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City Manager Klein Answers Questions On Renewal Plan

City Manager Robert Klein has received so many queries concerning urban renewal in general and the proposed San Lorenzo park project in particular he has written a series of answers to the questions recurring most frequently.

His statement covers the reason underlying the redevelopment program, the boundaries of the first project area, property purchase and the features the city hopes will be incorporated in the finished product when the San Lorenzo park project is completed. The statement follows:

"In recent weeks many people have been asking questions about urban renewal and our development agency's first project. In an effort to clarify this program I am listing its essential facts:

"1. The reason for urban renewal is to provide for a better use of land.

"2. Businessmen, citizens and the municipal government all have a vital stake in the health, prosperity and attractiveness of the downtown area.

"3. Our downtown and central area has grown old as people grow old—and the urban renewal program offers a means to redevelop the existing land uses.

"4. The agency has retained a planning firm to prepare the architectural, engineering and land use recommendations for the first project area.

"5. The first project area is bounded by Front street, Water street, Ocean street and Soquel avenue.

"6. Buildings facing Front street which are not substandard will probably not be affected.

"7. All other property in the area with a few possible exceptions will be acquired by the agency through purchase.

"8. No purchase will be made without appraisal by competent, trained appraisers.

"9. No offer to purchase will be less than the fair market value as established by appraisal.

"10. The agency—not the city government—will acquire the property.

"11. No member of the redevelopment agency or any of its employees may participate in any transaction or have any personal interest in any transaction.

"12. Plans for redevelopment and the design of the future area

will not be available for several months.

"13. Land will not be sold by the agency for a use other than the approved plan.

"14. All plans will be available for public scrutiny and public hearings will be conducted by the agency, the city planning commission and the city council.

"15. The city planning commission has the responsibility to designate future project areas.

"16. Among the results from the first project area the city hopes to establish:

(a) A downtown park on the east bank of the river.

(b) A senior citizens' center in the park.

(c) Widening of Ocean and Water streets and Soquel avenue.

(d) Additional employe and customer off-street parking facilities between the Front street frontage property and the river.

(e) A suitable site overlooking the park for a hotel-motel convention center.

"Because of rapid changes in the science of living and transportation it is inevitable that the hearts of most cities need renewal. It is not inevitable that this will happen by accident—the challenge to redevelop Santa Cruz must be met by citizens who will think and work constructively to rebuild the heart of the central area."

Harry C. Lucas Jr. Files For Superior Court

Harry C. Lucas Jr. is the third candidate to file for the superior court judgeship from which James Leo Atteridge is retiring this year.

Lucas, who filed Friday afternoon, was preceded to the county clerk's office earlier in the week by two other candidates, Municipal Judge James J. Scopettone and John McCarthy, Watsonville lawyer.

Two additional prospects—Watsonville Municipal Judge Gilbert Perry and local attorney Arthur S. Hoppe, both of whom have registered intention to run—have until March 30 to file.

Historical Society

City Flood Damage Is \$7,500,000

Damage wrought by the December flood within the city limits amounted to \$7,500,000, according to the preliminary report of an army engineers' survey team.

Glenn Carriker, head of the team which operates out of an office at 1537½ Pacific avenue, said the seven and one-half million dollar figure includes damage to both public and private property and facilities, including estimates of stock and inventory losses and lost sales.

A detailed breakdown of the types and amounts of losses will be given the city after the report has been studied by the staff of Col. John Graf, head of army engineers for the San Francisco district, Carriker said.

He said it was probable the figures will be released early this week, possible tomorrow or Tuesday. In divulging the total sum of estimated damages on Friday, Carriker said he was not at liberty to give details.

He also cautioned that there may be additions to the \$7,500,000 estimate from time to time in the next six months as supplementary reports are received from flood-hit business men and merchants.

Wages lost due to personnel lay-offs in flood-hit industries and businesses were an "insignificant" factor in the Santa Cruz picture and are not reflected in his preliminary report, Carriker said.

The survey was necessary so congress can determine whether flood losses were high enough to justify expenditure of federal funds for a flood control project here, Carriker said.

City Manager Robert Klein will accompany a state water resources board delegation which will appear before the house appropriations committee in Washington March 27 to urge approval of \$307,000 for planning and initial construction of levees along the San Lorenzo river and Branciforte creek.

Permits Total \$92,159

The value of building permits issued by the city more than doubled last week over the preceding week as approved construction included plans for five new homes.