

CITY WITHOUT FUNDS TO BUY RANCHO GOLF COURSE

Park Commission Turns Down Proposal to Take Over Defunct Club for Municipal Links

The recent tentative proposal by Alva C. Baird, field representative of the general counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, for the city park department; to maintain the Rancho Golf Club property at Pico Boulevard and Motor avenue, which the government holds to satisfy an income-tax lien of \$750,000 against it and other properties of S. W. Straus & Co., was turned down by the Park Commission yesterday on recommendation of a special committee.

The committee, consisting of Commissioner Roy Stockton and Supt. Frank Shearer, stated the department would have to develop a park at the location, to comply with its duties, along with maintenance of the golf course, which could not be done satisfactorily with the property in the hands of the Federal government.

The department, the committee pointed out, is without funds to equip, operate and place the course in condition, and all the furniture of the clubhouse, lockers and machinery for maintaining the course are owned by the Rancho Golf Club, which would mean it would have to be purchased or leased by the department.

In approving the report, the commission pointed out that the department now has before the Federal government's recovery administration an application for funds to construct a new nine-hole sod golf course, with plans for a new water system in the fairways, so that the department is unable to take over the Rancho property.

The commission directed that a reply be sent to E. R. Hurst, president of the Southern California Golf Association, who urged the department to acquire the property, that the city is without funds for such a purchase.