

WORK ON SEE-WALL PROCEEDING AS PLANNED

Cayucos Comet

March 24, 1955

This week men are busy laying the cement blocks that will form the artistic wall and sheltered seats are planned. The plan calls for nine sections of wall, each 50 feet long and 42 inches high.

During the past week there have been several conferences to consider numerous and varied suggestions.

Some of the first criticisms after the first section was built suggested that the wall should be two blocks higher (16 inches higher) as that would give more protection from the breeze for those sitting on the bench.

Several people thought it should be one block, or eight inches lower, so that those people who sit in their parked cars facing the wall could see the children playing on the beach. Others thought the wall might be dangerous for children who might insist on walking along the top of the wall, and suffer the fate of Humpty Dumpty.

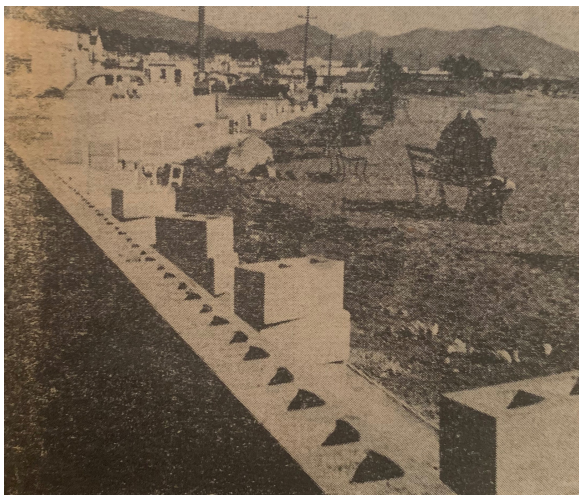


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Others answered this argument with the fact that children have not fallen off the pier because of walking on the hand rail. And we have furnished a high slide for them to climb- yet, they don't fall from the top of that. Signs can prohibit walking on the wall, if necessary. The higher it is the less they are apt to walk on it.

One lady said that every Sunday morning they come to town after their paper and usually park their car facing the beach for 15 minutes, and they like to see the children playing on the beach and the waves washing on the shore. Yet there are many places where they can get a better unobstructed view of the beach and waves.

Another answered that only a limited number of cars can park along the beach

facing the wall, while many more must park elsewhere if they visit the beach. The new seats will have a capacity of about 700 people.

The people who desire to see from their parked cars may still get a good view if they park at the southeast part, as the parking area is on higher ground there.

The committee called in Supervisor Paul Andrew and Road Commissioner Kenneth Beck, and asked their opinion. After taking all phases of the problem into consideration, it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the 42-inch height would prove the most satisfactory.

Not long ago a local resident was quite peeved because a house was built near his home and it shut off his favorite view. Although the new house was built according to zoning setbacks, the local resident refused to adjust himself-so he sold out and moved away. But most people can shift their position if someone sits in front of them and still enjoy the show. Others move to another seat, while others go to the management and demand their money back.

Cayucos people are noted for their ability to get along, and fall in with the adopted plan, without the griping that afflicts some communities. Our ability to cooperate is the thing that puts the UNITY in commUNITY.

POP DAVIS MAKES FINAL 'SEE-WALL' REPORT TO C OF C

Cayucos Comet
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..... But one man was present with his report, of which he was justly proud. Pop Davis, who has spark-plugged the see-wall project, and kept after the folks, made the following report of the completion of the project.

The idea was hatched by Virgil Ambrosia, George Canet, and son, Bob, and Virgil Borges. Mark Waltz drew a sketch of it. Pop Davis was asked to present it to the Chamber. The Chamber adopted the plan, and voted to spend the Mayor's fund on it. Pop was asked to present it to

other organizations. All were cooperative. The Lions club also adopted it.

Working plans were drawn "for free," by E. P. Van Leuven of San Luis Obispo. Paul Andrew agreed to seek prison labor to build it. Bill Boyle supplied the materials at a special rate. Park Superintendent Roy Sherwin appointed Deputy Sheriff Reeves to supervise the work and workers. Paul Rizzo of the Coast Plumbing Co., furnished pipe for drinking fountains at cost, and did the plumbing also "for free." Joe Silva kept the equipment in repair at the same price.

The unanimous approval in the comments of the visitors shows conclusively that the project is a success - and incidentally, the visitors seem to favor the 42-inch wall instead of the 30 inch height.

The total cost to date, if no charges have been omitted, is \$1,855.65, of which the Cayucos Lions club has paid \$1,055.65 and the Chamber of Commerce contributed \$800.

Mr. Davis was very thankful for the fine cooperation of all those who have helped with work, donations, suggestions, and constructive criticism.

Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, our museum is currently closed, and we have no upcoming events scheduled. Please visit our website periodically for any updates.



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A Note from the President

Dear Members and Visitors,

I want to start off by saying that I’m thinking about your families and you during this Coronavirus pandemic. I hope that all of you are taking care of yourselves during these challenging and difficult times. I don’t believe that any of us imagined this scenario when we rang in the New Year just a few months ago. Just think what the future historical societies will say about the year, 2020, and what we’re experiencing now. Hopefully, our actions will be something worth merit.

In early March, with the uncertainty about the spread of COVID-19, we decided to be proactive, so we closed our museum. Since safety continues to be the most important consideration, our yearly reception to showcase our current exhibit about the Chumash in our area, scheduled for May 15th, has been postponed. One benefit of sheltering in place is that it provides a person with time to reflect and plan for the future. Hopefully, ideas that will improve our organization may result from this (down) time.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter featuring articles about the seawall being built in the mid 1950’s. It continues to be an integral part of our community. A big thank you goes to all the people who were actively involved in making Cayucos a better place to live more than sixty years ago. We continue to benefit from their dedication, hard work, and cooperation.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. Since planning is difficult at this time, determining specific dates is almost impossible. Please refer to our website for current information.

Sincerely,
Susan Mathias

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MUSEUM UPDATE

Our visitor count at the museum in 2020 got off to a slower start than in 2019 before we decided to close our doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through our first 20 dates in 2020, we experienced a 21% decline in visitors (916 persons in 2020 vs. 1,167 in 2019). We attribute the decline to a combination of fewer visitors in town which began in 2019 and a greater number days of rain and generally colder weather in 2020. We look forward to sharing our new exhibit with you when we are allowed to reopen.