

Sebastopol City Council Meeting – March 20, 2012 – Synopsis and Commentary

--John Necker, Sebastopol Citizen

A rather mundane meeting, with all Council Members present, began in the usual fashion.

Public Comments ranged from castigating the Council for failing to stop wars to not recognizing an apparently impending Lyme disease epidemic.

Linda Galletta, Executive Director for the Sebastopol Center for the Arts spoke to Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival beginning March 29th. <http://www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org/>

In other business, Craig Boblitt was appointed to the Public Arts Committee in a 5 to 0 vote.

They also approved Highway Partners' (Barlow Project) lot line adjustments to better accommodate the structure that will be placed on those lots. The vote was 5 to 0.

The Council also considered four traffic/parking issues, approving one request for a change (5 to 0 vote) and asking for further study on the other three. On the subject of traffic calming efforts on Murphy, Council Member Kyes actually suggested installing speed bumps on that street. Fortunately, the rest of the Council followed staff recommendations of eliminating a parking place on the corner of Murphy and Brittain Avenue to the south and will look into doing the same on the north. It will revisit the issue.

When the State virtually terminated all redevelopment agencies, cities are required to appoint a Successor Agency to complete unfinished business. The Mayor appointed Council Member Slater to sit on an over-site board for that process. The bill is so poorly written that City Manager Jack Griffin advised the Council to not “..try to fix what is wrong with the bill but stay within the letter of the law.”