

ROUND THE RIVIERA

Pressure for Rezoning of Beach Filed in Face of Past Agreement

By JACK WEBB
Following the concerted efforts of several residents of Riviera Beach Estates to have Riviera's ocean bluff property rezoned from R-4 (multiple residence or hotels) to R-1 (single family residence), a most interesting document has come to our hands this week.

Bear in mind that this Beach Estates group has been most insistent on zoning this bluff property R-1 and then read the following:
"Concerning our application to purchase the above named lot, we have been advised that lots 169 and 170 of tract 16379 are for school purposes. (Parkway School).
"We have also been advised that lots 143 through 168 of tract 18379 and lots 7 through 13 of Block D of 10307 (these lots either back into Palos Verdes Estates or back into the Pacific Ocean) are being reserved to be used for either multiple residential or hotel purposes.
"We understand this fully,

approve of same, and agree not to oppose such usage."

According to our information this document was signed by every purchaser of a lot and house in the Beach Estates! Moreover, a document containing these same issues are filed as a part of each property owners' title.

It is exceedingly difficult to understand how the Riviera Estates organization now clamoring for R-1 zoning of this property can justify their present stand in view of their signed pledge to the contrary.

A further development of this ocean-bluff zoning issue came last week when the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. adopted a resolution requesting Torrance City officials to make the zoning R-1. Their letter to the Mayor and Council said in part:
"The Board of Directors of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. have adopted a resolution requesting the Mayor, City Council and City Manager to take a firm stand to make this zoning R-1 with the possible exception of 143 through 148.
They continued by saying they felt zoning other than R-1 would depreciate and partially destroy the value of the property, spoil the beach front . . . and would be inconsistent with deed restrictions within Hollywood Riviera."
This letter is dated Aug. 6, 1957, and was on the agenda

for last week's council meeting. Even though Homeowner President Ben Russell and Beach Estates group head Ed Perry were at the meeting together, for some reason the council bypassed it on the evening's agenda and the letter was filed without comment.

We wonder if the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Assn. is aware of the document signed by each Beach Estate resident at the time they purchased their home. We do not believe they know about that document nor of the document that is now a part of each property owner's title. Otherwise, their action of last week would seem to constitute an endorsement of violations of signed pledges. We do not believe our Homeowners Assn. nor its Board of Directors would do such a thing.

UP HILL AND DOWN DALE: Only a couple of weeks till Parkway School opens and still no stop signs around the school to hold down the racy traffic coming up from the Esplanade. PTA groups and Beach Estates parents please note; it's your children who will be in danger. . . . St. Peter's Guild of St. Lawrence Martyr parish held its first dance last Saturday evening at the Riviera Knights of Columbus hall. Mmes. Francis Hamel, Howard Hood, Robert Kohorst and Gerald Hamel did the arrangements. . . . Rivieran Tom Butterworth attended the

United World Federalists meet at LaVente Inn last week. . . . Mrs. Almond Cockerill was coordinator at the Fashion show held by St. Cross Episcopal Church of Hermosa last Wednesday in their parish hall. . . . Walter McNaughton is back in charge of Riviera Beach Club. Parke Bryan is back and in charge of the gymnasium as before. . . . Mrs. William Brown, 502 Camino de Encanto, was hostess for the bridge group of the PV branch of the American Assn. of University Women at her home last evening. . . . Mrs. Don Smith, of Hollywood Riviera, president of the local branch of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, held an officers' meeting in her home last Monday evening. . . . Miss Joan Mahoney of Hollywood Riviera was married last week in a formal high noon ceremony in Chicago at the church where she was baptized. Her groom is Donald Wolf of Hermosa Beach. . . . And, happy birthday to Rivieran Lee Kendall (Tuesday).

Riviera mothers, physically exhausted and going now on nerve alone, are herding their children toward that blessed opening day of school. Torrance school teachers, meanwhile, are girding their loins, and otherwise preparing to take over their schooling tasks dropped last June. The mothers, in the pink of condition when vacations started, are

looking a little worn now, while the teachers, worn and weary last June, are now in the pink of condition and looking fit and ready to take up the cudgels.

In this spirit then, let us review the latest information concerning schooling in these parts.

