

Only 8.4 Pct. Opposed

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Cedar-Vine Street Plan Finds 41.3 Pct. In Favor

Property owners in the proposed Cedar-Vine street assessment district are continuing to show overwhelming approval for the project, a spokesman for a citizens committee backing the district announced today.

George Penniman said owners of 41.3 per cent of the land have favored the project, according to

petitions returned to the Bowman and Williams Engineering company.

Protests, on the other hand, have numbered only 8.4 per cent.

Owners of 50.3 per cent of the property have not been heard from, he continued.

Penniman's announcement followed a meeting this morning of the committee at Hilda's restaurant. Attending were Eugene Prolo, Warren Thal, Louis Rittenhouse, Fred McPherson Jr., Keith Shaffer, Jack Chiorini, Sam Leask III and Santa Cruz City Manager Dave Koester.

Seven parcels must be purchased to connect Cedar and Vine streets. Penniman said options have been obtained on five of the parcels.

He emphasized that all five options are within the appraised value of the land. The five pieces of land comprise 85 per cent of the property needed to connect the two streets.

The two remaining parcels total approximately 6400 square feet.

Bowman and Williams has estimated acquisition costs in the proposed project at \$480,000. Actual construction would be about \$27,500. Demolition expense is estimated at \$100,000.

Goal of the petition is a sign-up by owners of 60 per cent of the assessment district area. Such a sign-up would eliminate the need for a district election and would allow the city council to proceed with a public hearing on the project. It also would require only a favorable majority vote by councilmen to order the project instead of a four-fifths (six of seven councilmen) vote for a smaller percentage.

Penniman said approximately 10 per cent of the land will not be committed in either direction because the property is in estate.

He urged persons who have not indicated their feelings on the proposed project to return the petitions to Bowman and Williams. He added that information about the Cedar-Vine street link can be obtained from the engineering firm.

Peace Corps Tests Set In SC Saturday

Peace Corps placement tests will be given Saturday in Santa Cruz for volunteers for the spring training program, instead of Thursday as reported in Sunday's Sentinel.

The non-competitive tests, open to all citizens 18 years or older, will be given in Room 5 of the Post Office, Pacific avenue and Water street. Tests start at 8:30 a.a.

To become a volunteer, an applicant must not only take the test, but submit a Peace Corps questionnaire. This may be done immediately after testing, according to Harry Watson, local Post Office official.

Over 6000 openings in the corps are waiting to be filled in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

A college education is not required. Liberal arts graduates and others without special skills are welcome, corps officials say.

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