

Robyn Clifford

From: Laurie Berliner <madgeandmehats@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: 6/28 Town Council Meeting - Agenda Item 5 Parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Honorable Town Council Members,

I am a San Anselmo Avenue business owner writing to express my strong support for making parklets on San Anselmo Avenue a permanent feature in town. I am also asking that you simultaneously address the privatized dining area in the public park adjacent to Creekside Restaurant.

I have reviewed the staff report for tonight's meeting. Here are my thoughts and additional considerations:

I am in favor of:

1. The proposed paid parking, San Rafael to Tunstead, together with an agreement with CMPD to increase enforcement;
2. The elimination of free parking for electric vehicles in all of the town parking lots;
3. Opening up the lot behind Town Hall to public parking on weekdays from 4 pm on and all weekend;
4. A cap on the number of public parking spaces along San Anselmo Avenue, from Bolinas to San Rafael, that can be converted to parklets to no more than 6 spaces which effectively "grandfathers" in the existing parklets: Cucina (2); Marin Coffee Roasters (1); Kientz Hall (1); Hilda's (1); and Longway (1) and allows no additional parklets nor expansion of existing ones;
5. A fee schedule modeled on the San Rafael ordinance, not Healdsburg's. I think it fair to require an initial, non-refundable application fee, but no per parking space fee in the first year since that amount cannot yet be determined until after a year following the installation of metered parking on the Avenue. It is only after at least 1 year that a per/space fee can be determined;
6. Permit the installation of roofs to existing parklets which are designed for year-round use (as was permitted in Fairfax); and
7. Allow the use of gas heaters, as contrasted with the Fairfax parklet ordinance recently passed there.

Regulate/Require Fees for the Use of the Public Park Adjacent Creekside Restaurant

I feel very strongly that Council needs to decide *concurrent* with this parklet ordinance, rules and a fee schedule for use of the public park by Creekside Restaurant. Currently that restaurant has 11 QR-code dining tables in the public park and their diners often in addition use the public picnic tables. Effectively this is a complete takeover of a public park by a single restaurant. The cleanliness of the picnic tables, the vibe of the space, the availability of the public picnic tables all of this is impacted by the restaurant's free use of the public space. I don't think it is fair to allow that to continue while regulating all the other restaurants using public parking spaces. Furthermore, regulation of Creekside's public space dining is distinguishable from Cucina's use of the bridge insofar as Cucina's use is only a partial, nighttime use of a thoroughfare as compared to a public park. On top of this I object to publicly employed town staff cleaning up an area

impacted by a single private business. That isn't the case with the use of the bridge by Cucina. At a minimum a fee schedule and maintenance agreement should be required for the current status of Creekside dining in the public park to continue. Perhaps Council should consider a scaling back?

In closing I want to emphasize how much parklets are a benefit to a small boutique business like mine. Eyeballs on my business after my business hours has lead to new customers coming to my shop later when I am open. I see parklets as a net plus for my business and an enjoyable way to dine on the avenue.

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts and ideas.

/Laurie Berliner
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Robyn Clifford

From: Barbara Nazari <barbarahuntnazari@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:27 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Council & Staff,

I work at a downtown retailer and I am downtown resident and support keeping the existing restaurant parklets. I do recognize the concerns of other retailers in regards to parking, however, and hope that some changes can be made in conjunction with the parklet project.

From the perch of my office above San Anselmo Ave, I see parking mini-dramas unfolding daily. I have seen everything from downtown office workers and employees switching side-by-side spots every 2 hours to local business owners rubbing chalk off their tires, endless u-turns at the Tunstead intersection to grab a coveted spot and even a commercial repair van driver repeatedly parking in the loading zone to go to a yoga class! I can admit to occasionally committing some of these small infractions myself, except of course the loading zone yoga thing. I definitely believe in karma too much for that!

There has always been a parking problem downtown, but I think with a few changes in enforcement, the impact of the parklets can be minimized.

In my fantasy world, I would

- 1) Make all parking on San Anselmo Ave limited to 20 minutes. Park there if you need to go buy dog food or wine or pick up a gift or go to the dentist or grab a book from the library or a cup of coffee, etc.
- 2) Keep Creek Park and the lots 4 hour metered for longer visits, such as lunch at a restaurant parklet or a haircut or a yoga class, meeting at the building department, etc.
- 3) Create an employee parking lot. The town can and should be able to negotiate with private property owners to make this happen- US Bank lot?

