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MINUTES OF THE
SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leone at 9:20 a.m. in the gymnasium at the Martin Luther King School properties.

PRESENT: Councilmember Pfeifer, Vice Mayor Weiner, Councilmember Kelly, Mayor Leone

ABSENT: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Presentation of the Harbor and Downtown Action Committee Final Report

Mayor Leone welcomed those attending and turned the meeting over to the Harbor and Downtown Action Committee members for the presentation of their final report.

Michael Rex, Chair of the Committee, also welcomed everyone. He then turned the presentation over to Peter Van Meter.

Peter Van Meter presented their report through a PowerPoint presentation. He began by explaining "Imagine Sausalito" and going through all the committees established as a part of that process. Mr. Van Meter then went on to describe the purpose of their Committee and their study area, which included Johnson to Horizon's and Bridgeway into the water.

Mr. Van Meter described the Implementation Program as: Phase I – focusing on the Park and Plaza; Phase II – ferry landing upgrade; Phase III – the renegotiation of long term leases.

Mr. Van Meter reminded the group that the proposals being presented were simply general concepts in order to encourage discussions. He noted that the key to their project was to develop an area where one could meet, greet and enjoy an area in the downtown vicinity.

Mr. Van Meter then went on to describe the recommended actions:

- Consider the planning concepts of the report when designing current grant projects
- Undertake a City-wide economic study of all Action Committee recommendations
- Commence a formal public hearing process
- Start studies and planning steps to implement the Phase I Plan

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2 Mr. Van Meter then explained the next steps:
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- 4 • Assure that the \$200,000 grant for pedestrian and bicycle links is consistent
5 with this plan
- 6 • Consider this plan in the \$100,000 North/South bike and pedestrian trail study
- 7 • Provide funding for the Business Advisory Committee's economic study
- 8 • Undertake concept and cost studies for the Lot #3 bulkhead (and adding it to
9 the Sausalito Yacht Harbor bulkhead project)
- 10 • Prepare an RFP for professional refinement of the Phase I conceptual plan with
11 ongoing public input
- 12 • Move toward voting on the refined conceptual plan per Ordinance No. 1128
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14 Mr. Van Meter then turned the meeting over to Committee Member Jacques Ullman for
15 further comments. Mr. Ullman also emphasized that their project was not related to, nor was
16 it an endorsement of the SHIP proposals.
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18 **Public Comment:**
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20 Tony Badger spoke on global warming issues, noting that this is causing the water to rise
21 along Bridgeway. He expressed concern that this report had not addressed this issue.
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23 Bob Zadeck complimented the work of the Committee. He noted that he loved the concept
24 of the public meeting place, or place to gather. He was concerned, though, that their plaza
25 design looked "cold".
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27 Vicki Nichols also thanked the Committee. She noted that the Waterfront and Marinship
28 Committee would be looking at this report also.
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30 Lonner Ralston explained, as a founder of SHIP, that they too were working on the concept
31 to bring people into town by boat and improve waterfront transportation.
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33 Adam Kravatsy emphasized that this was a great opportunity to move forward and consider
34 this report. He also noted that what had not been mentioned was the increased revenue by
35 creating "for income property", such as where the parking was converted to retail.
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37 John Sweeny felt that this was a lot of wild ideas, such as the moving of the Sausalito Yacht
38 Club. He also felt that the gathering place was controversial if you consider that tourists and
39 bikes already overrun the downtown area.
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41 Muriel Ullman appreciated the plaza concept and felt it would make more money because of
42 being able to buy things in the plaza area.
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44 Yoshi Tome reminded the group that our local ferry trip between San Francisco and
45 Sausalito was just voted #2 in the world. He felt this would be a golden opportunity to move
46 forward with modifications to the area.
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1 Bradford Paul appreciated the recommendations for Viña del Mar Park. However, he was
2 concerned with the "soft" path running through the entire park. He also thanked the
3 Committee, adding that the trolley concept was a good idea.
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5 Bob Zadeck felt that it was nonsense to be concerned about being "overrun" by tourists, and
6 that the focus should be on plans for the residents.
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8 Julie Warren noted that people are coming to see our culture and the small town ambiance.
9 She felt strongly that this concept must remain.
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11 Michael Rex then offered some responses to comments that had been made and continued
12 on about the bulkhead concept.
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14 Council questions and comments followed.
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16 The Committee concluded the meeting with their closing statements and a thank you to the
17 Council.
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19 **ADJOURNMENT**
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21 There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am. The
22 next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 21, 2009, with the open meeting due
23 to commence at approximately 7:00 pm.
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25 Respectfully submitted,
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28 Debbie Pagliaro
29 City Clerk
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Approved on: