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Site being reconsidered as location for library

Santa Cruz County supervisors are considering three sites as possible locations for a new library for the Live Oak area.

The board at its Tuesday meeting asked its staff and the City-County Library Board of Trustees to look into the possibility of acquiring a site for the library at 30th Avenue and Brommer Street; at 30th and Capitola Road, and at Capitola Road and 17th Avenue.

The library board had already selected the 30th and Brommer site as the best for the purpose, with the site at 30th and Capitola as its second choice.

But Supervisor Dan Forbus, who represents the area, said Tuesday he wasn't certain the

30th and Brommer site was still available. And there was agitation for considering the 17th and Capitola site, where the Live Oak Senior Center is already located.

Vernon Berlin, head of the site committee for the library board, said his committee had crossed off the 17th and Capitola site because there would be insufficient parking available. But other spokesmen, including Barney Brimont, a school trustee from Live Oak, asserted that there was adjacent property available that would provide adequate parking.

In any event, everyone agreed that the site selection and purchase should be made posthaste, what with inflation ballooning the cost of land almost day-by-day. So the supervisors asked the library board and its staff to look into the mechanics of buying or leasing the sites involved and report back to the board at its Dec. 4 meeting.

The county has \$206,000 available now for the purchase of library sites and/or construction of libraries. More should come in soon as the result of the board's decision to sell the old Twin Lakes library on 7th Avenue, which has been deemed unfit for rehabilitation.

In another action, the supervisors refused to approve an amendment to an ordinance that would have allowed Burger King to build a drive-through restaurant on 41st Avenue at Clares Street.

Supervisor Forbus argued unsuccessfully that the amendment should be adopted to exempt the Burger King project from the drive-through ban because its plans were already drawn up when the drive-through ordinance was adopted last May.

But the other supervisors went along with the recommendation of the county Planning Commission — as well as the pleas of the city of Capitola — that the amendment not be adopted. At the same time the board refused to adopt a procedure which would allow potential drive-through businesses to apply for a variance to the ban, even though the variance procedure had been recommended by the Planning Commission.

The action appears to mean that Burger King, if it builds a restaurant at the location, will not be allowed to make it a drive-through facility.

The purpose of the ordinance banning the construction of more drive-through facilities in the county is to prevent further pollution of the air that would be generated by idling car engines at such facilities.

Kennedy backers organize

A group of liberal Democrats has been organized in Santa Cruz County to support the presidential candidacy of Sen. Edward Kennedy.

In its own words, the pro-Kennedy group "is composed of grass-roots, activist-oriented, progressive Democrats who believe that Sen. Kennedy is the only potential candidate who can restore the loss of confidence in our political system which

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