

Brommer Street Annexation OK'd

The Brommer Street annexation, which includes properties from slightly past Bulb Avenue to 41st Avenue and including Shaffer's Tropical Gardens on 41st Avenue, was approved unanimously by the Capitola City Council Monday night.

The Capitola Road annexation was passed unanimously to a second reading. The delay to finalized this annexation was caused by the rezoning Monday to R-1 (single family residential) of a parcel at the northeast corner of Capitola Road and 30th Avenue.

This parcel is holding up the annexation because it was initially removed from the annexation proceedings as the owner was attempting to get building permits for a multiple residence building while the property was still in the county. With the R-1 zoning now, the planned apartment complex for the site will be a non-conforming use.

The Capitola Road annexation includes properties between Bulb and 30th avenues with the south east corner of Bulb Avenue and Capitola Road.

In other matters Monday night:

DEPOT HILL - The Depot Hill Assn. presented a traffic plan to the council designed to stop speeding on Escalona

Drive, to prevent excessive traffic on Grand Avenue and to provide a safer entry and exit from the hill onto Monterey Avenue.

The council decided to form a group with the association to study traffic problems further and expressed concern that all residents on the hill overlooking the Capitola Village be informed of the plans.

Tentative plans include stop signs at Monterey Avenue and Escalona Drive and at Oakland and Escalona Drives. It's also suggested that Cliff Drive be cobblestoned and that Grand Avenue be divided at the middle by a planter at Oakland Avenue. Grand also would be made one-way from Hollister Avenue to Oakland Avenue and one-way in the other direction from Central Avenue to Oakland Avenue, with traffic meeting and turning into Oakland Avenue at the planter.

The association also asked the council to try to get Proposition 2 fund monies from the county for the acquisition of Escalona Gulch as a park. The council decided to contact Keith Kelley, County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services director, to find out how much funding is available. The council also wants to look into a possible bond election for park funds.