

## Capitola council puts crimp in late-night entertainment

Despite protests from nightclub owners, the Capitola City Council decided last night to put a crimp on late-night entertainment in Capitola Village.

The council voted 4-1, with Councilman Bob Bucher objecting, to shut down live entertainment at 11 p.m. weeknights and at midnight on weekends. That decision came in response to a letter from Councilman Mick Routh stating that a Village Task Force, established more than a year ago to quiet late-night rowdiness in the Village, had accomplished very little.

"The situation in the Village continues to be a late-night free-for-all," Routh wrote in his letter.

Routh's letter and continuing

complaints about noise in the Village evoked some emotional responses at a meeting Routh called earlier in the week of the Village Task Force. Dick Blake, of the Edgewater Club, said he was being "railroaded" out of town and intended to sue the city.

The council somewhat softened Routh's proposal, which had called for revocation of entertainment permits on weeknights, but approved the remainder of his requests, including instituting a mandatory closing time of 2 a.m. on weekends and 1 a.m. during the week. Nightclubs had already closed at 2 a.m. on weekends and often earlier than 1 a.m. weeknights, depending on business.

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