

Town Clock

RESOLUTION NO. NS-13,635

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SANTA CRUZ APPROVING THE LANDMARK DESIGNA-
TION FOR THE TOWN CLOCK TOWER - KNIGHT AND
WATER STREETS

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Santa Cruz has initiated the designation of the Town Clock Tower, Knight and Water Streets as a landmark, pursuant to the provisions of Section 24.29.100 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission did review the proposal at its regular meeting of July 18, 1979, and October 23, 1979, at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing the Commission did find that:

1. The project is a Class 8 Categorical Exemption, in accordance with CEQA and City Guidelines;
2. The proposed historic landmark or features thereof has significant aesthetic, cultural, architectural, or engineering interest or value of an historical nature;
3. The proposed landmark may be designated without imposing undue hardship on the property owner; and
4. Approval or modified approval of the proposal is consistent with the purposes and criteria of Chapter 24.29 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz did review the proposal at a duly advertised public hearing at its meeting of August 28, 1979; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did concur in, and adopt the findings and recommendations of the Historic Preservation Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz does hereby approve the landmark designation for the Town Clock Tower, Knight and Water Streets, Assessor Parcel #5-015-01, and further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, located in a C-C Community Commercial District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the characteristics of the proposed

landmark which justify its designation, the consequent benefits to the public, and the particular features to be preserved are set forth in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and made a part hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of October, 1979, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember - Muhly, Van Allen, Mellis, Rotkin, Edler;
Mayor Mahaney

NOES: Councilmember - None

ABSENT: Councilmember - Ghio

Attest

James J. Heslop
City Clerk

APPROVED

John Mahaney
MAYOR

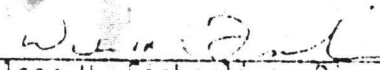
TOWN CLOCK PLAZA

SITUATE in the City of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz, State of California and being further described as follows:

BEING a parcel of land bounded by Knight Street, Water Street and North Pacific Avenue and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly boundary of Knight Street from which the centerline intersection of Knight Street and North Pacific Avenue bears North $13^{\circ} 03' 28''$ East 14.00 feet and North $76^{\circ} 56' 32''$ West 41.26 feet; thence from said point of beginning curving to the left from a tangent bearing of North $76^{\circ} 56' 32''$ West with a radius of 12.00 feet through an angle of $115^{\circ} 51' 14''$ for a distance of 24.26 feet to a point of compound curvature; thence Southeasterly curving to the left with a radius of 200.00 feet, through a central angle of $16^{\circ} 43' 50''$ for a distance of 58.40 feet to a point of compound curvature; thence curving to the left with a radius of 20.00 feet through a central angle of $74^{\circ} 34' 54''$ for a distance of 26.02 feet to a point of compound curvature on the northern boundary of Water Street; thence along said boundary curving to the left with a radius of 400.11 feet through a central angle of $13^{\circ} 24' 32''$ for a distance of 93.64 feet to a point of compound curvature; thence curving to the left leaving the boundary of Water Street with a radius of 9.00 feet through a central angle of $139^{\circ} 25' 30''$ for a distance of 21.90 feet to a point of tangency on the South boundary of Knight Street; thence North $76^{\circ} 56' 32''$ West 117.00 feet, a little more or less, to the point of beginning.

Description Approved:


Wilson H. Fieberling, Director of Public Works

Date

7-11-77

EXHIBIT "B"
TOWN CLOCK TOWER AND CLOCK

Characteristics Which Justify Designation

Historical and Cultural Significance -- The Town Clock Tower is a detailed replica including elements of the original construction of the clock tower which was constructed in 1900 by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) atop the Oddfellows Hall on Pacific Avenue. It continued a history of a town clock which was erected in 1872 but was destroyed by fire.

As with much construction of the period, the ornate tower was originally constructed to recall an early New England architecture. The interior of the Tower is a close duplicate of the original, inasmuch as original sections were used to fashion replacements; the tower also includes salvaged portions of the original.

The clockworks were manufactured by Seth Thomas Clock Company, Thomaston, Connecticut on January 22, 1900. It was designed to be powered by descending weights as is presently the case in the restore structure. Only the rewind mechanism has been electrified so that the weights will be rewound automatically. Dr. Eugene Corriden, head of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, was responsible for restoring and rehabilitating the clockworks. A new base was struck at the same foundry that cast the original; the room in which the clockworks are located was insulated with acoustical tile, a dehumidifier was installed to minimize the effect of climatic changes on the clockworks.

The bell installed in the tower was purchased by the City of Santa Cruz from the W. D. Garrett Company in San Francisco on April 1, 1878. It was transported to the Santa Cruz Wharf by steamship. Housed in a special tower behind City Hall, then located on Front Street, it was used to summon volunteers to fight fires until it was replaced in the 1930s.

The Town Clock Tower is located at the heart of historic Santa Cruz and focuses attention on the historic significance of the entire area.

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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 1979

7:30 P.M. SESSION

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Muhly, Van Allen, Mellis, Rotkin, Edler,
Ghio (7:55 p.m.), Mayor Mahaney.

Staff: Assistant City Manager R. Wilson, City Attorney R. Atchison,
Planning Director P. Katzlberger, City Clerk N. Hislop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by Mayor Mahaney.

