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DeLaveaga Park Site Liked By Nelson For Courthouse

Following the request of Supervisory Board Chairman Francis Silliman that supervisors be ready next Tuesday to select a site for construction of the new county courthouse, Soquel District Supervisor Lewis Nelson today announced his choice—DeLaveaga park.

Nelson said his principal reason for selecting the park area is that the city and the county jointly own the land and that the site would cost the county nothing.

Another reason for the park site, Nelson said, is that the supervisors propose to float a \$30 or 40-year bond issue for financing the courthouse. "Therefore, it stands to reason that we should select a site and construct a building which would be serviceable after it is paid for," he declared.

The particular site on which Nelson would have the new courthouse is now occupied by a baseball diamond. It is just across Branciforte creek from Branciforte drive, about a half mile from the park entrance.

The supervisor proposes to construct a loop from the site to the Santa Cruz-Watsonville highway, coming into the highway near Morrissey lane.

He pointed out last night that the county would have considerable expense in sewer and road construction but that in his opinion the easily-accessible, centrally-located site would more than offset these costs.

He further declared that with the improvement of the Ocean Shore highway between Santa Cruz and San Francisco there will be an immediate influx of residents who commute to the industrialized bay area.

This growth will be augmented, he said, by residents who work within the San Jose industrial area as roads between there and Santa Cruz are improved.

This growth, Nelson believes, will force expansion of the city of Santa Cruz.

Because of this potential growth, he said, this park site which seems remote now, will be in a very few years centrally located even for the city of Santa Cruz.

The supervisor said today he

would check with the local transit company to determine whether bus service to the park area would be available if the courthouse is situated there.

Each of the supervisors has indicated that the construction of a new courthouse will cost the county about \$2 million.

While the board has been casting about for sites for the new building for about three months, only three sites heretofore have received serious consideration.

These are the present site, a site within the redevelopment area, and a site near the city hall.

A professional planner hired by the board upon Nelson's recommendation, suggested that the new building be constructed near the city hall.

A 15-member site selection committee appointed by the supervisors recommended that the present site be utilized to its fullest extent and that the county also purchase acreage within the redevelopment area for "future expansion."

Early in the year, San Lorenzo District Supervisor Vincent Locatelli and Branciforte District Supervisor Walter Merrill recommended sites on River street between Water and Josephine streets.

Transportation To School Polls Is Available

Transportation to the polls for the city school board election tomorrow is being furnished by the group supporting Incumbent Hamilton Gronen and by the recall movement.

Persons desiring transportation may telephone the following numbers: GA 6-2508, Gronen headquarters, St. George Hotel; recall headquarters, GA 6-2717. Mrs. Roland Dalman, precinct chairman for the recall campaign, said that persons on the west side of the city may telephone GA 3-9253 and persons on the east side, GA 3-5033, for transportation.