

City Council OKs Projects, Warehouse Condition

Two major projects and the final condition on the city school district's warehouse along Palm Street won approvals from the Santa Cruz City Council Tuesday.

The warehouse was built without a city permit and after it was tagged as an illegal building has had to undergo much processing at the planners' and city councilmembers' hands.

Final approval came this week but only after Mayor Michael Rotkin got the council to agree that a protective fence or structure must be built between the warehouse and a major store nearby.

Rotkin said there was a danger that trucks using the warehouse would back into the nearby building.

In other planning action, the council gave unanimous approval to a 33-unit

cluster housing complex at 134 Frederick St.

Called the "Yacht Harbor Cove," the housing cluster will be built on a bluff overlooking the Small Craft Harbor.

Councilman Bruce Van Allen commented, "The irony of my voting approval is that I will never be able to afford to live there."

The council also approved a 15-unit low-cost complex at 89 Grandview St., but will have to wait to see if the federal government is going to demand, and/or pay for carports.

Councilwoman Mardi Wormhoudt commented, "It seems irresponsible that when we can hardly afford to build houses for people, we have to build housing for automobiles."

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