

Chamber Will Attempt To Keep Greyhound Depot In SL Park

By Norman Indahl

The Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce will wage a stiff battle to keep the Greyhound bus depot intact in the San Lorenzo Park project, Chamber President Ernest Dillon announced this morning.

Also expected to join the brewing fight over the controversy on the future of the centrally located depot is the Downtown Businessmen's association. Joseph Fortier, association president, said he believes the board of directors will "very likely" be in favor of keeping the depot at its present Front street location if it conforms with urban redevelopment specifications.

With opposition mounting to the contemplated removal of the depot, Dillon pointed out that it is the general opinion among chamber members that the depot should stay at the present spot to provide the maximum service for residents of the city.

A meeting to iron out the situation which is creating friction between the city council and the urban redevelopment agency has been called by the Santa Cruz chamber for July 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Palomar hotel. City officials, representatives of the Downtown Businessmen's association, board of supervisors and the Greyhound Bus lines will be at the session.

Members of the city council and the board of supervisors have received a flock of telephone calls from worried citizens who fear that bus service may be discontinued.

A meeting to ward off further trouble was hastily called yesterday afternoon by Supervisors Hulda McLean and Walter Merrill with Mayor Adrian Jensen; A. A. Smith, regional manager of the Greyhound lines; Lloyd Howard, local terminal agent, and Warren "Skip" Littlefield, chairman of the county advertising committee.

Greyhound Lines does not have any intention of reducing service to Santa Cruz as a result of the URA complications, Merrill and Mrs. McLean reported after the meeting.

The removal of the bus depot from the San Lorenzo park project has not been definitely settled yet, Santa Cruz URA Director Olin Carl White said this morning. If the Greyhound company comes up with an alternate plan it will be allowed to remain, he said.

"Since so much of the Front street area is necessary for the courthouse site, the remaining parcels (along Front street) become of greater importance to finance the redevelopment project," White explained.

URA plans call for elimination of Short street, which runs alongside the depot, to present clear frontage from the Front street to the San Lorenzo river for commercial development.

The city council, which has the

final say in the issue, has not received the proposition from the local URA agency, Mayor Adrian Jensen reported yesterday after the informal session.

As a result of the growing number of complaints over the possible ouster of the depot from its present location, the board of supervisors authorized appointment of Mrs. McLean and Merrill to investigate the problem.

John Foerster, Pioneer Family Member, Dies

John Joseph Foerster, 75, member of a Santa Cruz pioneer family, died at a local hospital last night.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Catherine Florence, 724 Cayuga street, a twin sister, Mrs. Charles More; two brothers, Timothy and William J. Foerster; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted from Wessendorf chapel Saturday, July 19 at 9 a.m. and at Our Lady Star of the Sea church where a requiem mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary will take place in the mortuary chapel Friday evening at 8. Interment will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Foerster was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea church parish, and Foresters of America. He retired several years ago after having been employed by the Hercules Powder company for 40 years. He began work with the old California Powder Works here and continued with the plant when it was taken over by the present company at Pinole.

Resuscitator Used On Choking Boy

City firemen pumped about 300 pressure pounds of oxygen into little, 2½-year-old Larry Gomes who went into violent choking spasms about 2 p. m. yesterday.

Larry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gomes, of 450 DuFour street, was taken to Santa Cruz hospital while still being worked on by firemen using a resuscitator. Hospital officials this morning termed the child's condition as "very much better."

The youngster may have choked on a plug of mucus, the hospital official added.

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