

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: February 11, 1986
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Lynn Robie, Chair, Dave Shore,
Bill Smallman, Terry Kastanis

1. Helistops In Downtown Sacramento (M86-002)

DISCUSSION:

Heidi Tschudin, Assistant Planner for the City of Sacramento, informed the Committee of the differences between helistops and Heliports, FAA standards for helistops, and explained that a special and conditional use permit has been requested to convert the helistop located at the top of 770 L Street from an emergency only helistop to a private use helistop.

The Committee expressed concern regarding conversion of the heliport at 770 L Street because of the difference in regulatory standards in the City Code and the Zoning Ordinance. The Committee also expressed concern about the noise and safety issues associated with heliports, and the impact of such in the Sacramento area.

REPORT(S) BACK:

A staff report is due back in three to six months.

ACTION:

The Committee directed staff to develop one set of standard criteria for helistops specifying the evaluation process for special permit applications, including application procedures, definitions, locational criteria, number and location of helistops, and development standards.

The Committee also directed staff to complete the application for the 770 L Street heliport conversion, and to process all future applications for helicopter facilities based on the new standards. The Committee endorsed the concept of locating a public-use heliport in downtown Sacramento.

2. Structural, Life Safety, and Fire Protection Deficiencies in
Memorial Auditorium.

DISCUSSION:

Solon Wisham, Jr., Assistant City Manager, submitted a report on the inadequate condition of the Memorial Auditorium with a recommendation that the Auditorium be closed as of February 18, 1986, until such time as the deficiencies (listed in report) are brought up to California City, State and Federal Codes. It was also recommended that the City Manager appoint a task force of staff and citizens to review options for future uses of the Auditorium

Representatives from the Camellia Festival voiced their objections to the Auditorium being closed on February 18, 1986. The Festival is scheduled for March 8th and 9th. A Festival representative, (Lupe Luna) also stated that the festival had insurance for any claims for damages that might result during the festival.

Bill Donnel, Sacramento Barbershop Quartet representative, stated that his group would suffer quite a financial loss if the auditorium was closed. He stated that he has a signed contract booking the auditorium, hotels, airlines, etc. for his October event.

Chairperson, Lynn Robie stated that she was not please with the report's lack of alternative sites for the scheduled activities for the auditorium. Councilman Kastanis suggested that staff provide a report on possible temporary remedies for use of the auditorium, determine whether the insurance capabilities of the scheduled users is adequate to solve the liability problem, and present a list of the scheduled activities that could be placed in alternative facilities.

REPORT(S) BACK:

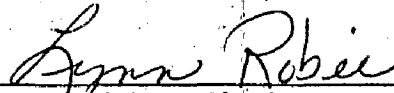
A full report is due to the City Council on February 18, 1986.

ACTION:

Councilman Shore moved to recommend that the City Council close the Memorial Auditorium, effective February 18, 1986, and that the City manager be directed to establish a task force to review options for future uses of the auditorium. Councilman Smallman seconded the motion. The motion failed to receive a majority vote.

Mr. Wisham stated that staff would prepare the report requested by Chairperson Robie and Councilman Kastanis and forward the report to the City Council at its February 18, 1986 meeting. The report will address the following concerns:

- 1) Discuss the possibility of finding a structural solution that would allow limited use of the facility on an interim basis.
- 2) Examine the insurance capability of scheduled users to determine whether their coverage would be adequate to resolve the liability problem.
- 3) Investigate the possibilities for relocating displaced events and identify alternative sites.



Lynn Robie, Chair
Transportation and Community
Development Committee