

Aptos Design Committee views proposed Post Office

Members of the Aptos Village Urban Design Committee were shown the proposed Aptos Post Office plan by Richard Huyck, architect for the post office, at Thursday's meeting held in the Aptos Li-

brary. Praise of the drawing of the post office and the layout of the grounds was expressed by all present. The sides of the building are to be cedar with the over-

hangs to be roofed in cedar shingles and the top to be in earth-colored gravel.

Security for the mail trucks will be effected by an 8-ft. chain link fence on the east side and along the bank at the rear. A wood fence will conceal the mail truck area from the public on the west side of the building and all will be landscaped for further concealment of the working areas.

Public parking will be provided off Cathedral Drive while the big mail trucks will enter from Trout Gulch.

A target date for completion has not been decided but John Tarr, postmaster, indicated that all speed will be taken.

Richard Peterson, planning consultant, showed three alternative plans for development of the Village and described ten areas in which the plan will move to accomplish integration of the

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environment with residential and commercial activities.

The committee moved to adopt plan C which includes pedestrian walkways from residential areas, a mall through the center of the village with shops and offices on either side and intensive landscaping of the walkways, the mall and the periphery of the village.

Discussion focused on implementation of a traffic study and members of the audience expressed the fear that any development would create further traffic congestion. However, it was pointed out that emphasis on walking paths and mass transit would ameliorate some of the problems.

The group asked further study with Myron Jacobs, county traffic administrator, to consider re-routing traffic before it reaches the Village from the valleys.

Due to inaccuracy in news releases which stated the meeting was to be held at Cabrillo College, there were few people attending this meeting which had been slated to be a public forum. Susan Blair, county planning staff member, stated that the error had occurred at the Court House.

Residents of the community are urged to visit the offices of Peterson at 8048 Soquel Dr. to view the three plans, and complete a survey form at the office between 4 and 5 p.m. weekdays, unless forms have already been

SUMMARY OF PETERSON'S PROPOSALS:

Plan A-- would employ undisturbed status-quo. Community would use existing zonings for future developments.

Plan B-- Community development around the Government buildings as a focal point. No conformity to scheme or pattern for future construction.

Plan C-- Extensive private and public collaboration in future planning along with confirmation of architecture for future development.

All three master plans are in agreement with the general plan which was adopted in Fall, 1974.

returned.

It was agreed that, since a definite plan had been accepted by the committee, further meetings will not be held this year. The next one will be Jan. 8 at Cabrillo College.

As yet very little citizen input has occurred at the meetings as fewer than a dozen persons have attended any one meeting. Concern was expressed that a plan would be developed that might incur disapproval in the future simply because the public has not participated in the planning.