

Committee Approves Draft Resolution Saying Stoneman Is 'Surplus'

■ A Community Meeting Is Scheduled for
September 1 at 7:00 p.m. In District Office.

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A citizen committee charged with exploring future usage of the George Stoneman School site finalized two decisions at their August 18 meeting that will be discussed at a public hearing on Wednesday, September 1 at the district office beginning at 7:00 p.m.

After lively discussion, the 7-11 panel declared that Stoneman can be considered surplus property, meaning that in the near and long-term future of the district there will be no need to use Stoneman for student activities.

The group then drafted a priority list for the property stating a goal that Stoneman be sold or leased "pursuant to California law at the property's highest and best use value to, in priority order, the City of San Marino, a philanthropic organization or residential developer."

After next Wednesday's meeting, a final recommendation from the 7-11 committee will be forwarded to school board, who can accept or modify the recommendation.

"The ultimate authority rests with board of education," Superintendent Gary Woods told The Tribune. "Only the board can finalize the public notice."

The district has reached a tentative agreement with the City of San Marino for a long-term lease of the facility, pending the findings of the 7-11 committee and approval of the school board and city council.

"This is really the public process," said Woods. "Getting and filing all the input. But the final decision rests with the board of education."

The committee reached a unanimous decision that Stoneman is "sur-

plus," meaning that "the district in the foreseeable future will not have sufficient enrollment or finances to need Stoneman as a functioning school," Woods said.

Next Wednesday the committee will hear the community and then consider finalizing a draft resolution. If so, a recommendation will be forwarded to the school board for action at their September 14 meeting.

SMPD Beefs Up Patrol for First Day of School

The San Marino Police Dept. increased patrols and placed signs on Huntington Drive and San Gabriel Blvd. warning commuters that school is in session and safety is top priority.

Schools opened Wednesday. "This will be an ongoing effort to establish safe driving, biking and walking patterns that will enhance your child's school experience," Chief John Schaefer told The Tribune. — Mitch Lehman

7-11 Committee Finalizes Recommendation for Stoneman School Site

■ **Top Priority Would Be Long-Term Lease Agreement With City, Citizen Panel Finds.**

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The citizen committee charged with exploring future usage of the George Stoneman School site drafted its final recommendation last night that will be presented to the San Marino Unified School District's governing board at their next regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the district office. By a unanimous 10-0 vote, the 7-11 Committee stated that the top priority for the community would involve a long-term lease to the City of San Marino. The second course of action would be to sell Stoneman to the city for the highest market value. The third option would be to lease the facility to a philanthropic organization. A fourth choice would be to sell Stoneman to a philanthropic organization for the highest market value, while the fifth priority should be to sell or exchange the property for residential development, but only upon the exhaustion of the first four options.

The motion was drafted by committee member Steve Talt and seconded by Jerry Wang.

Superintendent Gary Woods will present the committee's findings to the school board at the September 14th meeting, along with a previous finding that Stonemen has been declared surplus property.

The school board will then vote on the findings. If approved, the district will negotiate a long-term lease with the city. The school district and city have discussed a long-term lease valued at \$5.950 million, in which the city will pay the district \$550,000 for each of the first twelve years and \$10 per year for the remainder of the 99-year lease.

Former mayor and 7-11 committee member Rosemary Simmons urged the group to recommend a long-term lease in lieu of sale, saying that "once the property is sold, there is no getting it back."

Artists Reception Scheduled for Old Mill This Evening

Local residents are invited to attend the artists' reception for the upcoming exhibition of new fine art featuring California Art Club artists at the Old Mill tonight, Thursday, September 2, between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The exhibition, entitled *Historic Landmarks and Districts of Southern California - Gems from the Central Coast*, will feature new works by twenty-two talented CAC artists. The reception will be held at the Old Mill, 1120 Old Mill Road in San Marino. Reservations may be made by calling (626)449-5458. Please call for more information.