

Commission:

Stick To DeLaveaga Use Plan

Strong opposition to "inconsistent use" in DeLaveaga Park was registered by the city parks and recreation commission yesterday during a special meeting.

City Parks and Recreation Director Carl Bengston said the formal resolution is in response to a recent proposal that a portion of the park be used for a juvenile hall site.

The commission unanimously urged the city council "to oppose any use of DeLaveaga park which would be inconsistent with . . . the master development plan."

The use plan, approved by the commission and council in 1960, does not include a juvenile hall.

Supervisor Russ McCallie posed the juvenile hall proposal Monday. He asked that county rights to the park be fixed by a title search.

The city commissioners conceded that "for many years the city and county have jointly owned DeLaveaga park," but they noted that "in 1903, the county by official action turned over to the City of Santa Cruz the entire control, operation, and management (of the park) all at the city's sole cost and expense . . ."

The commissioners yesterday noted that the master plan for development of the park which had been prepared at considerable expense to the city had received expressions of approval from the county planning commission and the chairman of the county board of supervisors.

McCallie feels a juvenile hall among the 640 acres of DeLaveaga would not interfere with its development. He cited current occupancy by the navy reserve, the army national guard, the SPCA, and the city's park department maintenance shop.

He estimated that some \$100,000 in land costs to the county could be saved by use of DeLaveaga park land.