
- Want to do those projects through VBC

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

- Stated this is a messy process
- Stated she commends Mr. Levis for seeking a solution and taking responsibility for the town in a creative way
- Hard issue for City to figure out how to do
- Discussed legal liability issues
- Stated VBC is learning how to cultivate that public participation and stated it is a big public conversation

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Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated last year it was the first year and it was all brand new
- Stated it was quiet this last year
- Stated VBC is now restarting
- Stated the drop off of the momentum is problematic

Mr. Levis commented as follows:

- Stated the speed limit is 35 in that area
- Stated the City is concerned of liability in terms of making small improvements
- Discussed the City's liability of this dangerous situation now
- Stated bollards are not the perfect solution but stated lets now let that fact get in the way of making it better than it is now
- Suggested a curb or guard rail
- Stated this does not require tearing down the hillside and putting in an engineered walkway or sidewalk
- Stated the City is condoning it or encouraging people to walk in the dirt or in the road
- Suggested a barrier
- Stated he does not want to besmirch VBC
- Stated there is a dangerous situation on Bodega Avenue and a lot of people know it

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated the City has a list of sidewalk closure projects
- Stated these projects have been vetted through the community and is on our CIP list
- Stated those items will come back to the Council when the Council looks and reviews the budget
- Stated the Council at that time will make choices for the items in the budget

Councilmember Eder commented as follows:

- Stated even when the City does things the right way, we can get into trouble
- Discussed the lawsuit where trees shaded a crosswalk and the City got sued
- Stated this is a reality that the City government lives within
- Stated the time line for VBC events is not well known
- Stated the VBC should be sitting down with staff six months out prior to a VBC event to discuss proposals, identify deficiencies, then conduct a last meeting with the City 30 days prior to the event

Mayor Gurney commented that the City Council has spent two hours on this one item and does not see a consensus for support for this project.

The Council was in consensus to not support this project for the VBC event.

Project 9: Sebastopol Plaza Painting. Withdrawn.

Project 10: Community Loom, now Community Grief Space. The previous project description indicated that initially, there would be a ritual or ceremony. No details are provided regarding such an event and should be. This project appears to require a Special Events Permit; no application has been provided. The March 10 description and exhibits for this project also

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reference improvements or plantings. A specific proposal is needed before any such project could be authorized. Planting of willow cuttings in one of the pond areas appears to raise issues of how access to the planted area would be provided with steep-sided pond banks (if the area is proposed for on-going access, which is unclear); in addition, such plantings may not survive in the pond setting. A petition of support, and description of how the project would be accomplished are needed. Planning Commission review of any improvement project would be required. Both Planning Commissioners and Public Arts Committee members expressed support for the kinds of project ideas provided.

Mayor Gurney stated there is no name for a contact person or proponent of the project.

Cassandra Ferreira commented as follows:

- Stated this packet came to the VBC and they do not know a whole lot more than what is in the project
- Stated she believes the proposer wants to create an additional space in the community area that would be able to be a live Willow tree that could be woven year after year into a beautiful piece of natural art
- Stated Sebastian has experience with this type of event
- Discussed this the type of event for community buy in and that the public will be tending a living sculpture

Mayor Gurney suggested it would need to be in an area where it is not full of water.

Councilmember Slayter questioned if this is just the planting of a Willow tree or would another type of tree be better.

Cassandra stated they are hopeful to plant a Willow tree.

Councilmember Eder questioned if it matters if the City knows conclusively if they are planting the tree in a specific area or does the City care.

Director Webster commented as follows:

- Stated this is part of the Laguna Preserve
- Stated the City would like to control what happens out there
- Done this technique as restoration planting
- Stated it can work and can be appropriate
- Stated he has seen Willows that have been in the pond that die when the pond is filled with water for weeks
- Stated depending on the placement, access can be an issue when the ponds are mushy
- Stated the ponds also have deep sides
- Stated it is not the most appropriate place to regularly try to access

Mayor Gurney questioned if planting in the pond is okay with the City or should it be planted somewhere else.

Director Webster commented that the planting in the Preserve can be done with a Willow with a stick technique that can be appropriate, but stated he is skeptical if the Willow will survive.

Mayor Gurney questioned if there is a better spot other than the middle of the pond.

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Director Webster stated possibly there is some room in the triangle area behind the biggest ballfield near the channel.

