

Bob Kelley to chair planning board

The first order of business on a relatively light agenda for Atascadero Planning Commission was the election of a new chairman.

Commissioner Bob Kelley was unanimously elected to chair the seven-member advisory body and Robert M. "Grigger" Jones will serve as vice chairman. "I hope I do as good a job as Roberta [Roberta Fonzi, former chairman]," Kelley said.

Kelley, a former California Highway Patrolman, is a local Realtor. He was a candidate to the city council during the last municipal election.

In addition to approval of two lot splits, the commissioners spent the

most time discussing the removal of a large oak from a mobile home park at the north end of the city. The oak scheduled to be removed poses a threat to a mobile home and is in poor condition, according to an arborist's report submitted by the applicant, Rob Boneso.

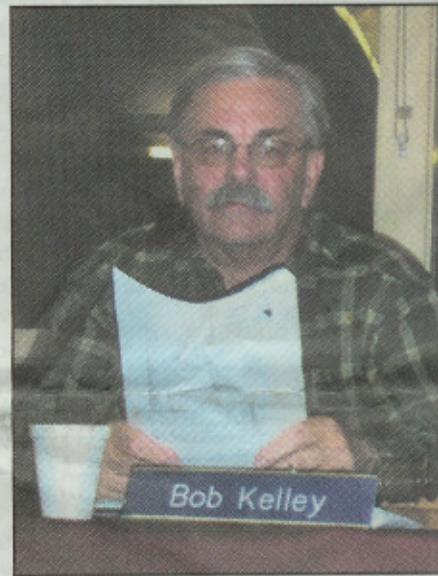
Boneso asked that he not have to pay the \$800 into the city's tree mitigation fund as a condition of removing the oak. The ordinance allows him to plant replacement oaks, but Boneso argued there wasn't room on the property for more oaks. Community Development Director Warren Frace agreed that there wasn't much room to plant additional trees in the mobile home

park.

The commission voted unanimously to permit the tree removal, but Boneso is going to have to comply with the condition of planting replacement trees or pay into the fund.

The seven commissioners had relatively little discussion or debate over the lot splits.

One of the lots totaling near 7.5 acres will be split in two, creating new parcels of 2.5 acres and 7 acres. The second parcel, totaling 2.25 acres, is being split into two lots of approximately one acre apiece.



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