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Council Urges URA Agency To Proceed With Project

The city council last night informally urged the Santa Cruz urban redevelopment agency to proceed with existing plans for the San Lorenzo Park project.

This was suggested despite reports that the county board of supervisors intends to make no decision on disposition of the 3.04-acre, county-owned Garibaldi site for from eight to 14 months.

The supervisors yesterday finally declined an option to purchase about four acres of URA land for a seven-acre courthouse complex.

However, they did not announce intentions for the Garibaldi site — plunk in the heart of the western side of the redevelopment project.

URA Director Olin Carl White had termed this decision of equal importance with the courthouse location consideration, because the large county parcel splits up the area and might discourage other developers.

Last night, in response to direct questions from Mayor Ted Foster, White said he believed the project can proceed without a firm decision by the supervisors.

It will require a new street to free landlocked parcels between the present Cooper and Short streets and the flood control levees.

"In addition, we will not be able to realize the return from land that we had hoped for,"

Allies Talk Of Summit Parley Date

Washington (AP). — U. S. officials said today it will be 10 days or two weeks before the Western powers work out an agreement on the timing of a summit conference with the Soviet Union.

One tentative date used here is December 7, but authorities are certain summit pre-

White said. "We won't have any sizeable parcels to offer larger developers."

White said he will ask the redevelopment agency to make a final determination of street patterns and other site preparation considerations at an adjourned meeting tonight. It will be in the agency quarters at 322 Church street, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

White said this morning site preparation work is anticipated to begin by December 1 if the agency can resolve the street situation tonight. Revised specifications and drawings would be expected from the city engineer's office in a week, he said.

A meeting between city officials and the two-man county committee is slated for tomorrow for discussion of possible land trades and other means of opening up the commercial area.

White told the council last night no agreement seems imminent.

He said the supervisor's committee — Chairman Lewis Nelson and Vincent Locatelli — insists on valuing the parcel at \$2.40 per square foot. That is its proposed improved price, White said.

"It is quite evident they expect us to make the improvements and then buy them back," White said.

Councilmen, rebelling early in the session, suggested that the traffic patterns be altered to miss the county parcel, landlocking it.

However, White said that under the participation agreement with the county, it is obligated to pay \$50,000 for the extension of Front street across its parcel. If this is not done, there would be no obligation to pay.

"This may be the lesser of the two evils," he pointed out.

The councilmen apparently accepted this thought.

Dr. Foster observed that the city position then was "simplified."

"We can proceed with basically the same plan — and get this project done," the mayor said. He reiterated his feeling that progress in the area will change a lot of opinions of redevelopment.

White explained that the additional street may either be rectangular or follow existing streets and be trapezoidal. The former plan would cost \$8000 more but would provide better parcelization, White said.