

the first event of a busy program during which they will participate in ceremonies dedicating a statue of Abraham Lincoln. Man in foreground is an interpreter. (AP Wirephoto)

Holiday Inn Deadline

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It will be make or break for Santa Cruz motel-convention center plans in just two weeks. The redevelopment agency yesterday set an April 28 deadline for Barrett Homes, Inc., to assign its interest in the site for the center to a Holiday Inn franchisee.

If Barrett has not executed the assignment by 4 p.m. that day, Barrett's option on the site will lapse and the land will automatically go up for sale again, with the price and use conditions open for re-negotiation.

Barrett, the agency and several Santa Cruz interests have been negotiating with Holiday Inns of America since last fall in an effort to bring Holiday in to build a motel and center with first-stage capacity of 120 rooms and convention facilities for 400-plus.

A franchisee was even announced in October, but the agreement fell through and high-pressure negotiations have continued since, with Barrett having been granted a series of contract extensions by the agency.

Yesterday, the agency indicated the two-week extension was to be the final one. No agency meeting is set for that day and members indicated no special meeting would be called. The only way Barrett's contract could stay in force, then, would be by assignment to Holliday.

Barrett's agent, Robert Klein, said yesterday the talks between Barrett and Holiday have boiled down to the amount of payment

for the assignment. Klein said Barrett is asking the potential franchisee, Chatmar, Inc., to pay Barrett's interest costs to date for holding an option on the site—some \$12,000.

Chatmar president Hugh Chatham attended yesterday's meeting, but made no statement on the negotiations.

Klein asked for more flexible wording on the extension because, he said, Barrett also is negotiating with another potential tenant for the site. The agency wouldn't go along. The land price was set specifically for a Holiday Inn development, members pointed out, and another tenant would mean renegotiating the sale and price anyway.

In another action, the agency heard a report by landscape architect Robert Royston on plans to landscape and beautify the levee within the redevelopment area.

Royston showed sketches of planter locations, plantings of shrubs and trees, and layout of the landscaping. So far, he said, the army corps of engineers has turned thumbs down on any landscaping of the levees. Once the agency selects a landscaping layout, it can begin fighting the engineers up through the federal bureaucracy to get approval of the plan.

S.F. BUDGET UP

San Francisco (AP) — Mayor John F. Shelley today submitted a proposed \$389,399,552 budget to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, up \$8 million from the current fiscal year.