



# Sebastopol Citizens

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## Update – December 2012 to July 2013

The next City Council Meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup> so that give us a little time to reflect on what has taken place since Robert Jacob and John Eder joined the Council on December 4, 2012.

### December 4, 2012

John Eder is sworn in

Robert Jacob is sworn in and elected Vice Mayor by the Council

Michael Kyes is elected Mayor by the Council

### December 18, 2012

Council Members Kyes, Jacob, Eder and Gurney all vote for the same two people for the Planning Commission

Council approved an Urgency Ordinance which will prohibit CVS from having a drive through Authorized spending \$28,000 to provide free electric car charging at the cinema parking lot

### January 29, 2013 (*Goals and Priorities Meeting*):

#### **Council Member Gurney:**

Wants us to be known as “The City of the Laguna.”

Wants us to be designated as Cittaslow Sebastopol

Build community capacity as “Peacetown, USA”

#### **Council Member Slayter:**

Maintain city infrastructure

Work on our downtown design

Improve our website

#### **Vice Mayor Jacob:**

Update the general plan

Upgrade traffic light system

Promote downtown core

Inclusion of the disenfranchised (Those who live out of the city limits)

Strengthen our EMF position

**Mayor Kyes:**

Cleanup downtown

Resurface streets starting at downtown

**Council Member Eder:**

Setup an emergency fund

Attract more business

City hall made more available to the public

Establish a citizens budget advisory committee

February 5, 2013:

Mayor Kyes informs sebastopolcitizens.org it can't have an overnight tent at the plaza

Mayor Kyes and the Council allocate \$4000.00 to a supporter to clear berries from the now infamous Railroad Briar Patch (AKA Railroad Forest.) No work plan was presented.

March 5, 2013

Council Member Gurney blocks a driveway connection at the Burnett Street Parking lot

Mayor Mayor Kyes, after "interviewing" five people at the park, two of whom lived in the City, determined that the whole Ives Park Renovation Plan needed to be scrapped.

March 19, 2013

Vice Mayor Jacob reads a resolution praising Occupy Sebastopol

The Council starts to work on establishing bike lanes

Council Member Eder voiced great concern over a proposed State law could affect animal cruelty laws

Council Member Gurney arranged for two folks to present a slide show about their trip to Pakistan

The council starts the process to require photo-voltaics on new construction

### April 2, 2013

Council Member Gurney proposes installing a Planning Commissioner from outside the City limits

Council Member Slayer thought it should be left as it is

Council Member Eder is not comfortable with it "being a carte blanche" seat

Mayor Kyes stated that we don't need borders and "we could make the border the Oregon State line"

### April 16, 2013

Council Member Gurney wants a small open space park at Village Park

Vice Mayor Jacob objected because he wanted to allow camping there.

Council Member Eder wanted uniform regulations for projects like this and the Railroad Briar Patch.

Council Member Slater requested consideration to name it Tomdachi Park.

The City Attorney related what the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District may do next about the damage to the Railroad Briar Patch.

### April 30, 2013

The Briar Patch Project budgeted at \$4,000 may increase to \$7,500

Mayor Kyes wanted to now spray the area with Garlon4

Council Member Gurney thanked the volunteers who did the work

Council Member Eder expressed suspicion that the site was inspected a day after the rain

Council Member Slater wanted work on a long term plan for the whole area

### May 7, 2013

Vice Mayor Jacob requests \$20,000.00 of financial support for a new City agency called Cittaslow

Mandatory photo-voltaic ordinance was passed

### May 21, 2013

Council discusses changes to the M Zone (Barlow wants some office spaces).

Council discusses sewer lateral ordinance.

June 4, 2013

Council began the laborious process of scrutinizing the 2013-2014 proposed budget  
Cittaslow moves forward-slowly.

June 25, 2013

The Council voted 3:2 to fund Cittaslow the entire \$20,000

July 2, 2013

Council considers the appeal of the project at 961 Gravenstein Highway South

July 16, 2013

Vice Mayor Jacob states that Cittaslow is giving away free apples.

The General Plan Update continues.

CVS minutia continues.

July 23, 2013

The Council finally denies the appeal of the project at 961 Gravenstein Highway South

The Council continues to micro redesign it for the architect

The Council allows the first approval of the first baby steps to allow a hotel at the Barlow site

All this in much more detail at: <http://sebastopolcitizens.org/>

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