

Meeting San Anselmo Planning Commission, City Hall, June 20, 1949

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m. Chairman Merritt Webster presiding. Commissioners present: Webster, Carey, Meyerink, Alfnes and Sharp. Commissioners absent: Works. Present by consent of the Commission Anthony N. Morphy, Morphy Reporting Service, engaged by Attorney David B. Fyfe to take down record of the proceedings for the opposition.

Minutes of first hearing June 6, 1949 read and approved.

Mr. Bundschu, 1598 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., renter of the Bain property, Lot 4, Block, #2, stated he was in favor of Commercial zoning.

Mr. Neilan, 1015 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. the owner of Lot #1, Block 4, expressed himself as opposed to Commercial zoning, account traffic.

Hazel M. Skaggs, 137 Suffield Ave. owner of Lot #2, Block 2, immediately adjoining the Foglia lot Lot 3, Block 2, stated she was opposed to Commercial zoning because of traffic congestion and hazard from cars entering and leaving Suffield Ave. a narrow street.

Attorney David B. Fyfe called attention to the fact that part of the Suffield Ave. street area now available to the city for sidewalks is being used by property owners as lawn and hedge extension of their yards, also that his client Mr. Foglia was willing to grant a 15' set back for any commercial structure facing the street.

Mrs. Eric Eiserich, 147 Meadcroft Drive, San Anselmo, stated she was opposed to Commercial zoning, that there were already more stores in the area than needed for home shopping.

Commission Secretary Sharp asked if a copy of the reporters record would be available to the Commission as a convenience in writing up the minutes. Attorney Fyfe kindly agreed to make his record copy available.

Attorney Harold J. Haley addressed the Commission on behalf of the Hawthorn Hills Improvement Club and property owners residing within the 250 area most effected by the rezoning, and opposed to Commercial zoning because:

1. Contrary to recent resolution adopted by the Commission voting to rezone this area to second residential.
2. Contrary to expressed plans of the Commission and Council on future development of housing and traffic control.
3. Commercial zoning contrary to the desires of a large portion of the residents of the area, as shown by following 25 names of property owners residing within the 250 foot affected area: Skaggs, Sherry, D'Alessio, Cassidy, DeMaestri, Locati, Sorenson, Ramsey, Fishher, Falk, Neilan, Paolino, DeWitt, Joe Ratto, Angela Ratto, Bassett, McMahon, Matula, Neagher, Smith, Oppenheimer, Fletcher, Gustavson, as per signed petitions filed with the Commission; lot and block numbers available.
4. That the residents of the area mostly desired first residential, but in a spirit of fair play had agreed to compromise on second residential, as previously initiated by the Commission on resolution of intention by the City Council.

Attorney David B. Fyfe called attention of the Commission to the opposition expressed to rezoning to Second Residential of the Adams Apartments several years ago, stating that the granting of the petition had since proven its worth and the opposition had faded out. He felt that such would be the case if the Commercial petition now under consideration were granted.

Mr. S. V. Gunnison, 247 Crescent Road, San Anselmo, Trustee representing the Tamalpais Union High School District, stated as a general policy the high school was opposed to any commercial district in close proximity to the school and that the California regulations opposed the building of high schools in Commercial areas. Chairman Webster stated his understanding of the distance as 1500 feet. Mr. Gunnison stated he had not had any check made of the distance, but opposed to the granting of any Commercial zone that might lead to an extension of such district later to the High school area.

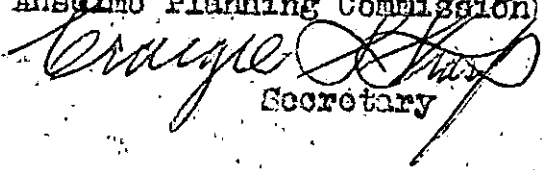
Everyone wishing to express themselves having been given an opportunity, Chairman Webster announced the closing of the first hearing on Commercial zoning, Foglia petition, lots 1 and 2, Block 1, and lots 3,4,5 and 6, Block 2, Hawthorn Hills Sub. #1, stating that the next hearing would be held in the City Hall, June 27, 1949 at 8 p.m.

Secretary Sharp instructed by the Chairman to contact Attorney Wallace Myers, request his attendance at the above meeting and to ask him to check into the matter of setback for Commercial zoning.

The Ekland Electric Co., 929 B Street, San Rafael, filed request for permit of large electric neon sign proposed to be erected on the Signal Oil Station property on Northern side of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Fairfax, San Anselmo City Limits. Commissioner Sharp authorized to inspect the property to ascertain exact location of sign and suitability for location and report back to the Commission for future action.

San Anselmo Planning Commission

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Secretary

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