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Planners Recommend Added Quonset For Library Storage

Increased temporary space for the overflowing Santa Cruz library will be provided if the city council approves the planning commission recommendation last night favoring construction of a second quonset storage facility.

The commission recommended a proposal by P. E. Stuart to add another steel quonset building to the five now at Coral and Fern streets.

One of these buildings now contains some 15,000 books. Space limitations of the downtown library building require provision for an additional 5000 to 6000 volumes plus some work space.

Librarian Geraldine Work

says the material is available for circulation "but we just do not have room for it downtown."

To comply with the fire zone regulations of the property, which will allow more quonset-type steel buildings, Stuart agreed to cover the additional structure with a 5/8 inch coating of a special, stucco-like material which must be applied by pressure. This will give the quonset hut a one-hour fire wall, which meets the requirements of the city code.

In addition, prior to a unanimous approval by the commission, Stuart expressed willingness to join an assessment district forming in the area to provide curbs, sidewalks, and gutters.