You're welcome.

A note on future parklets: Please insure that parklet permits are granted only to businesses that have the correct license to serve on-premise food or alcohol. I am in full support of the Town's decision to allow consumers to enjoy open container alcohol on the closed streets and public parks, but I feel strongly that all businesses should be held in compliance of their strict ABC and Health Department licensure, as leasing parklet space from the town is essentially an extension of the footprint of the business.

Thank you for listening.

Best Regards,
Barbara Nazari

Robyn Clifford

From: Laura Wellman <wellmancolors@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Dear Folks,

I believe the city should keep the parklets, as they provide the outdoor seating many prefer...I know that takes away parking spaces but think the trade-off is worth it.

Thanks,
Laura

Laura Wellman

Eleven To Win

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Robyn Clifford

From: mkmirsky@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:15 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Re: Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Correcting agregis typo below! My apology !!

On Tue, Jun 28, 2022 at 1:12 PM <mkmirsky@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear town council,

I would like to contribute my thoughts on the future of parklets to your discussion and decision making.

For some context, I do have friends who have businesses with parklets. I know they have invested considerably in them. I like the aesthetics of more people sitting and dining outside along the Avenue.

However —

1. I believe it is important that those merchants on the Avenue who do not serve food or drink, be heard on this matter. Limited parking may be a real issue for them and I am not sure the impact that less parking has on these businesses has been fully considered?
2. From an aesthetic perspective, the more recent proliferation of parklets is beginning to concern me. Do we want the street to be walled off by multiple parklets? The recent addition of the Kintz parklet, in particular feels like too much for the small Avenue. What about allowing Kintz, Hilda's, LONGWAY and Woods Brewing to have parklets on the backside of their buildings? Close that to through traffic?
3. With the wonderful new creek side park, imagination park, and the public space at city hall, there is ample space for people to take food to go from the restaurants, and dine outside. Perhaps more tables would encourage more outdoor dining which would help local restaurants.
4. "Parking Reserved for Pick Up" .. this is only exasperating the parking hurdles and likely isn't helping the local restaurants that much.
5. Future of creek side park — the park is working! This open space, has been the best thing to happen to downtown san Anselmo in years. I urge the powers that be to consider this in any future plans for that space. Leave it open, easy to access and with plenty of seating. It has become a source of community.

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Robyn Clifford

From: Elise Calanchini <mirskyfive@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hello.

I am writing in regards to the Parklets in town. The Parklets have been a lovely addition and served a purpose during Covid times, for the merchants and customers. But, the Parklets are also a detriment to merchants that are not restaurants and cafes, as they have taken up much needed parking in our small town; on any given day it is extremely difficult to find a parking spot to do a simple quick errand, which keeps business away from these shops. There are also parking spots designated (sanctioned or not by the city) for "pick up only" of certain restaurants and cafes, to add to the problem!

My feeling is that if Creekside Park is thoughtfully planned and reconstructed to invite all to get take out from local eateries and sit in the park to enjoy, this will address the needs and desires of outdoor dining in town, free up parking and ease congestion in town.

I can see a few Parklets left on the main road, but how does one choose? Some, Keintz Hall for instance, already had outdoor seating on the sidewalk and open air seating on their rooftop, but very recently took up more necessary parking with a Parklet; not something I agree with.

There are many options to explore, but I do feel that there are too many Parklets and the frustrations around and lack of parking is a big problem!

I appreciate your time and efforts.

Thank you, Elise Calanchini

Robyn Clifford

From: Judy Barrera <jhbchinabound@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep the Parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Dear Town Council,
Please keep the parklets! These are the best thing to come out of covid.

My husband and I have long wondered why Marin County restaurants didn't have much outdoor seating when we have amazing weather up here. We have both traveled quite a bit and noticed many places had outdoor seating. This creates a cafe culture, which promotes a sense of community. People hang out more, walk around and visit businesses more, and meet with friends more often as well. I have never seen our downtown so lively!

When Covid hit, people in San Anselmo were cut off from their social lives and our businesses. Our restaurants struggled to stay open by offering take out, but that wasn't enough. Parklets saved them and introduced people to the pleasure of eating outside under the sun and stars. Now it is a way of life for all of us and we cannot take that away. There are still many people who do not feel safe eating indoors. Parklets give them a way to be social and safe. Most people we know, including us, specifically request outdoor seating when they go out to eat because it is more enjoyable.

