

Convention Center

Santa Cruz Sen

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SC Convention Center Site Study Narrowing

The committee seeking a site for Santa Cruz's proposed convention center will narrow its selection to a "choice few" locations within approximately a week.

Admiral Robert E. M. Ward (USN-Ret.), committee chairman, said his group presently has a dozen sites under consideration, but that it would pare down that number shortly.

He did not indicate when a final selection will be made.

Ward said that anyone having a site suggestion should report it to the committee immediately.

The chairman says his committee has talked with repre-

sentatives of successful convention centers in other cities, and is using the information in its own site deliberations.

The group presently is discussing the local site possibilities and reviewing the criteria used in the site selection of the other successful centers.

Besides coming up with a location for the proposed center, Ward's committee was charged with reviewing the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce feasibility report which recommends the center's construction.

So far, the admiral stated, the committee has found the report "very well prepared."

He noted, however, that the group had raised questions in some areas of the report and stated that those sectors are scheduled for further investigation.

Ward ended his statement with a word of praise for his committee members. He said he was sure none of the committee had selfish interests in a site location and called the members "good men making an honest effort."

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