

City Redevelopment Plan Aired

A huge redevelopment program of older neighborhoods as well as another try to pass an airport bond issue loomed on the horizon today.

The two matters cropped up for discussion at a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission Thursday. Eyed for rezoning for apartment use—with limiting conditions attached—are huge chunks of the area south of the downtown business center, north of Torrance Blvd. and east of Crenshaw Blvd., and parts of WALTERIA.

Bert Lynn, president of the Planning Commission, proposed that the city take a scrutinizing look at overhauling the city's land use ordinance with an eye to changes that have occurred since the present law was adopted 20 years ago.

He suggested that the older sections of the city be rezoned to R-3 with the restrictive clause that apartments may

be constructed only on vacant property. The safeguard was suggested in order to prevent sprouting of boarding houses, rooming houses or other undesirable type structures built through conversion of present single-family homes.

Councilman J. A. Beasley suggested that WALTERIA also be included in the study on grounds that "it is rapidly becoming a slum area."

He explained that he meant that the value of the land in WALTERIA in many cases exceeds the structures on it, and that in the interest of good planning, better use be made of the property.

"It's no longer feasible to retain some of the old three-room shacks," he said.

Another major item for which action is sought is a second try for an airport bond issue to secure approach zones and

to prevent build-up in an area which would interfere with proper development of the airport once the WALTERIA Lake sump takes care of lowland drainage.

Although no figure was mentioned, the bond issue is expected to be approximately \$200,000 higher than the \$1,000,000 one defeated two years ago.

Revenue bonds, to be repaid from airport profits, are again expected to be suggested.

City Manager George Stevens was instructed to determine cost of a special election, possibly this fall.

Some city official said that the clearance zone west of the airport will be needed to assure proper development of the field. They suggested that the land must be purchased by the city before its value goes up once the area can be developed.

Because of flood danger, a building ban has been clamped

in the area for years. This will be lifted once the proposed 28-acre sump and drainage lines are installed in about 18 months to a year.

Planners also suggested some changes in lot sizes, however, retaining the present 6000 square foot minimum.

It was pointed out that the present 60-foot frontage requirement should be relaxed, depending on the topography of the land and the size of the house. The rule is now in effect for single-family homes.

Planners suggested that the 6000 square foot minimum can be retained by greater depth of the lot to make up for a narrower frontage.

Other suggestions made included preparation of a set of aerial photo maps of the city to aid planners in deliberating zoning cases, increasing the planning staff and rescheduling of planning matters by the City Council.

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POLAR BELT—Dr. Donald Tompkins inspects fangs of a 1000-pound polar bear he shot while on a hunting trip to Alaska. The Torrance physician said he will use the animal's pelt for a bearskin rug to adorn his den.

Lady Theft Suspect Hides in Child's Bed

Employe Delegation to Ask Lift of 'Moonlight' Order

A delegation of city employes will do some personal "moonlighting" Tuesday evening. Their extra-curricular work will consist of trying to persuade the City Council to rescind the ban on outside work which officially went into effect April 1.

The employes and their families will be represented by Attorney Boris S. Woolley, who already has filed a suit in behalf of two firemen seeking to have the outside work ban set aside by the courts.

Kenneth Garcelon, an associate of Woolley, said that several employes will point out to the City Council that the rule against outside work will constitute a hardship to a number of city employes, particularly those faced with paying hospital bills.

He said that several city employes also have contacted him to protest a questionnaire sent out to all employes by the city manager's office in which they are required to state whether or not they have outside jobs and how many hours they spend on them.

Although it was reliably reported that some employes have continued on their "moonlighting" jobs, so far no disciplinary action has been taken by any department head.

The city issued an order to enforce the ban on outside work for the first time in 25 years on grounds that city employes may be taking jobs away

from persons who are among the 5,000,000 unemployed in this country.

Right Owner, Wrong Car Is Puzzle Poser

Someone made off with his 1959 Rambler car, Ben Dowander of 1401 1/2 Cravens Ave., told police Friday, but it was not exactly a case of theft.

Dowander said that he had parked his car on a parking lot on Pacific Coast Hwy. When he returned, he noted that his own machine was missing but another car of the same model, make and color was left in its place.

Police are trying to find the other driver so that the two cars, which have the same ignition keys, can be exchanged.