I know some people complain that the parklets take up parking spaces and that there isn't enough parking downtown. Lack of parking has always been an issue in San Anselmo. I grew up here and remember business owners and others constantly complaining about parking That is a problem the town council can deal with at a later time. Do not let anyone use that excuse get rid of our parklets.

Covid upended our world and forced us to improvise and change. Some of those changes, such as walkable streets and parklets, were positive and are now considered normal. Please do not cater to a small minority of our town who do not want the parklets and want things to be the "way they were." We need these parklets.

Sincerely,
Judy Barrera

Robyn Clifford

From: Gloria Wolff <gehyai@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hello and happy summer!

Just writing to let you know how much we love and support the parklets. In all honesty, due to Covid, we do not eat indoors and the only reason we eat at the downtown restaurants is due to the parklets. Along with our friends, we have dined outdoors at the parklets quite a bit and have brought much needed business to the restaurants. We also love the vibe and sense of community it has brought downtown. We are in support of the parklets and would love to keep them!

Thank you for all you do!
Gloria Wolff

Robyn Clifford

From: Anne Calanchini <millerini@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Against more parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Hello San Anselmo Town Council Members,

I am a San Anselmo resident and am writing to you to voice my opposition to the current number of parklets, and to the addition of any future parklets.

The parklets made a lot of sense during the height of the pandemic, allowing restaurants to stay in business and giving people a safe place to gather.

I love the idea of outdoor dining and the community connection that it brings, but when everything is considered, now that we are through the pandemic shut down, the parklets don't seem reasonable or fair.

Downtown is open and busy again, and the decreased parking is noticeable. It is also trickier to navigate the busy stretch of San Anselmo Ave, the parklets cause some visual and physical obstruction, and with the pedestrians and bikers, there is a lot going on in a short few blocks. Some of the nearby businesses are also visually and physically hindered by the parklets.

I've heard directly from 2 merchants that their businesses have been hurt by the decreased parking, I imagine there are several more merchants who have also felt a negative impact. One merchant told me that they have been told by the Council that the residents love the parklets. Has the Council heard from enough residents to be able to assume that the majority are in favor of the parklets? I know many people who find the decreased parking and need to navigate the parklets very frustrating, and who sympathize with merchants who are hurt by these changes, but most of us were unaware of the possibility of even more parklets. Some months ago I got the notice that the parklets were on the agenda for an upcoming Town Council meeting, I wrongly assumed the discussion was going to be about whether or not to keep the existing ones. I had no idea that the town was considering more, and was truly confused and surprised when Kientz began to build theirs (especially considering their very large indoor space, rooftop deck and existing sidewalk tables).

Several restaurants that already had outdoor dining space now also have parklets. One business with a parklet is not a restaurant at all. I heard that the annual fee for the parklets is very minimal, if that is so, the town is giving some business owners the great advantage of additional real estate at almost no annual cost, while simultaneously hurting some of the other downtown businesses. That is not right or fair.

I love our downtown, I shop and dine at many of the businesses, and I want success and equal opportunity for all of them. Please give very careful and fair consideration to all aspects of the parklets, and make sure that you have reached and heard from the majority of the citizens.

Thank you,

Anne Calanchini

Robyn Clifford

From: Jedel Benson-Glasner <jedelbenson@ucla.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:02 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please keep the parklets open in San Anselmo! The parklets are safe spaces for those who feel more comfortable dining outside and help keep business thriving! Thanks for your consideration.

Robyn Clifford

From: Cameron Hinshaw <cameron@mfifty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Outdoor parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Dear Town Council;

I am sending this email as a shout out for all of those restaurants/cafes that have had the good fortune (during a trying time) to be allowed additional outdoor spaces. These spaces really need to be permanent.

As a frequent diner at our local restaurants, I love the fact that we have more seating options for those of us who want the option to sit outside rather than in an enclosed space.

These outdoor spaces have also brought a true vibrancy to our sleepy little town – something that is desperately needed for the restaurateurs and the shop owners, alike.

We live in such a beautiful place, removing these parklets would be a true shame.

Please vote to keep them in place.

Thank you.
C. Hinshaw
415-517-5005

Robyn Clifford

From: Jeremy Rhodes <jeremyrhodes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

We live in San Anselmo (18 Summit Rd) and we LOVE the parklets. Please keep them.

