

Emeryville Lets Doggies Stay

The turnabout came after City Manager John Flores toured the site along with the heads of the city's public works and planning departments.

Meanwhile, neighbors and fans of the roadside attraction blitzed city officials with e-mail in recent days, after I wrote about the dachshunds' fate last week.

Holly Hartz, who works in Emeryville and must be a genius, sent city officials an ingratiating note gushing about the success of the city and then made her pitch for the dogs.

"Not only have you re-designed and re-kindled a city, but also you have done it with grace and a charming sense of humor," Hartz wrote.

"Now, let's talk about the Doggie Diner heads. My company recently moved around the corner from the Dogs. Exploring the neighborhood one morning, I turned the corner and stopped my car smack in the middle of the street. I started laughing so hard there were tears running down my cheeks. I LOVE the Doggie Diner Heads," Hartz wrote.

Flores, who is no dummy, actually likes Manny, Moe and Jack, the names that Law bestowed on

the 9-foot-tall doggie heads.

The fiberglass pups became even more precious after the Doggie Diner head at Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco, the only original sign still in place from the fast-food chain, was knocked down in high winds.

The city has given Law 30 days to come up with a plan to create a permanent art installation at his home.

Law wants to propose placing Manny, Moe and Jack on a foam rock pedestal outside the home, which would meet both the city's needs and his own aesthetic sense.

"I think they're going to be reasonable and we're going to be able to work this out," Law said.

Read all about it, and other details of doggiedom, at www.doggiediner.com.

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I'LL BE DOGGONE: The giant Doggie Diner heads that grace Emeryville resident John Law's side yard won't be going anywhere after all.

Emeryville city officials, who had ordered the removal of the three dog heads that once topped the popular restaurants around the Bay Area, have changed their minds.