HOSPITAL MEET

The annual meeting of the Torrance Hospital Association will be held Friday, at 10:30 a.m. in the hospital conference room, 1425 Engracla Ave.



VICTORIOUS—Flashing victory signs as they boarded buses that took them to a Board of Supervisors hearing where they defeated a proposed gambling city in Victoria Park, are leaders of the opposition to the cityhood scheme. They are from left: Mrs. Bernard Truhe, committee member; Mrs. Paul V. Hinkle, president of the Victoria Park Civic Council, and John Calas, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.—Press Photo

Wanted Food for Children

A 32-year-old waitress was arrested on suspicion of burglary after she had crawled into a child's bed, trying to hide from his parents early yesterday.

Booked into Torrance city jail was Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, who claimed to be the mother of six children under the age of six. She refused to give her address to police.

She was nabbed after Mrs. Rosalie Pearson, of 17003 Cordary Ave., called police, saying that her husband was holding the suspect, who was clad only in a slip and housecoat. Mrs. Pearson told officers that her husband heard a noise in the room of their son, Ronald, 8, and when he investigated, found the woman in the bed, hiding under the covers.

Officers said that Mrs. Johnson wore white men's socks on her hands and had a can opener in her pocket. They quoted her as saying that she was looking for food to feed her six children.

Joyriders Overturn Gas Truck

Three youths faced an interview with juvenile officers after they allegedly went joyriding in a gasoline truck and turned it over on Torrance Municipal Airport early Thursday.

Firemen had to cut the asserted driver, James McClure, 15, of 1629 Cota Ave., from the cab of the vehicle which posed an explosion danger during the rescue work.

The vehicle was filled with 2000 gallons of aviation gasoline, some of which spilled over the wreckage and the taxi-way where the vehicle turned over on its left side.

Two other youths, Pete Brandon, 17, of 5605 Calle de Arboles, and Preston Griff, 17, of 415 Camino del Campo, received minor injuries, police said.

The truck is owned by Vegas Airways, of which McClure claimed he was a part time employe, officers said.

The youngsters had been stopped from entering the airport by guards, but apparently slipped in another way.

ABANDON REZONING

Proceedings for a zone change for 3.7 acres on the west side of Normandie Ave., 3000 feet south of Sepulveda Blvd. from M-2 to R-1 have been abandoned by the County Regional Planning Commission.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONER

Appointment of Dr. Wilmet Labit to the Park and Recreation Commission, blocked last week, sailed through unanimously Tuesday. He will succeed Robert Cramer, who moved out of the city.

Doctor Shoots Own Bearskin Rug for Den

A Torrance doctor was loaded for bear when he took off for Alaska last month, and came back with 1000 pounds of polar variety.

Home again from a hunting trip above the Arctic Circle is Donald Tompkins, M.D., of 1753 Cabrillo Ave., who brought with him the white pelt of a polar bear which will be made into a rug for his den.

It took the doctor only two days in the frozen north before he shot the bear on an ice shelf, 200 miles north of Barrow with his 300 magnum Weatherby rifle.

"My first shot, fired from 400 yards, got him in the leg," Dr. Tompkins said.

Second Shot

He kept a bead on the white bear through his seven-power scope, and when it approached to 200 yards, it turned and the doctor brought it down.

Hunting bear in Alaska is quite different than in other places, Dr. Tompkins said.

The hunter and his guide, Bob Cooper of Fairbanks, took off from Barrow in a Super Cub plane equipped with ski landing gear. Another plane, a four place Cessna, escorts the smaller plane and stays above the hunting party in case of accident in the isolated north.

The guide, who also served as pilot of the Cub, landed the hunter on an ice shelf after spotting the male bear.

Skinning Problem

Skinning the bear proved quite difficult, even for a man trained in surgery, Dr. Tompkins said.

"When it's 55 degrees below zero and you take off your mittens, it's mighty cold and you get the job over with as fast as possible," he said. Eskimos consider bear steak quite a delicacy, but the Torrance hunter, after a taste of

it, struck it off his diet.

But he was quite impressed with reindeer steak, which sells for \$3 a plate. He described it as "better than venison."

Dr. Tompkins came back from Alaska full of admiration for the 49th state and its inhabitants.