Mayor Gurney suggested the overlook off the sidewalk on Morris Street and stated there is a mowed pathway that goes out there and the access is easy. She stated would beautify the area.

Councilmember Slayter commented as follows:

- Stated he had the same idea about the location
- Stated the images are provocative and this is a wonderful idea
- Sketch seems problematic location wise
- Suggested that it be planted along the banks of the northern most path
- Natural sculpture of tunnel as another location

Mayor Gurney stated she likes the interesting idea of a tunnel.

Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

- Loves the pictures presented
- Stated this seems like a cool idea
- Stated there are missing details
- Discussed that the potential location is an issue
- Questioned how this dovetails with the recently adopted Laguna Preserve Master Plan
- Stated it is a good idea of what they want to do
- Stated it may not be in the loop of the Laguna Preserve Master Plan
- Questioned if what they are proposing fits in with our big picture of the Laguna
- Stated she would like to see more details

Cassandra commented as follows:

- Stated she can take the Council's advice and get more information
- Questioned if this can be taken further with a few more steps
- Questioned if VBC can meet with someone who knows the Laguna Preserve Master Plan and choose an optimal location

Mayor Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she is comfortable with the event if that is the first step
- Stated she is comfortable with VBC exploring potential different locations
- Stated she is not certain this will work out with this round

Vice Mayor Glass suggested VBC get together with the people from the Laguna Foundation.

Councilmember Gurney commented as follows:

- Stated she could support this if it were a two-step process
- Stated there needs to be time to explore the location and design of the sculpture or structure
- Suggested this come back next year

Cassandra voiced concern with losing a year of potential growth of the tree.

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Vice Mayor Glass commented as follows:

Stated the Laguna Foundation would know where to plant a tree

Suggested VBC getting advice from the Laguna Foundation

Mayor Gurney opened for public comment.

ila Benavidez-Heaster, 7777 Bodega Avenue, commented as follows:

- Stated this is a fabulous plan and she lives what she has seen happening
- Commends VBC
- Stated the City needs a grief tunnel in this town
- Stated this needs to be kept going and the City is on the right track
- Stated this will grow and the group is willing to grow
- Suggested not being afraid to scale the unknown hurdles
- Stated VBC is capable and gifted and urged the Council to let them be all that they can be

The Council was in concurrence with this event with the condition that VBC consult with the City staff and members of the Laguna Foundation to find a location that is consistent with the approved Laguna Preserve Master Plan.

Project 11: Kids Fairy Gardens. This is similar to an event approved in the prior round of VBC projects, and would ephemeral in nature. A Special Events Permit is required; no application has been submitted. The project does not appear workable on Apple Blossom weekend.

Director Webster stated this project is similar to one that was conducted at the first event.

Cassandra commented as follows:

- Discussed fairy villages
- Stated children love tis
- Stated there is no downside to it
- Stated it is a feel good project

Mayor Gurney suggested VBC let Mr. Music know if this event.

The City Council was in consensus to support this event.

Project 12: Ives Park Corner. Withdrawn.

Mayor Gurney moved and Councilmember Eder seconded the motion to approve the projects as listed below with the following conditions:

- Approves Projects 1 and 2
- Approves Project 3 with the following conditions: Supports the bench on private property and Supports the book exchange on private property and that the trailer is immobilized on private property.
- Project 4 is withdrawn
- Project 5 is withdrawn
- Approved Project 6
- Denied Project 7 and 8
- Project Number 9 is withdrawn

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- Project 10 is approved with the condition that VBC consult with the City staff and members of the Laguna Foundation to find a location that is consistent with the approved Laguna Preserve Master Plan.
- Approved Project 11
- Project 12 is withdrawn

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Eder, Slayter, Vice Mayor Glass and Mayor Gurney
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Jacob
Abstain: None

City Council Action: approve the projects as listed below with the following conditions:

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- Approved Project 11
- Project 12 is withdrawn

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

10. City Manager-Attorney/City Clerk Reports: None
11. City Council Reports/Committee/Sub-Committee Meeting Reports: (Reports by Mayor/City Councilmembers Regarding Various Agency Meetings/Committee Meetings/Sub-Committee Meeting /Conferences Attended and Possible Direction to its Representatives (If Needed) on pending issues before such Boards):

Mayor Gurney provided written reports on SCTA/RCPA and Health Action (attached).

