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Roadway Should Be Re-Routed, Lighthouse Field Panel Agrees

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County and city of Santa Cruz representatives on the Lighthouse Field Committee agreed this morning West Cliff Drive should be re-routed to accommodate the park that committee is planning.

Committee members gave other suggestions on how the park should be laid out and what facilities — including food and a skate and equipment rental concession — should be included.

A public meeting will be held June 3 to discuss possible plans for the park. The plans will be published in The Sentinel and distributed in flyer form before the meeting, the committee decided.

Three plans, with a variety of options, will be presented, according to the committee's consultant, Byron McCulley of CHNMB Associates.

City Parks and Recreation Commission suggestions included "adequate" picnic areas, turfed areas, restrooms and re-routing West Cliff Drive to run along Pelton Avenue — but separate from it.

Carol Kreppel, the commission's representative, also suggested selling a city-owned lot on Pelton and putting the money in a trust to provide maintenance funds. This would preclude any need for revenue-generating concession stands.

The city Planning Department and County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services suggested concessions.

The commission suggested food service and smallrooms for private meetings, and city planners suggested only food. Other suggestions tendered by the commission included a par course, covered picnic areas, botanical gardens similar to Golden Gate Park's and "diversions" for children, such as instructional areas and nature walks.

Jesus Armas, assistant city manager, said a small concession, renting roller skates and strollers or cultural items such as the museum sells, could bring in as much as \$84,000 per year for park maintenance. The monies could go toward the estimated \$85,000 to \$100,000 a year the city will have to spend on upkeep.

Michaelangelo Rosato reproached the committee for falling to take into account citizen suggestions from those who have been "willing to spend time and work "toward a community-designed and built park.

"Their attitude is any input is an offense," he said, and citizens are "ignored and insulted."

He was referring to earlier committee discussion of how to conduct the upcoming meeting.

Committee chairman Bob Bell worried that "dog and pony acts" from the public would take up time and cause confusion.

The committee agreed to limit public remarks or presentations to five minutes for each person.