

Santa Cruz Awaits Word On UC Site Conditions

Santa Cruz officials are awaiting word from the University of California on the conditions to be met in order to assure the development of a University of California general campus on the Cowell site in Santa Cruz.

Late Friday afternoon in Santa Barbara, the University of California regents unanimously adopted a resolution which stated:

"That considering all the factors involved, the regents declare their preference for the Cowell ranch property in Santa Cruz county as a site for a new university campus in the south central coast area subject to its availability on satisfactory terms and

"That the appropriate officers of the university be authorized to seek from representatives of the Cowell foundation and from officers of the city of Santa Cruz and county of Santa Cruz, the most favorable terms and conditions under which said property might be acquired."

Both President Clark Kerr of the university and Edwin Pauley, chairman of the board of regents, emphasized that the decision was not final.

Thus, the situation was reversed from the way it was a year ago when the regents indicated they favored the Almaden site in Santa Clara county, but held the door open for further site consideration, including, in particular, the Cowell site in Santa Cruz.

Today the Cowell site is in preference, but the door was still open for further consideration due to the qualification factors involved such as "satisfactory terms" for the land and the handling of local problems such as the construction of connecting highways, roads, municipal utilities and so forth.

The resolution on the site preference was made by the committee on buildings and grounds with the special committee on new campus sites concurring.

While the decision was unanimous on the resolution there was considerable discussion on the matter prior to the announcement, the UC president stated at a press conference following the announcement at the regents session in Santa Barbara.

One of the key steps next under the preference resolution will be the opening of negotiations

"They wanted to know if \$10 million was available, and I had to say no, but if they had indicated they wanted Almaden I would have done all I could to get the money."

Another issue mentioned in regard to the Almaden site was the reluctance of the Los Gatos Novitiate to part with its large holdings in the area.

The governor said his preference for Almaden was in regard to its nearness to population centers; what he considers better weather and the association to leading industries.

In the proposal on how the land on the Cowell site could be developed as a campus, an area of 750 acres was used for the central campus with 530 acres in a reserve site, 35 acres for varsity athletic fields, according to the plan submitted by the Santa Cruz consultants, Architect Lawrence Lackey, urban design consultant, Architect Worley K Wong of the firm of Campbell and Wong and Landscape Architect Robert Royston of the firm of Royston, Hannamoto and Mayes.

Whether the proposal would be used as a base for the university plans is not known. In all probability, it would make its own determination on the amount of property it wants and how it would be developed.

Both the city and county have pledged utilization of their resources to provide services to the university and to establish controls in the surrounding area which would become the university community, eventually designed to house more than 50,000 persons when the university enrollment would reach the total goal of 27,500 in the long range future.

President Kerr has estimated that it takes four years from the time a site is selected to the time students are enrolled. Under present university schedules a university would probably start with 500 students the first year and gain about 500 a year for the first five years, then growth will come faster.

When a university has 15,000 students, it gains more than 1000 new students a year.

Assemblyman Coolidge and Senator Donald Grunsky have stated they would do everything in their power to expedite funds for a local campus should it

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negotiations with the trustees of the Cowell foundation on a sale price and a determination of the exact property to be sought by the university.

No price has been set on the property by the trustees, but they have made it definite they would be willing to discuss the matter with university officials. They have state the price would be "reasonable."

Max Thelan, a member of the Cowell trustees, said Friday afternoon the trustees are willing to open discussions with the university. He said no appraisal of the property could be made until the university could provide data on boundaries and actual property lines.

Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge, who stayed in Santa Barbara until the decision was announced, said that during the press conference, President Kerr mentioned several items concerning the Cowell site project including road realignments and peripheral area controls.

There has been no announcement as to when funds would be available to start acquisition should the terms be satisfactory although there is a \$3 million fund, approved by the legislature last year, which may be used by the university pending approval by the governor and the state director of finance.

Governor Edmund G. Brown was quoted in an interview by Harry Farrell, San Jose Mercury writer, as stating that he personally supported the Almaden location during the discussion by the regents.

The governor also stated the setback for Almaden came because "the obstacles there were too great." The governor mentioned cost—a \$10 million figure was estimated to acquire the Almaden site—multiple ownership and the probable need for condemnation.

Brown was quoted as stating

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become a reality. Both have long been active in supporting the Cowell project in Santa Cruz.

City Manager Peter Tedesco heralded the apparent turn in regent's thinking "the most significant thing to happen to the Santa Cruz area."

He noted the city council has pledged the city to provide sewers, water, public safety services, annexation and adequate land use and controls consistent with university policy and planning.

"We're awaiting any further suggestions the university may have," he said.

"We feel confident they will be reasonable and we will be able to offer maximum co-operation."

Tedesco noted that ultimately it is the people of Santa Cruz and the county who will make the basic decisions which determine success in realizing the campus.

"I'm confident that they will respond," he said.

"Ramifications of a university in Santa Cruz should work to the greater benefit and prosperity of this area."

"Perfectly wonderful news," exclaimed Jim Hammond, manager of the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce.

Gordon Sinclair, chairman of the site committee for the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, said, "Naturally we are extremely pleased at the preference of the regents. While several subsequent actions are required to get the campus site purchased and put into actual operation, we are hopeful that these steps may be accomplished without undue delay or difficulty. The opening of negotiations between the trustees and the regents are extremely vital to the success of the proposal."

Lewis Nelson, chairman of the board of supervisors, said he was tremendously pleased at the selection announcement and congratulated especially Gordon Sinclair, Senator Don Grunsky and Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge for their background work in preparing the presentation to the board of regents.

5 TEEN-AGE DUCK

HUNTERS DROWN

Corydon, Ind. (P). — Indiana state police Saturday night reported five teen-age duck hunters missing and presumed drowned in the Ohio river.