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More study requested on midcounty library site

The location of a future midcounty library will be studied further, as the result of Monday morning's library board meeting. Trustees decided, as chairman Sara Bunnett said, "to spend a month on a little research" to be sure all possible sites are investigated.

Board member C. Vernon Berlin once again said the proposed location at 17th Avenue and Capitola Road, near Live Oak Senior Center is unacceptable because of a "flimsy" lease agreement, a gas station operating on one corner of the property, insufficient parking and a location that is "too far from Capitola and too close to Branciforte."

Planning director Kris Schenk and chief of comprehensive planning for the county David Laughlin wrote to Ms. Bunnett in March, saying they recommend the Live Oak site, and that possible alternatives are the parcels along Capitola Road between 17th and 41st Avenues, and the proposed park site on 30th Ave. and Brommer in Live Oak.

Berlin said the 17th Avenue and Capitola Road site was decided against more than two years ago and he "cannot understand why county planners are so far behind."

Board member Bob Blankholm added that in his opinion a location near 41st Avenue would be suitable because it would be midway between Aptos and Branciforte branches.

Trustee Mary Ann Kaplan expressed her preference for the park site at 30th Avenue and Brommer Street. "It seems to me that would be the ideal location, or one we should consider seriously," she said.

Chairman Bunnett said in her opinion, the board should contact the County Assessor's Office to find out what undeveloped mid-

county property there is so that trustees "can see all possibilities. As a responsible board, we have to do a little research ourselves," she told trustees.

Because the 30th Avenue and Brommer Street site is already in the planning stages, Ms. Kaplan warned that to "dilly-dally" could mean loss of an excellent site.

Trustees voted to have the board's facilities plan committee investigate other sites and report to the board at the May meeting.

In other business, board members received the 1981-82 proposed budget.

At this time, the budget proposal is for \$ 1.6 million, which does not include salary increases and inflation adjustment.

Ms. Bunnett expressed concern that trustees were not able to see a line-by-line record of budget items until that morning, when library personnel had the figures about a month ago.

She said trustees need that information in order to work on the budget.

"I just find that (request) so elementary," she said, "I just can't understand why staff can't get the point."

Another item for concern to trustees is the receipt of gifts. Board members want to be sure that gifts are not counted as planned income, and the budget allotment is always in addition to whatever funds they receive from outside sources.

Board members instructed chairman Bunnett to draft a letter to the Santa Cruz City Council and City Manager saying that gifts and funds from sales should not be counted as a part of the book budget.

The library would like to increase the book inventory by 1/5 per capita in the coming year, and trustees want the entire amount to come from budgeted funds, not gifts and trusts.

Trail Days canceled because of murder

Authorities have canceled the Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Days that were to have taken place Saturday in the county's mountain parks because of the continued threat from the Mt. Tam-Santa Cruz Mountains killer.

Several hundred volunteers were scheduled to work Saturday on repairing and building new trails in the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park and portions of Big Basin, Fall Creek and Henry Cowell state parks.

State Parks Area Manager Herman Schlerf said the decision to cancel the annual event, co-sponsored by the Sempervirens Fund and the Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Association, was made following a meeting between state parks officials and sheriff's deputies Monday.

Schlerf said rangers and deputies tried to work out ways of providing adequate, high visibility patrols in the county's state parks and still provide supervision and protection for the hundreds of volunteers that normally participate in the annual Trail Days. "We just couldn't do it," Schlerf said.

"We hated to do it because so many people have worked so hard," he added, "but I think it was a good decision."

Schlerf said Sheriff's deputies and park rangers will continue their patrols through the Easter week and for an indefinite period beyond.