Thank you,
Jeremy & Talia Rhodes

Robyn Clifford

From: Joseph Donner <donjj1@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:42 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

I think this is unnecessary and overkill.

I don't think it adds to the overall enjoyment of the outdoor street closure and bottlenecks the traffic pattern during non closure times.

Sent from my iPhone

Robyn Clifford

From: Adam Speert <adspeert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:02 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hi,

I saw that there was deliberation on parklets and wanted to voice my strong support for them to stay. They very much enrich the town and the outdoor communal energy they promote is special.

My family eats at Hilda's nearly every Sat morning and we were just commenting on how the new parklet at Kientz Hall makes the downtown view seem nicer.

Please let them stay.

Thanks!
Adam Speert

108 Hillside Avenue

Robyn Clifford

From: John Finley <jgfinley123@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Council members,
I am a supporter of keeping parklets in town. Please don't force businesses to remove them.

Kind regards,
John Finley
2 Olive Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Robyn Clifford

From: Sheryl <sherylsmith727@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Please vote to keep the parklets - it is such a nice addition to our town.

Thanks you.

Robyn Clifford

From: Caressa Condo <condo_c2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:36 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

To whom it may concern,

As a member of our vibrant San Anselmo community, I petition our town council that our San Anselmo businesses be permitted to keep their parklets.

Best,

Caressa Condo-Huston

Sent from my iPhone

Robyn Clifford

From: Kari Chao <karichao@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hello San Anselmo town council members,

We're Fairfax residents but are writing in support of specifically Kientz Hall's parklet - and really all the parklets that have been built in San Anselmo and Fairfax over the past two+ years. The increase in outdoor dining has made eating out so much more enjoyable. It's the primary way that we as a family have been supporting local businesses over the pandemic - and hopefully will be able to continue to do so.

Please keep the parklets!

Thank you,
Kari and Chin Chao
700 Bolinas Road, Fairfax

Robyn Clifford

From: Janis Chan <janisdee1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

To the council:

"Parklets" - the fenced in seating areas in front of cafes and restaurants - are the best additions to the town that I can remember (and I've lived here a long time!). They're not only comfy and convenient, they increase the attractiveness of the street tremendously and draw more people into the business area, especially at night. We've finally discovered something Europeans have always known: the delight of spending more of our lives outdoors. I strongly urge you to allow parklets to remain on a permanent basis.

Best wishes,
Janis Chan
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Robyn Clifford

From: Carrie Peters <carrie@abclicensecompany.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Town Council
Cc: Kientz Hall
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

To: Town Council - City of SAN ANSELMO:

I am writing on behalf of Kientz Hall and in support of their parklet. I am a resident/home owner in San Rafael and have enjoyed many a lovely evening at Kientz Hall both upstairs and in their parklet.

Further, I am a consultant for over 25 years with regard to the alcoholic beverage licenses. The Governor instituted "temporary" outdoor dining during the COVID pandemic and that is still in effect and will continue to be in effect up until a year after he rescinds it (which he is NOT PLANNING to do anytime soon). This is a STATE-WIDE relief measure to help restaurants accommodate the public demand for safe outdoor dining space. Once that relief measure goes away, a licensee, like Kientz Hall, will have the opportunity to make that outdoor space permanent and I hope they do. We are all safer with outdoor dining spaces. The more we can accommodate the public's need for this, the better.

I also find that parklets even slow traffic down, which I feel is also needed everywhere and especially in San Anselmo.

I do hope you vote to keep Kientz Hall's parklet approved. It would be keeping with the State of California, it would be keeping with support of restaurants and it would be keeping with your support of public health and safety. LEAVE RESTAURANTS ALONE!

Thank you for reading. I am happy to answer any questions you have about this as my firm has had to become experts on outdoor space during COVID times.

Respectfully,

Carrie A. Peters

Founder, Fixer, CEO

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Robyn Clifford

From: George Parker <ledoff@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Dear Town Council of San Anselmo,

Please keep all the parklets in San Anselmo. They have been a necessity during these difficult times. If it wasn't for the parklets and outdoor seating, most of these restaurants would not have survived. My partner and I frequently dine out to support the restaurants and feel comfortable doing so because of the parklets and outdoor dining options. We are residents of San Anselmo and support all businesses. Being a small business owner myself, I know how difficult the last 2+ years have.

Getting rid of the parklets would definitely have an impact on the restaurants. So please do the customers who frequent these business a favor and keep the parklets.

