

slack, along with construction of 5,300 parking spaces under freeways

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Ms. Coburn

According to Vandegriff, SAEOC's attorney James Long has advised the board that Ms. Coburn does not have a case.

"This puts us in a very difficult position," Vandegriff said, "because if she doesn't have a case legally, why are we paying out public funds."

Vandegriff, who reportedly insisted during last night's closed session that Ms. Coburn should be offered a maximum of \$10,000, said there is a possibility that if the board acts "irresponsibly in this matter" the members could end up being individually liable for authorizing payment of excessive funds to settle the matter.

"It is the consensus of the board that the matter be settled in order to move the agency ahead," Vandegriff said.

"But if we settle this by making a financial payment, we're going to do so without really hearing her case because it never has been heard by the (SAEOC) personnel and grievance committee.

"This," he said, "is the reason I'm insisting the amount of the settlement be minimum."

Ms. Coburn's attorney, Robert Horn, himself a former SAEOC board member, said today he is "hopeful the matter can be resolved."

However, he said, "if the board is unable to effect a settlement, we will have to take the next step in court."

Office Building Height Curbed By Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors has moved to protect residential neighborhoods from undesirable adjacent development by amending one county ordinance and extending the life of an interim ordinance.

Approved Wednesday night was an ordinance amendment limiting the height of office buildings in business and professional zones to 24 feet when contiguous to residentially zoned property.

Since the amendment as approved by the county project planning

The current state budget includes about \$16 million for the first building

Lurker Shoots Youth

A prowler shot and seriously wounded an 18-year-old youth who was chasing him in a residential neighborhood in east Sacramento at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Rodney Richard Miller, who lives on Ripon Court, was in critical condition when he was admitted to Sutter Memorial Hospital. He was shot in the abdomen.

A hospital aide today advised Detective Jay Pane that the youth emerged from surgery in a stable and alert condition.

The prowler, described only as male, white and long-haired, escaped despite a police cordon on the neighborhood.

The neighborhood is near the Glenbrook District. Detectives are considering the possibility the prowler might have been the east area rapist who has sexually assaulted 15 women in 16 months, including one last Jan. 19 in the Glenbrook area.

The youth's father, Raymond, told investigators his son just had entered the house from the garage when they heard a noise in the back yard. Miller said he and Rodney went into the yard and saw the figure of a man in shadows.

The father said the man ran, and he and his son chased him across the street.

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Culture, Carriers

Art Groups, Redevelopment Agency Eye S

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Discussions have begun between Sacramento arts groups and Housing and Redevelopment Agency officials and consultants on a visionary project to turn the Southern Pacific depot into a center of culture, commerce and transportation facilities.

The Redevelopment Agency has received a federal grant to conduct a year-long study of how to revitalize the 50-year-old building.

As Ralph Burgard, an expert on the subject who has been hired as a consultant on the project, and chief planner Leo Goto explained, the purpose of the depot rehabilitation is to encourage more people to use mass transit.

"The problem is how to change a public enamored of the automobile to change the image of mass transportation," Burgard said.

Hence the need for middle class enticements such as the arts, to help change attitudes.

Burgard told how dancer Boris Goldman helped increase bus ridership in Cincinnati by such innovations as ballet dancers at bus stops, singers on bus tops and string quartets in the back of the bus.

"Not only can the transit terminal become a focus of celebration, but it puts arts back into the marketplace where there are people who do not normally come in contact with the arts."

Volunteers Plan In Neighborhood

Pledging to act as a link between citizens and law enforcement agencies, a volunteer group called Citizens Against Rape Environments (CARE) said it would present the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department next month with a plan to patrol neighborhoods on a 24-hour basis.

At CARE's first meeting this morning, chairman Peter Clark said: "Law enforcement agencies can only do so much. We wish to do something right now. We do not want to wait."

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