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Trustees pick library site for Live Oak

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It may be a Pyrrhic victory, but the Santa Cruz city-county library trustees Monday picked two sites for libraries in Live Oak and Boulder Creek.

But with the anticipated passage of Prop. 13 — the Jarvis-Gann tax initiative on Tuesday — the long-planned branch libraries may never be built in the two communities.

The library board settled on a primary site on the northeast corner of Brommer Street and 30th Avenue, and a secondary site at the southwest corner of Capitola Road and 30th Avenues, in Live Oak.

The unanimous vote was a surprise to the representatives of the Live Oak Senior Center who had long lobbied for a library to be built on a one-acre site adjacent to their center on Capitola Road between 17th Avenue and Chanticleer Avenue.

However, the final decision

will lie with the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

The site choice was based on a survey by the county public works department's real property division, which suggested 11 sites in the Live Oak area.

The 30th-Brommer site, opposite from a proposed county park, is 1.9 acres in size, and has an approximate cost of \$60,000.

The alternate site, which sits atop a small bluff and would be difficult to develop because of traffic and topography problems, is 92,600 square feet in size and carries a price tag of \$70,000, the public works department estimates.

By comparison, the site next to the senior center is 47,000 square feet, and carries a price tag of \$95,000.

The land is part of a package now leased by the senior center through the Live Oak school district, from a private owner.

Center representatives, led by Mrs. Elena Baskin, and supported by the Live Oak school district, have argued that the site could also hold a small library that would be easily accessible to the seniors at the center and to the school children attending Live Oak elementary school across the street.

Ultimately, it was the shared facility approach, especially that of parking, that trustees identified as the main reason for rejecting the 17th Avenue and Capitola Road site.

Trustee Vernon Berlin called the Brommer-30th site "the most centrally located, which doesn't have a problem of shared parking, is on the bus routes, and is available."

His motion to recommend the site to the county Board of Supervisors was quickly seconded by newly-appointed trustee Sara Bunnnett.

Berlin later amended his motion at the request of Eleanor Engstrand and Joseph Wilson, both of whom wanted to see the Capitola Road-30th Avenue site considered by the supervisors.

"My own feelings," said Mrs. Engstrand, rejecting the senior center site, "is that the site is smaller, more expensive, and does not have good parking."

And then responding to a senior center supporter, who questioned the trustee's action in rejecting the recommendations of the supervisors and the Live Oak school board, she

Restricted parking starts in Capitola

Permit-only parking for a portion of Capitola village goes into effect today.

Residents living on the residential streets of San Jose Stockton, California and Cherry Avenues, north of Capitola Avenue, will be

showing a residence address in the restricted area and a current vehicle registration with the same address to the police department.

The police department will be issuing temporary stickers, which will be affixed to the