Thank you,
Mr. George L . Parker Jr.
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Robyn Clifford

From: ginahawk@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:46 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Good morning!

For all of the pain, hardship, and negativity that Covid has placed upon all of us, I do feel that Parklets have been the silver lining! They have allowed our restaurants to survive and have brought an amazing sense of 'old-fashioned community' back to our precious town.

Please, let's keep that sense going forward. I urge you to keep our new community feel!

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Sent from my iPhone

Robyn Clifford

From: John Maas <john.maas.90@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:44 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hi, we are local residents. We aren't able to attend the meeting tonight to speak in person however we strongly support making the parklets a permanent fixture downtown. We urge the council to also vote to keep them in place long term. We have been enjoying the flexibility and additional outdoor seating options at a lot of local restaurants and cafes and we think they are great options also for our children to have a space to eat outdoors. Additionally they help create a more pleasant street environment with more space for pedestrians to congregate and what's not to love about a more activated downtown area. Please support the parklets.

John Maas
San Anselmo

Robyn Clifford

From: Alyce Piper <alycepiper@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:37 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please consider keeping the parklet's for our restaurants. It has give San Anselmo a little boost in activity and wonderful outdoor dining which was non existent before - and, I've lived in San Anselmo for 38 years! Live On The Avenue is a great add too this year!! Well done!

Alyce Piper

Robyn Clifford

From: Suzanne Trainor <thetrainors1@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Thank you! and Please Keep Parklets :)

CAUTION: External Sender

Good Morning,

Thank you for the "Live on the Avenue" summer series! We hope you will continue your support for community connection and our local businesses by maintaining access to the new outdoor dining venues too.

We understand that some of the local retailers are concerned about lost parking, but we believe that the increased visibility (from street side diners) and extra foot traffic — both which contribute to the reinvigoration of our downtown — will FAR offset the loss of 8 (?) downtown parking spaces. (Staying open a little later on the weekends would be a great strategy too!)

My husband and I both grew up in San Anselmo in the 60s and 70s. We are elated to see our wonderful town alive again! Thank you!

Suzanne and Brian Trainor
San Anselmo, CA

Robyn Clifford

From: Jess Bocci <jessicambocci@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:36 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Hi Town council team,

I am voting and proposing we KEEP the parklets in San Anselmo. These outdoor spaces are what people want to dine in!
Please keep them. It helps create more safe environments for families to eat at.

Best,
Jess

Robyn Clifford

From: Joe Kastner <jkastner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:26 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Parklets were one bright spot that came out of the pandemic. Let's make them permanent! Thanks.

Joe Kastner

Robyn Clifford

From: karrie hovey <karriehovey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:11 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please keep the parklets. It is so nice to be able to enjoy dining outside.

We will be living with mutating variants for quite sometime. The parklets give those of us unwilling to dine in public inside an option.

I often ride my bike from Fairfax to San Anselmo and I feel more confident in locking up my bike if I can see it.

Thanks - Karrie Hovey

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Be well - Karrie

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Robyn Clifford

From: Cherie visconti <cherie@bayareabirthworks.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:39 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

I implore you to keep the Parklets! Our town finally has a night life and with our mild weather and heat lamps we are out all year !

Please keep the one good thing that has come out of Covid !

Cherie visconti

Sent from my iPhone

Robyn Clifford

From: Jill Feldon LaNouette <jilanouette@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:21 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please keep the parklets. We love them. Thanks!

Jill Feldon LaNouette
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iPhone message, sorry about any typos

Robyn Clifford

From: PATTI COCCILO <patti_cocciolo@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please keep the wonderful parklets in San Anselmo! The community feel, the accessibility for those not ready to be inside, the "small town square" vibe that happens all along the avenue - whether the streets are closed or not - these benefits have changed our town for the better.

Yes, a few parking spaces are gone, but with the lots behind buildings on both sides of the Avenue, the spots available on the sections of the Avenue without parklets, street parking across a bridge on SFD, the parking available in neighborhoods, and so much foot traffic from folks who live close enough to walk, I have to say, we live too far to walk, and we've never not found a spot. Something is always available. The benefits to our community, to its vibrancy, to the survival of all the businesses (more folks coming to town, more folks shopping and discovering spaces other than restaurants) are huge.

As a San Anselmo resident of 10 years, the recent moves on the avenue - concerts on both ends, closed streets during the summer, block parties, shop and restaurant owners who care as much about our town as they do their profits, the energy that happens with outdoor seating along the avenue with the parklets - these community building efforts have been the single best set of improvements I've seen.