"They've got a great future ahead of them," he predicted. "They're real fine people. The hard climate probably has culled the phonies and weaklings out."

Gardena Loser to Face Check Passing Hearing

Two men, one of whom told police he lost between \$6000 and \$7000 in Gardena poker parlors, will face preliminary hearings in Torrance Municipal Court this month.

Robert E. Sapp, 32, of 4623 Merrill St., a meatcutter, will return to court Monday, on charges he passed more than \$400 of worthless checks to make up for gambling losses, Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer announced.

Another check suspect, James L. Abell, 28, of 256 Via Buena Ventura, a draftsman for an aircraft company, was charged with six counts of issuing worthless checks. His preliminary hearing was set for April 13.



TICKER TEST—Dr. June Randolph, school district physician, gives physical examination to Carolyn Cramer, 4 1/2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cramer, 2510 Highcliff Road, at Hillside Elementary School. She is one of 2944 youngsters expected to start kindergarten in fall. —Press Photo

Pair to Face Dope Hearing

A merchant seaman and an attractive divorcee will face preliminary hearing Thursday on charges of peddling marijuana.

The pair was arrested by Torrance police and state narcotics agent Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. Janet Brickey, 21, of 3414 W. 227th St.

Investigators said that when they checked the woman's garden, they discovered seedling marijuana bushes growing amidst a field of carnations.

Arrested with Mrs. Brickey was Douglas W. Rathbun, 22, of 3125 W. Carson St., a seaman ready to ship out.

Officers said they found 10 marijuana sticks concealed in a sewing basket in the house. When they checked the yard they said they discovered that several young marijuana bushes were growing among the carnations.

The raid was ordered after police said undercover agents had made several buys from the pair. They were arraigned before Municipal Judge Burch Donahue in Inglewood Municipal Court Friday where bail was set at \$7500 each.

BANK EARNINGS

California Bank's net operating earnings per share have shown an increase of 19 per cent over the same period last year, Frank L. King, president, announced in a review of the bank's first quarter statement of earnings.

ATTENDS CONFAB

Dr. Lyle C. Dearden, of 3217 W. 177th St. assistant anatomy professor at SC, attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Anatomists in Seattle this week.

Supervisors Rebuff Gambling City for Victoria Park Area

A poker city scheme got a fast shuffle from the Board of Supervisors Thursday.

It ended plans for incorporation of Victoria Park at a tiny gambling city following mass protests by residents led by the Victoria Park Civic Council.

"We won hands down," said its president, Mrs. Paul V. Hinkle, following the group's victory after a 20-minute hearing.

The opponents to the cityhood plan, spawned by Joseph Asaro, represented 60 per cent of the assessed valuation of the 1.3 mile area bounded by Figueroa St., Avalon Blvd., 190th and Francisco Sts.

The residents were supported by the Dominguez Estates Co. and the Shell Oil Co., who signed in opposition to the incorporation.

More than 150 persons attended the hearing. The victory will end all possibilities of another incorporation try for two years.

Attempts by Asaro's attorney to obtain a delay in the decision were rebuffed. The motion for ending the cityhood move was made by Supervisor Burton W. Chaco, seconded by Kenneth Hahn.

Asaro proposed to support the contemplated little city from revenues of a Gardena-style card club.

"Now we can take care of our own little civic problems," declared Mrs. Hinkle following the hearing. "This has demonstrated that the people are 100 per cent behind us."

Additional Stores Open Monday Nights to 9 p.m.

Additional downtown Torrance stores will remain open Monday nights in addition to Friday evenings for the convenience of shoppers. It was announced this week.

Twelve additional stores in the central shopping area have announced they will stay open until 9 p.m. on both evenings.

They are J. J. Newberry's, Karl's Shoes, The Gay Shop, Torrance Men's Shop, Kirby's Shoes, Lawson Jewelers, Torrance Shoe Mart, Allen Jewelers, Baker's Furniture, Look Furniture, Torrance Furniture and Anita's Shops.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

John H. Robertson, Torrance area realtor and resident of 7 Pomegranate Road, Portuguese Bend, was taken to Riviera Hospital last weekend following a heart attack.

LOMITA BUILDING

Building permits with a value of \$6,128,895 were issued by the Lomita branch of the County Building Department last month.