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Cabrillo faces opposition to plans for La Manzana

Cabrillo College may have a fight on its hands when it tries to get city permission to set up a South County campus in the La Manzana complex in Watsonville.

Mayor Betty Murphy and Councilman Vido Deretich indicated last night they don't think it's such a good idea. Both said they think the La Manzana complex at West Lake and Main is best suited for commercial use.

Planning Director Bud Carney said although Cabrillo's application can be approved by the city staff without council approval, the matter will be placed on the agenda of the council's next meeting.

Carney said that under the strictest interpretation of the city's zoning laws, a college would not be allowed at La Manzana. Under a looser interpretation, the Cabrillo classes could be considered not much different from those offered at nearby Radcliff Adult Center, and a Cabrillo extension could be allowed at La Manzana.

Murphy chose the first interpretation.

"If it walks like a duck, it is a duck," she said. "Cabrillo is a college."

The council will consider the Cabrillo proposal June 23.

Green Valley Road will now be called South Green Valley Road from Freedom Boulevard to Highway 1.

The council agreed last night to change the name of that street, now called Green Valley Extension, on the recommendation of the planning director and the fire chief.

Chief Gary Smith said few people actually use the word "extension" now, so there is great confusion when emergency calls come in. Because

street numbers are repeated on the extension and on the main section of Green Valley Road to the north of Freedom Boulevard, it is often difficult to determine where emergency crews should go.

Smith said he would prefer an entirely new name on that stretch of road, but told the council anything would be better than Green Valley Extension, even South Green Valley Road.

The council considered a new name, but realized some of the

On other redevelopment matters:

—The agency gave final approval to the sale of the rest of the 200 block of Main Street to the U.S. Postal Service for \$1,750,000.

Councilman Dennis Osmer voted against the sale, he said, to protest the way the city has handled the redevelopment of the 200 block. He said he is unhappy that a section of that block will remain empty for some time, while the city has lost tax revenues that would

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street is outside the city and not in city jurisdiction.

The council then adopted South Green Valley Road, figuring it would be easier to get county officials to use that name on the county's part of the road than to get them to agree to a brand-new name.

City Manager John Radin told the council, meeting as the Redevelopment Agency last night, it will likely be the end of August, or possibly September, before businesses still on the 200 block of Main Street would have to move out.

Radin is working on a proposal from builder Barry Swenson in which Swenson would buy two acres of the block and develop it.

The city manager said he doesn't expect to be able to bring the proposal to the council until next month, and then it will take time for details to be worked out.

have been generated by the businesses forced out to make way for the post office.

—The Planning Department was told to draft a master plan for the east side of the 100 block of Main Street and to do a study on the traffic on Main from the Pajaro Bridge to and including Riverside Drive.

—Harley Iiams of Salinas was told the agency thought his plans for a convenience store at Main and East Front are unattractive. The agency told Iiams there is particular concern that the side of the building would face Main Street, and would include an exterior staircase.

Osmer said he opposes granting permission for the sale of beer and wine in the proposed store. That section of town already has enough trouble with drug and alcohol abuse, Osmer said, and another outlet for alcohol would only make the problems worse.

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