
Letter to Sebastopol Planning Commission Sebastopol Planning Commissioners

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Dear Commissioners

I am writing as a neighbor of Ives Park at 190 Jewell, to request that you deny the Sebastopol Rotary Club project application for their centennial project as it is currently sited for Ives Park. I volunteer on the Calder Creek Advisory Team to support the Calder Creek restoration project unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and City Council in 2022. The proposed Rotary project in its current form places a substantial area of pavement on top of the approved streams restoration project.

The 2022 approved project was laid out to minimize sewer line crossings, impacts to the redwoods on the eastern end of the park and provide a stable planform to prevent maintenance issues in the future. The city approved layout also responded to requests to provide cohesive open space for public use at concerts and other events. Because the project removes fencing and a dangerous concrete ditch it will enable a new open, gently sloped lawn space for concert viewers and attendees . The open space increases from about 42,000 sq feet to 45,000 square

feet. The restoration plan can also bring grant funding to the city to address the dangerous connection of the traffic triangle at Jewell and Willow by attaching the triangle to the park and reconfiguring the traffic circulation.

I want to see a successful restoration project and look forward to increasing community use of the site with volunteer planting projects , student involvement, attraction of native aquatic life and bird and wildlife habitat and the creation of an aesthetic feature in the center of the city.

I appreciate all the good work and contributions the Rotary has provided to the community over many years, but on balance, the Calder Creek restoration Project will serve as a positive environmental legacy for generations to come.

Therefore, I respectfully recommend that the Planning Commission suggest a re-siting of the Rotary project that does not conflict with a previously approved project.

Thank you for honoring this long awaited project.

Sincerely,

Christine Boyd