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Dear Kristen,

Do you ever wonder, as you drive east on Hwy.37, why the high voltage lines follow the Railroad right of way, and suddenly veer in a Northerly direction through what is now called GreenPoint ? The Blackpoint Improvement Club or (it's forerunner) was instrumental in protecting their neighborhood from this eyesore. What a HUGE accomplishment ! These were our founding fathers and mothers.

This tradition was carried on by many Blackpoint neighbors, who tried to protect the largest stand of old growth Endangered Blue Oaks from the ax (that eventually fell), to make way for the Stonetree Golf Course. Unfortunately, the Stonetree parcel (former Renaissance Faire property, and before that the Sartori Ranch) had become annexed to the City of Novato (during 60s in a failed subdivision attempt). This meant that although the Blackpoint Improvement Club did support Stonetree, neither they or the substantial number of other Blackpoint residents OPPOSED to the project had any voice in the Novato city wide vote. This was, of course, because Blackpoint is not in the Novato City Limits. It was perhaps one of the most divisive issues ever to face us. Stonetree developers prevailed and have been good neighbors and community supporters.

These stories are important and give us a historical perspective, which we should keep in mind while putting forth a new Community Plan ! Our unique community should be preserved as much as possible.

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