

Lighthouse Field Litter Has Council Concerned

Concern over litter and violence at Lighthouse Field was expressed at Tuesday's city council meeting when a resident of the area reported that he has been threatened with both a machete and a gun while trying to force people to stop littering.

Steve Parlatta told the council how so many people camp, litter and dispose of raw sewage on the Lighthouse Field property, which is owned by Teachers Management and Investment Corporation.

TMI is the outfit that tried to construct a convention center on that land, but Santa Cruz voters passed an initiative against such a structure on the land.

So now the property is used, illegally, as a campsite while a joint Santa Cruz City - Santa Cruz County committee is studying ways of purchasing the land from TMI.

Councilwoman Sally DiGirolamo accused TMI of not cooperating with the city in trying to keep illegal camping and littering at bay.

Councilman Bert Muhly, however, countered that TMI has recently shown interest in

purchasing signs posting "No Camping," which would aid police in having the right to enter onto the land to enforce the law.

Muhly added that if TMI wanted to, it could legally construct a fence "or build a moat" around the field and keep everybody out.

In other council action Tuesday:

UCSC BIKE PATHS — The council backed a plan presented by Manny Shaffer of UCSC in which a system of bike paths would be constructed on and around the UCSC campus. One of the paths would be in the city, and would require the city to fork over \$20,000.

The council refused to commit any money to the project, which has yet to get off the ground. Shaffer explained that UCSC was applying for a federal grant for the project, and hoped the city council would endorse the project by committing the money to it. That way, he argued, federal officials might be more willing to fund the project if it had enthusiastic backing from the council.

The total cost of the project

would be \$317,000. The council rejected committing the money be a 4-3 vote, with councilmembers the money. Then the council voted 7-0, in the words of Mayor John Mahaney, "for our support, not our money."

NEWSPAPER — The council agreed to allow a new newspaper in the area, the "Santa Cruz Independent," to go ahead with home deliveries beginning Friday. City Manager Dave Koester and City Attorney Rod Atchison warned the council that the paper's plan to deliver its product once a week may be in violation of litter laws.

However, Atchison said the issue was not clear, due to first amendment rights enjoyed by newspapers.

The council agreed not to stop the paper from delivering, but Mike McGuire, a spokesman for the paper, said any citizen may cancel deliveries simply by telephoning the office should they decide they don't want the paper delivered to them.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES — The council made the final adoptions of ordinances which will ban dogs from the mall, municipal wharf and beach and which will raise the sewer rates both for monthly rates and connection charges.

ZONING BOARD APPEALS — The council took no action on a recommendation from the planning commission regarding appeals of decisions made by the city's zoning board. Councilman Larry Edler suggested, and the rest of the council agreed, that the matter be put over for a month.

The new appeals rule which the commission recommended would require an applicant whose project had been turned down by the zoning board to have to file, along with an appeal, reasons why he feels the appeal should be heard by the council. Edler and DiGirolamo said the whole process would probably end up making more work for both councilmembers and applicants, so they asked that the matter be returned for more discussion in a month's time.

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