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# Laguna Park committee

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**SEBASTOPOL** — Mayor Sam Crump's attempt to remove Sebastopol Tomorrow's representation on the Laguna Park Committee failed last week after a plea from a member of the organization and from Councilwoman Anne Magne apparently saved the day.

To call the mood of some audience members triumphant after the 4-1 vote on April 1 would be a mild understatement.

Crump called for decorum after Sebastopol Tomorrow supporters issued forth with catcalls and applause in the wake of the Council's decision not to remove the self-described grassroots organization from the ad hoc advisory committee.

Crump wanted to replace Sebastopol Tomorrow's representation on the committee with an additional "at-large" position. He said he was concerned about the "accountability" of an organization that is "not chartered ... so to speak," in the

same way as the other groups, including the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, with representation on the committee.

"It is important city committee representatives have legitimacy and credibility from an established organization and Sebastopol Tomorrow is not able to show that compared to the other organizations ... since they are not willing to produce a budget, membership list or proof of regular meeting sched-

ule," Crump said. "... when we talk about the possibility of raising hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars" for the Laguna Park, "it is important to have people (on the committee) who are accountable."

Sebastopol Tomorrow representative Una Glass called Crump's proposal "short-sighted and inappropriate."

"The idea behind Sebastopol Tomorrow having a seat on the Laguna Park Implementation Committee, along with the Chamber of Commerce, the

Laguna Foundation and others, was to get varying groups which may at times have differing opinions behind a common goal. Sebastopol Tomorrow was the group which first promoted the idea of a Laguna Park," Glass said.

"You know who we are and cannot deny our participation in the past," she added.

Anne Magne, the City Council's representative on the Laguna committee, said "it seems to me an entity, amorphous or not, that has been

functioning in the community ... for more than a dozen years has to have some credibility. I don't know where we've come as a city to even have this discussion ... (leaving Sebastopol Tomorrow out) precludes a lot of people who don't join, but want to have a role in the community."

Councilman Ken Foley and Crump argued that adding an additional "at-large" representative on the committee would be more "inclusive" of area (Please see *Laguna* page A9)

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