INVOCATION: There was a moment of silent prayer.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. D. Gatlin, Sir Francis Avenue, Capitola: representing the Santa Cruz Indian Council, expressed appreciation to Councilmember Rotkin for his work in supporting the American Indians of the Santa Cruz area, presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

32. Ordinance No. 79-35 Proposed Amendment to Purchasing Ordinance to Provide for Purchasing Through State of California Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Councilmember Muhly moved, seconded by Councilmember Rotkin, to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 79-35. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Muhly, Van Allen, Mellis, Rotkin, Edler,
Mayor Mahaney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Ghio.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- ✓ 33. Town Clock Landmark Designation.

Mayor Mahaney opened the Public Hearing on the above entitled matter at 7:35 P.M.

Mrs. Jean Doerr, Member of the Historic Preservation Commission, addressed Council pertaining to the proposed designation of the Town Clock, noting that this was the original Town Clock which in itself was historic; that the structure holding had been built from materials of historic origin; and also that the psychologically was presently a landmark in view of its location and focal point. Mrs. Doerr noted also that the clock would not be an expense to the City if such designation were given and the possibility existed that other organizations would come forward with contributions toward the clock.

There being no other persons present wishing to address the issue, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:41 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 23, 1979

7:30 P.M. SESSION

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued):

33. Town Landmark Designation (Continued):

Noting that when this matter had been before Council previously, some disagreement existed among Councilmembers as to the appropriateness of designating the Clock a Historic Landmark, Councilmember Rotkin urged favorable consideration of this proposal in view of the fact that it had been a bicentennial project and many citizens had contributed much time and effort toward the completion of this project.

Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Muhly, to adopt Resolution No. NS-13,635 designating the Town Clock as a Historic Landmark. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Muhly, Van Allen, Mellis, Rotkin, Edler, Mayor Mahaney.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Ghio.

34. Affordable Housing on City-Owned Lands.

Planning Director P. Katzlberger noted that the Housing Advisory Committee had looked at the feasibility question of housing on City-owned land at the request of Council, specifically, at three sites presently owned by the City. He noted that the sites were Neary's Lagoon, Pelton Avenue, and the Swanton Avenue site. The Committee focused on the Swanton site for further study, he noted, since it appeared to show the greatest potential for the program. To this end, the Housing Advisory Committee recommended that a request for proposal (RFP) be prepared to solicit proposals for housing from private and public developers. This recommendation was submitted to the Council, who then made the determination that the basic issue of public housing on city-owned lands needed to be addressed and called for a public hearing on the matter, which was the purpose of the meeting this evening.

In response to the suggestion of Councilmember Rotkin that a new program or programs be developed for affordable housing since it appeared that the previous RFP seemed to imply that City-owned lands would be sold or given to developers and those monies used for further housing development, Mr. Katzlberger stated that the type of subsidy desired by the City was one of the basic issues which needed to be addressed. Mr. Katzlberger further noted that if HUD funds were used, the City would be unable to recover the use of lands.

Mr. R. Semas, Chairman, Housing Advisory Committee, addressed Council concerning meetings held by the Committee to discuss the issue, noting that the meetings had been advertised and both the public and developers had given their input, including the fact that more specifics should be provided in the RFP.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

D. Bockman, speaking on behalf of the Santa Cruz division of the Sierra Club; noting that the Club had supported Measure O, Mr. Bockman urged that the public hearing be left open since this was one aspect of Measure O adopted by the voters in March of this year and in view of the fact that the first Planning Commission hearing on the matter was going to be held on November 1st.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: At this point in the meeting Councilmember Ghio arrived.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 28, 1979
7:30 P.M. SESSION

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued):

31. Housing on City lands - Request for proposal (Continued):

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR TO THE MATTER:

Mr. D. Fultz, Frederick Street: Addressed Council with recommendations for modifying the Request for Proposal, and noted that any private developer must invest approximately \$25,000 to submit a proposal for this kind of project. He requested that if Council is going to ask for bids, they should be prepared to award the contract because of this cost. He also recommended modifications to the proposal pertaining to the deadline by submission of RFP's as well as the time frame for completion to allow for permit processing. He recommended further that any persons submitting a proposal submit a line item budget reflecting active costs.

Council consensus was that the Request for Proposal should be returned for consideration of recommendations made by Mr. Fultz and to strengthen the Citizen Participation Plan, as well as for clarification of the rental rules as outlined in the RFP.

Council appointed a sub-Committee of Councilmembers Van Allen, Ghio and Mellis to meet with Staff and the Housing Advisory Committee for this purpose.

Councilmember Edler moved that the Request for Proposal (RFP) as part of the Housing on City Lands Program be tabled until the meeting of September 11th. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mellis, Edler, Ghio; Mayor Mahaney.
NOES: Muhly, Van Allen, Rotkin.
ABSENT: None.
DISQUALIFIED: None.

✓ 32. Historic Landmark designation of the Town Clock Tower, Knight and Water Streets:

Mayor Mahaney opened the Public Hearing at 10:07 p.m.

There being no written protests or endorsements, and no persons wishing to address the matter from the Floor, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:08 p.m.

Consensus was that consideration of this matter be postponed indefinitely.

33. Weed Abatement Program - Confirmation of Assessments:

Mayor Mahaney opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 p.m.

There were no written protests or endorsements.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. M. Goodlow, Grandview Street: Objected to his property being disked when it was not needed, and asked for an explanation.

Chief Supervising Officer W. Schuette, Fire Department, explained how sites are chosen by the Weed Abatement Officer for disked, and stated that when the Contractor makes an error, the Department

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