Vice Mayor Glass announced the following:

- Climate Action 2020 sub-committee met
 - Stated the report is very informative and everyone seems enthusiastic
 - Stated staff is well educated of City options
- Discussed attending the Marin Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District Meeting
 - Stated the hot topic is the County of West Marin is threatening to withdraw if some kind of negotiated agreement is not done for pesticide agreements

12. Council Communications Received: There were none.
13. Future City Meeting Dates/Events (Informational Only): (See Agenda)

Mayor Gurney adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:34 p.m. to the closed session.

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CLOSED SESSION:

Call to Order: Mayor Gurney called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Gurney
Vice Mayor Glass
Councilmember Eder
Councilmember Slayter

Absent: Councilmember Jacob

Staff: City Manager-City Attorney Larry McLaughlin

PUBLIC COMMENT (Prior to adjournment into Closed Session, the public may speak up to 3 minutes on items to be addressed in Closed Session). There were none.

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)
City Designated Representative: City Manager
Employee Organizations : (SEIU/Public Works; Management, Mid Management and Unpresented; and Sebastopol Police Officers Association (SPOA)

City Council Action: No Report Out.
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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: There was no report out.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Gurney adjourned the closed session at 10:30 pm to the regular City Council Meeting.

Adjournment: Mayor Gurney adjourned the regular City Council meeting of March 15, 2016 at 10:31 pm to the Regular City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm, at the Sebastopol Youth Annex/Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gourley, CMC. City Clerk



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Report from Sarah Gurney, Sebastopol's Representative to the SCTA and RCPA
For the City Council Meeting of March 15, 2016
Re SCTA/RCPA Meeting on March 14, 2016

Please see the prepared Agenda and Packet at www.SCTAINFO.org for detailed information.

1. Public Comment – Duane De Witt spoke about the Roseland Creek Trail project as a new transportation corridor, encouraged all to attend an event by the SCBC on March 22 or 26 featuring a Dutch expert on alternate transportation [I am unable to verify this info], and quoted a recent UC Berkeley study about the effects of better health.
2. All Consent Calendar items were approved.
3. RCPA Item 4.1.1 involved a lengthy report from Deputy Director Lauren Casey about the **Draft Community Climate Action Plan 2020**. All Cities and the County have participated in the draft, now under review [scheduled for the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting on April 12th at the Youth Annex). The purpose of the Plan is to develop a countywide action plan for all of Sonoma County in order to comply with SB32, to achieve local GHG targets, and to provide a streamlined review of GHG emissions under CEQA. At the same time, the plan is intended to maximize efficiencies countywide and also allow for specific requests or goals from individual jurisdictions. The Draft CAP is a two-volume set of materials, with individual chapters for each City. I am not sure how many hard copies will be available.

4. RCPA Item 4.2.1 Lauren gave an updated report about other RCPA activities: sunset date removal by SB 1030[McGuire]; Water Bill Savings Act SB 1233 [McGuire], providing tools for water utilities to respond to conservation mandates; Applied Solutions; Cap and Trade; Bay Area Regional Energy Network; Shift Sonoma County; public outreach through new website design; and participation in the 2015 Business of Local Energy Symposium.
5. SCTA Item 4.3.1 A call from projects was announced for Transportation Development Action Article 3 funding [TDA 3]. This may be used for bicycle lanes, bike/ped paths, project planning and marketing. Sebastopol's share, based on recent population counts, is \$8242. The deadline is April 19, 2016.
6. SCTA Item 4.3.2 James Cameron gave a detailed report on the successful use of Measure M funds, notably for the Hwy 101 project, SMART, and a list of bike/ped projects. Sebastopol has an "unused allocation balance" of Local Street Rehabilitation [LSR] funds of \$247,007. I have contacted Staff Henry Mikus to ask about dedication of the money in our CIP.
7. SCTA Item 4.3.3 Directors approved unanimously Sonoma County's contribution of \$20,000 for consulting services on the four-county collaborative work on Route 37 and climate change.
8. SCTA Item 4.4.1 Directors unanimously endorsed Measure AA, a Bay Area parcel tax related to bay restoration.
9. SCTA Item 4.4.2 Brant Arthur introduced the SCTA and RCPA's new logos and websites: scta.ca.gov and rcpa.ca.gov



