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The special meeting was called to order by President Pat Brazil at 7:00 p.m. in the Rhoads School. Officers present were Pat Brazil, Edie MacDonald, J. T. Harmon, Sterling Kloss and Cheryl Griess.

Pat introduced our guest speaker Mr. Robert L. Trigg, Superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District, who was invited to meet with our membership regarding the proposed relocation of the district administration offices. These offices presently occupy the original Elk Grove Elementary School built in 1922 which the Elk Grove Historical Society is concerned with preserving in the event the property is sold.

Mr. Trigg discussed three options the district is presently investigating. They are as follows:

- 1) Original master plan was to stay where they are for the next 8-10 years and expand into the existing Elk Grove Elementary School site. The cost of relocating students and renovating the building would cost approximately \$5+ million.
- 2) Purchase the Cal Gas Company site on Gerber Road at a cost of approximately \$5+ million, for transformation into a district office, transportation yard and warehouse space. This would mean selling the district property on Elk Grove Boulevard (17 acres) plus property north of Kerr Jr. High School (8+ acres).
- 3) Sell present site and purchase property to build a new administrative office building and bus complex (26 acres) on north side of Elk Grove Boulevard, west of Highway 99. Approximate cost \$5+ million.

Mr. Trigg stressed that no decision has been made yet. After some discussion, suggestions from the audience were made:

- 1) Bus Complex - Have satellite bus sites instead of one main one. Study shows cost effectiveness does not change. However, they are presently putting bus routes on computer to study this further.
- 2) Stay at present site. Tear down current elementary school and build a multi-story administrative complex and retain original 1922 elementary school building. (Would still have to deal with bus complex expansion.)
- 3) If property sold, could developer take advantage of 20% tax credits and develop existing administrative building and

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incorporate it into the overall master plan of the property for a governmental/office complex, i.e., City Hall if we incorporate? Examples cited were the Buzz Oates complex on Jackson Highway transforming the old school into his office. Another example was the Old Mills Winery development on Folsom Boulevard which incorporated the winery and commercial buildings.

- 4) Any thought given to purchasing property on Grantline Road? Mr. Trigg said no, as they had originally planned to stay 8-10 years and develop where they were. Then they were approached about the Cal Gas Company site. They have not really studied fully other property sites for new construction.

Mr. Trigg invited Pat Brazier to call him before our meetings for a current update on the school district's administrative building plans. He said they have been talking to McCuen & Steele regarding property values and building a new complex in the Laguna area, etc. They have also been talking with three developers who build commercial complexes for their views on property development. He said he will notify the historical society when a plan is formulated and before taking final action. If the decision involves the developer not wanting to pay top dollar for the property because it includes preserving the administrative building, the district will contact the historical society for discussion and input.

Pat thanked Bob Trigg for coming and sharing this information with the historical society. She also again stated that our main concern is the preservation of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Griess

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Recording Secretary

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cc: Mr. Robert L. Trigg

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