

City Advisory Committee Approves Lighthouse Point Convention Center

The proposed convention center at Lighthouse Point is back on the map as far as the Citizens Planning Advisory Committee is concerned.

The advisory committee recognized Tuesday in reviewing its public facilities subcommittee report that "the city and county in a joint effort are presently moving ahead with a convention center" at Lighthouse Point that will be capable of handling 90,000 delegates per year, feature a theater-auditorium, commercial area and hotel.

Last week, the advisory committee sent back for further study a section of the commercial tourism subcommittee report dealing with the Lighthouse Point complex. Some committee members believe the site would be an excellent location for a park, but recognize financial transactions have just been completed between landowners and Teachers Management and Investment Corp., an investment group comprised of about 250 teachers, for development of the convention center.

Glenn Lundberg, vice president of TMI Analysts, Inc., said the firm is planning to develop the site "with Santa Cruz style architecture," and not the New England style pre-

viously mentioned.

The public facilities subcommittee report states that if the convention center is not developed at Lighthouse Point, a more central location such as the Ocean Street area should be considered.

A major section of the public facilities subcommittee report was passed last week, recommending that UCSC attain a maximum student enrollment of 10,000, instead of the planned figure of 27,500. The subcommittee noted that the smaller enrollment figure would have a population impact on the city of about 30,000, compared to more than the expected 90,000.

Other main sections of the public facilities subcommittee report adopted Tuesday included:

—The old county courthouse site should be "promptly acquired" by the city. The city and county have failed to come to an agreement on a city purchase of the site.

—Highway 1 should be taken off the state freeway system and declared a scenic highway.

—Police departments within the county should be consolidated under one countywide law enforcement agency eliminating duplication of facilities and services.

—The 14 fire districts in the county should be consolidated under four separate districts, Santa Cruz, San Lorenzo Valley, Mid-County and Watsonville.

—Plans should be implemented to expand city sewage treatment facilities before any "major new development or annexation is considered."

—Public library service should be "easily accessible" to every resident.

—The San Lorenzo River, with its "potential recreation and aesthetic value," should be protected, and possible damming of the river should be explored to provide additional summer recreation.

—The city should begin a fund for a park and open space acquisition program. Also, all beach and shoreline areas within the planning area should be acquired by the public.

The advisory committee also approved some sections of the transportation subcommittee report that had been sent back for further study. Among the most important was the recommendation that Mission Street be widened to a "thoroughfare" status, much like Ocean Street is now.

All seven of the subcommittee reports have gone through their first reading. Sections that have been sent back for further study will now be discussed by the group in next Tuesday's session.

Said committee Chairman Dr. Carl Nelson, "We expect to submit our report to the city council at its June 23 meeting."

From there, it will go to the planning commission for study before being sent back to the city council for final approval.

Weather Elsewhere

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	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, clear	68	49	.33
Albuquerque, cloudy	84	52	.03
Atlanta, clear	85	57	..
Bismarck, cloudy	67	43	..
Boise, cloudy	79	53	..
Boston, cloudy	70	60	.11
Buffalo, cloudy	66	42	..

New Orleans, clear	89	49	..
New York, clear	76	57	.87
Okla. City, cloudy	79	63	..
Omaha, cloudy	76	64	..
Philadelphia, clear	78	56	.99
Phoenix, clear	94	66	..
Pittsburgh, clear	75	49	..
Ptland, Me., cloudy	66	58	..
Ptland Ore, cloudy	63	50	..