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# Deer Park Center Should Be Open Nov. 21, And Be Sold

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The Deer Park Center should be open by Nov. 21, members of the Rio Del Mar Improvement Association learned Tuesday afternoon, according to Jim Sims, director of development for the Carl N. Swenson Co., builders of the \$4 million shopping center.

But the Swenson Company will shortly thereafter sell the center to a former eye surgeon from Hawaii, Dr. David Rosehill of Honolulu and Newport Beach, who will control Deer Park through his RNR Investments Co. Sims said the sale should go through in December, following the expected opening.

Deer Park would have been completed much earlier, said Sims, had the Central Coastal Commission not delayed construction for 70 days earlier this year. But now the center is 100 percent leased with what Sims described as "top merchants." The only remaining questions have to do with the fate of a 60-year old barn on the property, and the renovation of the former Deer Park Tavern.

Sims said his company would like to rip down the old barn and relocate a duplicate of it farther away from neighboring buildings. Present plans call for the current barn, which Sims

claims is structurally unsound, to be located within 16 feet of one building, and the contractors would like to put the new barn at least 25 feet away. Sims said he hoped County Resources Management Director Henry Baker would be able to rule on the request in an administrative process, although he said the Swenson Company would be glad to go to the County Planning Commission with the matter.

The tavern will be totally renovated and remodeled, Sims said, promising "a big, pleasant surprise" when the restaurant is opened sometime in February or March, 1978. The company preferred to tear down the structure and start all over, Sims noted, "but there is some magic to the place," he said.

Clayton Ward, president of the Rio Del Mar civic group, assured Sims that "there is nothing sacred in the way Deer Park Tavern looks. If you can fix it up, do so."

In other business, the association heard a request from Larry Wrathall, co-owner of the Aptos radio station KKAP, for endorsement of a call letters sign at the base of the station's antenna, situated off the freeway near Aptos. Wrathall made clear that the 175-foot high structure is an antenna, and not just a flagpole, despite a brass ball and an occasional flying of Old

Glory. The board members seemed in general agreement with Wrathall's request for a letter of endorsement before the County Planning Commission hearing on the item on Oct. 14.

Also present at the afternoon meeting was Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat, who gave her version of the controversial selection of Phil Harry as the new district attorney. Stating, "I had to do what I thought was best for Santa Cruz County," Liddicoat admitted, "It's a heck of a way to choose a D.A."

Liddicoat observed that it would have been better for her politically to stick to her original support for Acting District Attorney Art Danner, since the "law and order" people were upset with Harry's selection. She maintained, however, that supervisors' chairman Ed Borovatz had told her that Roger Bolles had three votes from the supervisors, and she feared if she did not vote for Harry, Bolles would be selected.

In final action, the board members decided to do away with the annual dinner dance, and instead, add a no-host cocktail party, with hors d'oeuvres supplied by the association, following the Nov. 12 annual meeting. That meeting will take place at 2:30 p.m. at Aptos Seascape.