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The city of Santa Cruz officially took over the county interest in DeLaveaga park yesterday as the board of supervisors unanimously turned over the county's half-interest in the park to the city. The city, in turn, will develop the park. See story on Page 5.

Build That Street!

Council Rebuffs Schools Over Site

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The Santa Cruz city council laid down the law to city school officials last night, but it took nearly three hours to get the message across.

The La Fonda high school site plan must include adequate drainage and must provide for a street through the property, the council directed. The council ordered a resolution prepared approving a use permit for the school, but it will be granted only on condition the drainage and street plans are acceptable to the city staff.

The council was openly incensed at the schoolmen's handling of the permit application. Site grading already has started for the school, and school officials repeatedly said construction will start in September.

Neither grading nor construction are supposed to start without the permit.

The council also was aware that it is the third time in two years the schools have built or started building without bothering about use permits. In one case, Natural Bridges Elementary school was completed before a permit was sought.

The street was the main issue last night. The city wants the street built to give the 600-family neighborhood north of the freeway access to the rest of the city. The proposed street would link the La Fonda overpass with Sequel avenue east of Carl street. At present, the neighborhood residents must find their way to Paul Sweet road or Morrissey boulevard interchanges to cross the freeway.

The school's main objection to building the road is its cost, School Superintendent Denzil Morrissey said. He admitted "welshing" on a tentative agreement with city officials and taking the street out of the site grading contract when it went to bid.

That drew a shot from councilman Samuel Leask, who called for "an agreement with teeth in it" to see the road is built. Schools are needed, Leask said, "but they need to be good citizens too."

"It's significant to me," Leask said, "that they knew the road would be needed and knocked it out" of the plans.

School officials estimated the road would cost \$60,000 to \$75,000, a figure that was upped later by City Manager David Koester. If the road followed

the property's western edge, it would cost hundreds of thousands, Koester said, because a bridge or a giant fill project would be needed to cross a big swale.

But school engineer Art Anderson said Koester's alternative, a road along the low ground, is not feasible. "It's just not feasible to develop a school" on the site if a road runs through it, Anderson said.

Koester said the schoolmen knew about the road problem, but "kept quiet . . . and then produced a site plan showing the road couldn't be built because it interferes with their buildings."

Leask pointed out that "the school isn't there yet." School officials knew the road was to be built before they bought the La Fonda site, he said.

The council rejected a compromise proposed by the planning commission, which would have linked the La Fonda overpass to Park way, a residential street west of the site. Officials said Park way is unsuited for heavy traffic, and its intersection with Sequel avenue is a bad one even with present traffic loads.

Some councilmen had doubts early in the evening about the need for the road link, but that question was swallowed up in the discussion over the school's actions.

The school officials seemed unable to grasp the idea that the council had jurisdiction over the construction, as several conversations showed. After the council had acted, Assistant Superintendent David Gray asked for clarification.

"This won't delay us, will it? We're starting construction in September," Gray said.

"If you get a use permit, you mean," councilman Raymond Goodrich corrected.

"Well, either way," Gray said hesitantly.

Councilman Norman Lezin finally put it bluntly enough to be understood. "I don't care how many buildings you plan," Lezin said. If the city decides a road must be built, "then that is a condition of development."

"The liabilities of the site are not the responsibility of the council," Lezin said. "We had no say in its selection."

Lezin conceded, however, that "we don't solve one problem by making another — making a school a difficult place to operate."

The resolution of approval may take some weeks to draw up. It must be accompanied by maps showing the drainage plan and a general route for the street.

The council may not require that the street be built now, but may allow a delay until second-stage expansion of the school a few years from now. The requirement for the street must be written into the use permit now, however, the city attorney advised.

Airline Talks Resume After Row Settled

grow in intensity and variation across the nation.

The chief dispute is over a union demand for wage increases of about 53 cents an hour over a three-year contract period. The company has indicated it would offer slightly more than the 44-to-48 cents recommended by a presidential panel over the same period.

Yesterday's halt in talks was announced by Joseph W. Ramsey, firm vice president, who said that Northwest "fouled up the talks by issuing an order in Tokyo depriving its employees of credit arrangements and requiring them to immediately start paying rent for living quarters."

Previously, such payments — as much as \$330 monthly for three-bedroom units — had been deducted from the employees' cost of living allowances.

Assistant Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds, presiding over the negotiations, described the dispute as a "serious impediment" to a settlement.

Reynolds added that the talks had been going fairly well until the new development.

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is "to prove to aggressive nations that the use of force to conquer others is a losing game."

His other three points were "the determination of the United States to meet our obligations in Asia as a Pacific power," "the building of political