Board Gets Hall Issue Back Again

By Alan Pugh Sentinel Staff Writer

Santa Cruz county planners this morning tossed the much-debated juvenile hall site issue back into the laps of county supervisors with a "strong" recommendation that supervisors take no concrete action until planners had opportunity "to survey the other sites."

Commissioner Robert Seibert

set the stage for a commission motion when he declared he didn't see how the commission could approve the proposed Graham Hill site when it had not been given opportunity to compare it with other sites.

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Planning Director Louis B. Muhly said this morning's consideration was on a "referral by the supervisors" and actually called only for determination of whether the site met requirements of the county master plan.

Muhly had submitted a seven-page report of findings on the Graham Hill site. He declared selection of the site would result in tripling time law enforcement of ficers spent in booking juveniles as compared to the time involved at the present police and sheriff's booking stations. He said also there would be an accompanying tripling of wear and tear on government machines in transporting juveniles to the Graham Hill locale.

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"For this reason alone, it is the staff's opinion that the board (supervisors) should proceed with the purchase of the site for the intended use only if it is absolutely convinced that it has exhausted all possibilities for acquiring a site more central to the area of major case load and closer to law enforcement headquarters and courts," the report said in part.

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Planners declared they hadn't even been given an opportunity to survey the other sites in which supervisors had shown an interest and therefore, couldn't make a determination of site value.

At the onset, board chairman Forrest Murdock had asked if the "referral" called for recommendations on sites or to determine if the Graham Hill site was good or bad. "Does the referral action deprive the commission of the right to review and recommend sites one, two or three?" he asked.

Assistant county counsel Henry Faitz said the commission was to act only on the Graham Hill site.

Seibert at first proposed the commission reject the proposed site and "strongly and vehemently request" the commission be given opportunity to study other possibilities and then make recommendations.

Muhly again pointed out the commission was called upon only to determine if the Graham Hill site met all requirements of the county general plan.

Board members agreed it did. But they reiterated that this was the first time supervisors had included them in deliberations that have gone on for more than a year.

Muhly said the commission could refuse to take action on his report, but that after a 40-day lapse, the lack of action would be taken, by law, as an acceptance.

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ers sought a motion that would stop supervisors from taking concrete action on purchase of any juvenile hall site until the planning commission had been given opportunity to study each site and make recommendations on each.

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"Based on the report, the planning commission finds the site (Graham Hill) is in accord with the adopted general plan of the county," the motion read. "But in view of the fact there are other sites that may equally conform to better plans and meet all criteria, the commission urges the board not to exercise its prerogative until the commission can survey other sites," the motion concluded. It was passed unanimously.

Bundy Quits Post



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Press secretary Bill D. Moyers in announcing Bundy's forth-coming departure, said Johnson wrote Bundy a handwritten note today accepting the resignation "with genuine regret."

Moyers emphasized that Johnson has nearly three months in which to decide what to do with the position Bundy filled. The job became a potent force in government when the former Harvard College dean was named to it in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy.

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