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Capitola - 1970-1979 Parking plan modified

Plans for a two-hour parking limit in Capitola village was altered by city councilmen Monday night after hearing objections to putting the time limit on the Esplanade. The objections were voiced by Councilman Michael Routh, who said he had petitions bearing the names of 120 people who opposed a two hour-limit on the Esplanade. He said the names were those of merchants and nearby residents.

This ran counter to the statements by Chamber of Commerce President John Macdonald, who said the merchants on the Esplanade wanted the two-hour limit. The plan also had the approval of the village merchant's association.

What the council decided to do was to alter the portion of the plan dealing with the Esplanade, allowing unlimited parking except for an area starting at the crosswalk on the west side of San Jose and continuing to the city parking lot. There, the two-hour limit will prevail.

The discussion on the parking plan opened with Routh expressing "strong objections" to the Esplanade limit. "Every resident is opposed," he said. "It is quite obvious there is strong opposition from the residents and merchants. My objections have

this base of public support."

Phil McCrillis, president of the Capitola Village Association, said that his organization has altered its position somewhat, now favoring unlimited parking on the village side of the esplanade, with two-hour parking on the ocean side.

Macdonald said the Chamber's survey of 52 businesses showed that 25 per cent favored meters in the village, 49 per cent a two-hour limit, 14 per cent no restrictions, and 9 per cent undecided. The merchants along the Esplanade favored a two-hour limit for the street, he said.

Wayne Hansen, operator of the Bandstand restaurant, accused Routh of "pushing for something" with his opposition to limited Esplanade parking.

A Lawn Way resident objected to the two-hour limit, saying the 25 residents there were being overlooked by the council in this matter. They rely largely on the Esplanade for parking.

Routh agreed, saying "we own (the) Lawn Way (people) parking."

It was finally agreed by the three councilmen present — Routh, Mayor Tom Mason and Councilmen Ronald Graves — that the amendment would be made to the parking plan and passed a resolution putting it into

effect.

In addition to the Esplanade, the plan calls for two hour parking on:

—Capitola Ave. on the north and south sides of the street from Stockton Ave. to the Southern Pacific Railroad trestle.

—Capitola Ave. on the south side from the Southern Pacific Railroad trestle to Riverview Drive.

—Stockton Ave. on the east side from the Esplanade to Capitola Ave.

—San Jose Ave. on the east and west sides of the street from the Esplanade to Capitola Ave.

—Monterey Ave. on the east side of the street from the southerly line of Capitola Ave. to El Camino Medio and on the west side from Capitola Ave. to Park Place.

In a related matter, the council agreed to negotiate with Al Feinstein to rent the parking space on his property for the summer for an estimated cost of \$600.

In other business, councilmen: —Delayed until budget hearings a request from the Youth Symphony for a \$500 contribution.

—Agreed to get school participation in planting two trees on the Esplanade in observance of Arbor Day, April 29.

—read a letter from Supervisor Phil Baldwin concerning the county's plan to buy two park sites, one on Coffee Lane and the other at 30th and Brommer. The councilmen said they had no objections to the plan.

—Discussed a letter from Supervisor Chairman Ed Borovatz asking for joint meetings of the supervisors and all city councilmen in the county. They agreed to try it, with misgivings as to how such a large meeting can be controlled.

—Heard Mayor Mason proclaim April 24-30 as Volunteer Week.

—Passed a resolution of appreciation for the Architectural and Site Review Committee, and agreed to discuss a stipend proposal at budget time.

—Approved a request from the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District for an easement at Perry Park for the Aptos sewer line.

—Set a public hearing on the rezoning of Cliffwood Heights for May 23, 7:30 p.m., city hall.

Driver fined

Victor Forrest Vandervlugt, 34 of 106 Cherryvale Ave., Capitola was fined \$375 on a drunk driving charge Friday in Santa Cruz Municipal Court.