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City pivots on plan for large permanent homeless shelter

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A homeless shelter that has been operating on an industrial street in North Sacramento likely will close at the end of May, and the city of Sacramento is pivoting back to a plan to open a large

permanent shelter near a light-rail station in the Woodlake neighborhood.

City officials in March sent a letter of intent to Regional Transit indicating its interest in buying property on Evergreen Street, near the Royal Oaks light-rail station, for \$190,000, the mayor's office said Friday. Region-

al Transit spokeswoman Devra Selenis said RT "staff is currently analyzing the specifics" of the letter and that the RT board of directors will discuss the offer at its May 14 meeting.

If the RT board agrees to move forward with the city, the sides will have 90 days to negotiate a pur-

chase agreement for the site. The City Council has not identified a funding source for the purchase, nor has it put together the money needed to convert the space into a homeless shelter and operate the facility.

While still in its early stages, the plan already is opposed by Councilman

Allen Warren, who represents North Sacramento.

Warren said he opposes a permanent shelter being opened near Woodlake until the city puts together "a comprehensive plan that has real locations citywide" for other shelters. That sentiment has been echoed by neighborhood residents, who

have wondered why wealthier parts of the city aren't also being asked to host homeless shelters.

"I feel like District Two is continually looked upon for solving the city's toughest issues, and the burden is always being placed on the district," Warren said. "I think we need to see a more equitable solution and a comprehensive solution before I would consider any support for a facility that would be placed in or around District Two."

Mayor Darrell Steinberg was traveling Friday after-

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2 held at protest outside DA's office

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Two people demonstrating outside the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office in protest of the Stephon Clark shooting were arrested Thursday afternoon when they failed to obey a police order to disperse, according to a Sacramento Police Department spokesman.

Sgt. Vance Chandler said a group of protesters gathered around a vehicle driven by a woman, trapping the vehicle, at about 5:30 p.m. Officers ordered the group to disperse and most of the group did so. The two who did not comply were taken into custody, Chandler said.

The protest outside the DA's Office continued without further incident, Chandler said.

Black Lives Matter representatives said two women were arrested. Khy Whittaker, who was among the demonstrators, said protesters had blocked the parking lot at the DA's Office, but Black Lives Matter founder Tanya Faison said an incident involving a woman trying to leave the parking lot in a vehicle occurred before police arrived. She said a security officer from the DA's Office building escorted the woman from the car.

Faison said police officers used their bikes to push protesters. She said there were more than 60 officers at the

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Noah Himovitz-Ries, 9, grandson of the late Michael Himovitz, checks out an art piece, "Wildlife on a Ferris Wheel" by Jim Piskoti during the dedication of Himovitz Park on Friday. The park honors an extraordinary civic leader who made pioneering and lasting contributions.

Park named to honor creative pioneer in capital's art scene

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The late developer-turned-gallery owner Michael Himovitz was honored Friday as the city dedicated a small park within McKinley Village in his name. Himovitz, who died in 1994, is credited with starting Sacramento's Second Saturday art walks.

The park is one of five within the art-heavy McKinley Village infill project along the Capital City Freeway in East Sacramento.

On Saturday, from noon to 2 p.m., the community is invited to tour the public art scattered



Guests view "Tractor Levitation" by Jeff Myers in McKinley Village during the dedication ceremonies Friday for Michael Himovitz Park.

throughout the 336-home McKinley Village community. Himovitz Park

features the sculpture "Wildlife on a Ferris Wheel" by Jim Piskoti,

one of six pieces currently installed within the infill community. Ten

works of art are planned.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg called Himovitz a pioneer who changed the way we think about art. He said thousands of people for generations to come will know "he lived and made a profound difference in the city."

"Wildlife on a Ferris Wheel" is a large stainless steel wheel adorned with rotating ceramic circles with whimsical animals on them.

Also scheduled for Friday was a showing of "Luminous Passage," a multicolored LED display that illuminated the underpass leading into McKinley Village. The lighting design is by Michael Sestak.

The Saturday event at R. Bennett Miller Park, 3260 McKinley Village Way, will celebrate the McKinley Village art with live music, food, drink, face painting for kids and art activities. An art walk is set for 12:30 p.m.

