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City to discuss hostel proposal

SANTA CRUZ — The City Council has scheduled a 30-minute session at 4 p.m. in chambers Tuesday to handle a single item.

Councilmembers will hear a proposal from the Hostel Society to use the Carmelita Cottages at 417-421 Main St., as a coastal area hostel.

The eight cottage units were deeded to the city by Lottie Sly three years ago with the condition buildings and lot be used as a park.

Present residents are allowed to remain until other housing is found and the city has the Carmelita Cottages Committee looking into plans for use of the gift.

Whatever is decided, has to be approved by will executors at Stanford University.

The committee has suggested using one cottage for a museum and the rest for bed and breakfast rooms for tourists.

The hostel society says that one unit could still be a museum and one for a manager of the property, and the remaining six could put up 40 travelers overnight.

The society says it can get a \$50,000 grant from the state Coastal Con-

servancy Fund to develop the hostel.
Planning Director Peter

Katzlberger says the hostel society's plans are "premature" as the city committee hasn't firmed up its plans.

He also notes, "It is necessary to contact Stanford University to ascertain whether the hostel use would be acceptable under the terms of the will."

The bed and breakfast use is acceptable.

Katzlberger is recommending the council approve a feasibility analysis of the hostel plan by planning staff members.