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March 15, 2016

Report from Sarah Gurney, Sebastopol's Representative to Health Action

Re: Health Action Meeting on March 4, 2016

Health Action City Council Liaison Ad Hoc Group

Please note these are the City Council liaisons: Gina Belforte (Rohnert Park), Gary Edwards (Sonoma), Sarah Glade Gurney (Sebastopol), Susan Harvey (Cotati), Gabe Kearney (Petaluma), Ernesto Olivares (Santa Rosa), Sam Salmon (Windsor), Carol Russell (Cloverdale), Eric Ziedrich (Healdsburg)

Health Action Council Meeting Update

- Health Action Council met on Friday, March 4, 8-10am. The group welcomed three new members to the Council: Gary Edwards, Sonoma City Council; Eric Ziedrich, Healdsburg City Council, and James Gore, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. It was mentioned that Health Action could potentially be part of the conversation when the Mayors and City Council Members take on affordable housing during the course of this year.
- The Steering Committee presented feedback from the Health Action subcommittees, chapters, and city council liaisons as part of the Strategic Planning Update process. Some overarching themes were that the groups wanted the ability to advocate and support policy and to increase public awareness and engagement.
- The Sustainable Financing "Catalyst" Team presented and made a recommendation on how to develop a system of diverse, reliable and sufficient funding sources that can be applied to a range of investments to best address Sonoma County's health priorities.
 - Christa Velasquez, a Social Impact Investing Consultant with previous experience as Director of Social Investments at the Annie E. Casey Foundation and a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's Initiative for Responsible Investment, has been providing technical assistance to research best practices and shape the recommendation. There is increasing interest in paying for outcomes versus outputs, impact investors are looking for new approaches and there is interest from national players such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ReThink Health and the White House. However, most funds are too new to assess sustainability, most have time-limited funding, and many hope to capture and reinvest, but none to date have done so.
 - The group drew a parallel to the current state of the Catalyst Team as being at the top of a wave at the Mavericks Surf Contest and asked the Council to join them up on the surfboard.
 - The recommendation was to have a portfolio of backbone funding with public funds, membership fees and fundraising; pooled funded from local funders, traditional

funding sources (grants, community benefit) and external investors; and innovative loan funding from external/large investors and from potentially creating a health district. The Health Action Council enthusiastically approved the recommendation and talked about working towards the pooled funding as a first step. The Sonoma County Department of Health Services announced that it would place the \$25,000 prize money from the Health Equity "Justice" Award into the pooled fund as seed money. The Redwood Credit Union and St. Joseph Health announced that they would each match the \$25,000.

- The next Health Action Council meeting is Friday, June 3, 2016. I encourage you and members of the public to attend. You can find out more information at: www.sonomahealthaction.org.

Health Action City Council Liaison Ad Hoc

- The Health Action City Council Liaison Ad Hoc group recently met on February 1.
- The group coordinated on a number of items including:
 - Affordable Housing/Building HOMES- scheduling presentations from the Sonoma County Community Development Commission at every city council. Our presentation was at a previous meeting, with Jim Leddy appearing by phone. Next steps are to pull together representatives from all the jurisdictions to determine a course of action.
 - Universal Access to Quality Preschool- scheduling presentations/study sessions with Cradle to Career at every city council. Our presentation was at a previous meeting.
 - County Tobacco Retail License (TRL)- The County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hear the County TRL on March 29, 2016. Since the TRL language has changed considerably, it will be considered a first reading.
 - Joint City Manager Meeting- As a recommendation from the Health Action City Council Liaisons, representatives from Cradle to Career and the County Department of Health Services attended the February 18 Joint City Manager meeting to ensure better communication between Health Action, the County, and City staff on issues with regional impact before approaching the Board of Supervisors.
- The City Council liaisons discussed a way to leverage the County's State and Federal Legislative Platform to advocate for issues and priorities on behalf of Health Action. The group felt that the Mayors and City Council Legislative Group would be important to consult as this idea develops.
- The group developed its 2016 Work Plan. The focus areas will continue to be affordable housing, the TRL, and universal access to quality preschool. The group will continue to help cities develop a local health lens (Health in All Policies). In terms of process, the group focus on developing better partnerships with Health Action Chapters and strategize ways to have more authentic community engagement at city council meetings.
- The next City Council Liaison meeting is currently being scheduled.