Riviera, Parkway and Newton schools will open their doors promptly at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. The school department informs us that the children will be at school all day that first day. They will have hot lunches available in the cafeteriums.

They add that children beginning school for the first time will be admitted to kindergarten only if their birthdate is on or before December 2, 1952. First grade children will be admitted only if born December 2, 1951 or before, and officials warn there will be no exceptions. Parents are to offer proof of minimum age.

New residents of high school (grades 9 through 12) age have five days in which to register. The dates are Aug. 28, 29, and 30 and Sept. 3 and 4. Hours are from 9 to noon and from 1 till 3. 9th and 10th graders in Hollywood Riviera will attend the new South High School. 11th graders will attend North High School and 12th graders will attend Torrance High School. New enrollees for Torrance and North High Schools will report to the Counseling Office in each main building. New students for South High will report to Torrance Elementary School, room 5, Torrance High is at 2200 Carson St.; North High is at 3620 W. 182nd St. and Torrance Elementary is at 2005

Martina Ave. (Near Torrance High.)

One or both parents are asked to accompany new students and to bring any records that might be helpful in the student's selection of program. Further information concerning school problems, either elementary or high school, may be obtained by calling FAIRfax 8-8080, special services department.

Hollywood Riviera's Lutheran School, 330 Palos Verdes Blvd., will open its doors Sept. 9. This will be their sixth year.

Classes for kindergarten and grades one through eight are available to both Lutheran and non-Lutheran children. The teaching staff is approved by the National Lutheran Council Teachers Assn. and meets all state requirements. S. P. Orwell is principal and announces the school office is open for registrations from 9 'till 4 Monday through Friday. For more information, call FR 5-5528.

Marymount School of Palos Verdes has been registering for some time and announces their classes in elementary school are just about full. High School classes still have a few openings and more information may be obtained by calling the Registrar at FR 7-1717. Like Riviera Lutheran School, Marymount limits the size of classes in order to give more personal attention to each student.

Riviera residents are warned this week by the Chamber of Commerce that Sept. 5 is the deadline for registration for voting in the October 29 elec-

tions. On the ballot are amendments providing an increase of Council to seven members with the mayor to be elected separately. A \$3 million park bond issue and a \$1 million airport bond issue are also up for voting this time. Be prepared; be registered to vote.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schulman, 115 Via Alameda, on Aug. 15 at Riviera hospital was a 6 lb., 5 oz. daughter whom they have named Julie Lavaughan. She joins brother Mike, 4, at the Schulman home.

Savings Firm Gives Report

Current statement of condition of First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of San Pedro was released to Harbor area residents today.

Resources of \$20,315,512.98 were reported by the local financial institution. More than \$18,000,000 of this is represented in first mortgage loans and other first liens on Harbor area real estate.

According to the statement, Harbor area residents have placed some \$17,212,184.12 in savings in the San Pedro and Lomita offices of First Federal.

Present officers are Dr. J. L. Bloch, president; Cecil L. Thomas, vice president; Leon L. Dwight, secretary; Montgomery Pfister, counsel; R. E. Van Devander, director; W. H. Pape, assistant vice president-treasurer.

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Auditor Chosen For Osteopathic Hospital Drive

Vernon Walker of Wilmington, newly named director of the Harbor Osteopathic Hospital Inc., has been named auditor for the hospital corporation's fund drive, it was announced by President Glenn A. Wymore. Walker was named to the board of directors along with Nick Trani, San Pedro civic leader and real estate dealer.

Opening of Fund Drive Headquarters for the proposed \$900,000, 50-bed Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital, was announced yesterday by Mrs. Alice Quiros, headquarters director. The drive headquarters are at 25916 South Western Ave., Harbor City.

Reports Due
Preliminary reports on advance gifts and other data pertaining to the fund drive will be given in the near future, according to Dr. George Wall, of San Pedro, fund drive chairman. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is honorary fund drive chairman for the osteopathic group.

The proposed hospital, to be located in the Wilmington-San Pedro state hospital district, is expected to serve the entire Bay-Harbor area, including in addition to Wilmington and San Pedro, Harbor City, Lomita, Torrance, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Gardena.

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