Well done - keep it going!!

Warmly,

Patti Cocciolo, Oak Avenue

Robyn Clifford

From: David Howey <david.howey@downtownstorage.biz>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

Good Evening, I'm against the parklets because of the following questions/ issues:

1. For this to work, I think the town would need to enforce parking like Mill Valley's parking enforcement. Does San Anselmo even enforce the parking?
2. Why can't coffee shops near the town park use the town park? It seems to work just fine for Creekside Pizza and Tap Room.
3. Will there be a permit process?
4. Will social distancing be enforced?
5. What will keep the companies from utilizing cheap /low-rent signage (Vinyl Banners)?
6. Shouldn't they be paying the town rent if they are using town property?
7. How do you plan to replace the parking spaces that you have lost? Would you give up the parking lot behind City Hall?

Thanks,

David Howey

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Robyn Clifford

From: Ann Politzer <annpolitzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:54 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: Dave Donery; Sean Condry; Planning
Subject: Correction Re: Parklets--Council Agenda Item #5, 6/28/22

CAUTION: External Sender

The line in my email on the parklets and impacted parking should read, "ACCESSIBLE parking has been eaten up by parklets." Thank you!

On Jun 28, 2022, at 4:34 PM, Ann Politzer <annpolitzer@gmail.com> wrote:

Available parking has been eaten up by parklets. F

Robyn Clifford

From: Todd Brockman <toddjbrockman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:52 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

CAUTION: External Sender

Please keep the Parklets in San Anselmo. We need to keep the great community of San Anselmo as a walking, dining, and gathering town.

Thank you.

Best,
TB
Mobile: 415-250-1379

Robyn Clifford

From: Pilar Fernandez Maas <ptmaas@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:35 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Are the Parklets in San Anselmo Necessary?

CAUTION: External Sender

Dear Town Council,

Today I learned of tonight's town council meeting and that parklets are on the agenda. In reviewing all of the studies, petitions, and comments regarding them I'm surprised that so many like them and don't feel that parking is an issue. Had I been asked I would have answered that San Anselmo has too many parklets and that parking has become more challenging.

I find that during the day the parklets are not full and the valuable parking spots are. I'm not suggesting that all of the parklets should be removed, but a few do seem unnecessarily large and maybe shouldn't be there at all. My suggestion is to remove the ones that don't have full capacity during the day and leave the ones that do. We should also not make any long term commitments to the parklets.

I understand that it's important to listen to the residents, not only because I'm one, but because it's their town. I also feel that it's very important to listen to the merchants. To see that the polling shows an even split among the merchants we should base all decisions on that. Without merchants we won't have a town. It's difficult enough to be a small business owner and to give customers a reason to shop at a brick and mortar vs at their screens in the comfort of their homes. Not being able to park is a deterrent to shopping in town.

My suggestion is to remove a few of the parklets, do not make a commitment to them and don't add any to an already congested street.

Kindly,
Pilar Maas

Robyn Clifford

From: JEANETTE CLING <jcling10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:22 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: parklets

CAUTION: External Sender

I wanted to take a moment and voice my opinion about the parklets. This is the greatest thing our town has done to create an inviting atmosphere downtown to draw consumers to downtown. If you go to downtown fairfax, san rafael, larkspur, Mill Valley - they all have people enjoying their downtown well into the evening. San Anselmo is dead and asleep by 7:00 pm. The parklets are drawing people in a positive way, to downtown san anselmo.

KEEP THE PARKLETS

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Robyn Clifford

From: paul walker <spectrus38@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:36 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

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please keep them!
very important!
-pw

Robyn Clifford

From: Jen Callewaert <jencallewaert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:08 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: Cory Callewaert
Subject: Keep Parklets in San Anselmo

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Dear Council,

We live in San Anselmo past Yolanda station and we LOVE the outdoor seating and parklets downtown! Please consider keeping them permanently. We will not miss the parking and will ride bikes, scooter or walk! Thank you for keeping our community safe, happy, and supporting new ideas and planning!!

Ps. We LOVE the summer street closures too...wish it was year round!

Thanks!
Jen Callewaert
Canyon rd, San anselmo

Robyn Clifford

From: PATRICIA RIPPE <prdriippe@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 2, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Parklets

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I would like to support keeping the parklets.
Patricia Rippe