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# Committee approves BC library proposal

A select committee Friday unanimously recommended the adoption of a joint proposal made by two architectural firms for the design of the Boulder Creek library.

The two firms given the recommendation are Van der Ryn, Calthorpe and Partners of Sausalito, and Jeff Oberdorfer and Associates of Santa Cruz.

The recommendation was made Friday evening following a day-long review of four proposals out of 13 that were submitted. The review included interviews with representatives of the firms making the proposals, and the selection was made by a committee consisting of San Lorenzo Valley Supervisor Joe Cucchiara, Library Board Chairman Jim Lee, and Santa Cruz City Councilman Spiro Mellis.

Factors used in evaluating the proposals, according to Lee, included how the firms intend to

solicit community input during the design process, their plans on energy efficiency and sewage disposal, past projects the firms have done, how project management will be structured, and comments on tentative fees.

Perhaps the key factor in the Van der Ryn-Oberdorfer proposal, Lee said, "was that we felt this group addressed the community design process more thoroughly and with more vigor than anyone else."

Also, "we felt this group was on the cutting edge of energy efficient concepts in building design," Lee said.

"While any of the firms could have done a good job, we felt this one had the most breadth," he added.

Cucchiara noted that the chief designer, Peter Calthorpe, lived in Boulder Creek for five years. Another factor in the choice was Van der Ryn's extensive experience in public facilities design (he was once the state architect), and that the community design facilitator, Oberdorfer, is a county resident familiar with the needs of the area.

The committee's recommendation will not be forwarded to the county Board of Supervisors and to the Santa Cruz City Council for approval (both have authority over the city-county library system). With acceptance of the committee recommendation, contract negotiations will begin.

On the slim chance that a satisfactory contract cannot be reached with Van der Ryn-Oberdorfer, Lee said, then the recommendation will revert back to the committee's second choice, the Palo Alto firm of Spencer and Associates, designers of the Branciforte, Aptos and Santa Cruz Main libraries.

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sportation overload are to either expand the bus fleet or eliminate transportation to junior high school students. Because future transportation funds provided by the state are unknown, both Prieskorn and Brooks recommended the latter option as a long term solution.

## violation at Boulder Creek school

was no immediate danger. "Right now they're (school officials) aware of what's going on, so if they had an emergency, they would be quicker to respond than if they were not aware," he said.

## Property owners