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"There is but one element of Government - and
that is the people."

— John Adams

Planning Staff Carries Heavy Load

The Planning Department continues to work full speed ahead. Following the adoption of the Housing Element of the General Plan, a Housing Advisory Committee was appointed and the seven members have already held their first meeting. The following people have been appointed to serve on this committee:

Paul Niebanck, Chairman
Stephen Baron
Mrs. Erva Bowen
Richard Ratcliff
Phillip Bates
Tom Shanle
Andrew Schiffrin

The Housing Element book will not be available for two or three months due to the backlog in the print shop.

Between regular meetings and work session meetings of the Planning Commission, the Planning Department has been staffing meetings of the Redevelopment Commission (second and last Monday of every month), the Citizens' Committee on Community Improvement (first, third and fifth Monday of every month), the Design Review Committee (every Friday), the Zoning Administrator (every other Monday) and the Housing Advisory Committee (first and third Wednesday of the month). These meetings are in addition to joint meetings with the City Council to discuss the Capital Improvements Program and the process to be followed in the revision of the General Plan.

The Planning staff has also met with MEND, a neighborhood group that submitted proposals for the solution of traffic problems in the Bay-High-Mission street areas; and with the Beach Hill Study Group, formed to re-examine the zoning in that area and make recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Open Space and Conservation Element

The City Council, the Planning Commission and the Planning Staff participated in putting together a 135 page report entitled "Open Space and Conservation Element" as an amendment to the General Plan.

This comprehensive plan is a guide for future capital improvements and physical developments of the City of Santa Cruz. It covers public health and safety aspects, preservation of natural