

Preliminary Okay For Royal Inn

Holiday Inn

Holiday Inn Gets Green Light

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The Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency gave its nod of approval to two major motel construction projects yesterday.

The agency gave the green light to a major motel-convention complex planned by Holiday Inns and a 10-unit motel planned by Royal Inns of America.

In voicing his approval of the latest and slightly altered Holiday plans, Agency Chairman Carl Nelson called the project's

plot plan "really imaginative and in good taste."

The project is slated to come before the city planning commission Wednesday, and probably will face the city council on September 24.

Holiday is expected to begin construction in October or November.

The go-ahead for the Royal Inns development was more preliminary in nature. The agency approved the Royal proposal in principle, pending approval of the inn's architectural drawings.

Agency members set a time limit of 60 days for Royal Inns to sign a contract for purchase of the land.

The Royal project is slated for construction on the last remaining unsold portion of the redevelopment parcel.

Opposition to the Royal project by smaller local motels failed to develop at the meeting.

Nelson said he previously had been contacted by the Santa Cruz County Motel Association and was informed the associa-

tion thought Santa Cruz could not absorb another large chain motel operation.

The chairman reported he had told the association that the Royal project would help, rather than hurt, local motel business.

He pointed out that a large proportion of the conventions held in California draw 400 to 600 delegates. Since the Royal Inn will bring the city's housing capacity near the 600 mark, he contended, it will attract more

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Reports Attacks

Associated Press
Israeli army reported attacking Arab forces on three fronts. At the same time, an Israeli military spokesman said two Israeli jets flew over the Suez area but were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

An Israeli army spokesman said "it was purely a matter of fighting" that virtually the same number of Israeli troops were at Port Taufiq on the northern end of the wa-

ter. A spokesman said the army withheld return

CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Rita Santa Cruz sales representative for Occidental Life Insurance Company of California to attend the company convention in

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conventions to Santa Cruz and be a boost to all motels.

In other action, agency members okayed a set of pared-down plans for the widening to four lanes of the Soquel Avenue bridge across the San Lorenzo River.

The new plans, which trimmed a number of extras from the project, as well as the bridge approach work lopped an estimated \$94,000 from the project price.

The agency voted to advertise for bids on the basis of the new plans. The bridge approach construction will be re-bid on a separate contract.

The agency tossed out all four bids at its previous meeting when the lowest of the proposals was more than \$64,000 over the engineers' estimate of \$372,000.

Agency members Robert Dar-

row and Al Tosta expressed their concern at the lack of care which has been given to landscape planting on the levees of the San Lorenzo River. The two pointed out the agency has a sizeable investment in the plants, some of which are beginning to die for lack of water.

Technically, the agency is responsible for landscaping maintenance for a year from the completion of the project, but the agency had completed a verbal agreement with the City of Santa Cruz calling for the city to do the work at agency expense.

Although the city had asked for no money for the maintenance, Darrow pointed out, neither has it done the work.

The agency decided to inform city parks and recreation Director Carl Bengston of its concern and then hire another firm to do the work if the city does not begin maintenance immediately.

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