

## Board 2 unit OKs UCP plan to use Sea View

A subcommittee of Community Board 2 last night gave its approval to a proposal by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City to develop a multimillion dollar complex for the disabled on 99 acres of Sea View Hospital and Home.

In another matter, the subcommittee recommended the Community Board investigate a state Power Authority cooling station, proposed for Manor Rd. at the Staten Island Expressway service road in Castleton Corners, that would be linked to the proposed Travis power plant.

At a joint meeting of the Areas 2 and 3 Committees in the Eger Nursing Home, Lighthouse Hill, Michael Cantatore, director of Sea View and a community board member, explained the complex would be constructed on the farm side of Sea View.

The first phase of the UCP complex is scheduled for completion sometime in 1979. The master plan for the complex calls for the renovation of Sea View Building B to house approximately 100 physically handicapped children and adults now being treated at a UCP program in the South Beach Psychiatric Center.

The Sea View site will be larger than the South Beach Psychiatric facilities now in use, and will have a capacity to serve 200.

UCP also plans to construct a year-round camp for the disabled, including cabins, outdoor camp sites and nature trails. When eventually completed, the camp will have a lodge, a field house for recreation activities, an amphitheater and a lake.

Cantatore said a representative of UCP should be slated to address the community board at its regular meeting next month.

The construction of a cooling station in Castleton Corners, was referred by the area committees to a special committee on the Travis power plant, chaired by Robert Nallitt.

The community board took a firm stand in opposition to the power plant during a special meeting called last February. "Naturally, we're opposed to this cooling station," one committee member said, "because it's part of the whole power plant."

According to Mr. Klatzkow, a community board staff member, the cooling station would be built along with another one in Port Wadsworth, in the Community Board 1 area, if the state Power Authority's proposed Travis power plant is ever constructed. The substation would be needed to cool power lines that would run from Travis to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and then under the bridge, to link up with a power station in Brooklyn.

Klatzkow said he noticed plans for the proposed substations while examining the Power Authority's application for the 700-megawatt Travis plant.

In a letter to the board outlining his findings, Klatzkow said the 400-foot draft cooling tower would be "aesthetically objectionable and a trivial attempt to cut costs from the \$800-million project."

"The two proposed cooling plants would not only cause great inconvenience to the surrounding neighborhoods, but would be objectionable when completed."

The area where the proposed cooling station would be constructed is on a vacant lot adjacent to the Todt Hill Houses. The area is now used as a play area and a sports field, according to Area 3 Committee Chairman Grace Ferranti. "It's in a quite densely populated area," she said.

The property on which the cooling tower would be built, Mrs. Ferranti said, is owned by the city. It is believed to be maintained by the Park Department. However, Doris Spinelli, a member of the Todt Hill Tenants Association, said she contacted the department and was told the property was under the jurisdiction of the Highway Department.

Mrs. Spinelli said the tenants association would be opposed to the construction of the cooling tower, adding that the lot where it is to be built is now being used by a Todt Hill day camp as an athletic field.

The proposed cooling tower would service one 345-kilowatt underground pipe-type cable, to run 18 miles under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the Farragut substation in Brooklyn, and another, overhead 345-kilowatt cable to run to the power plant site in Travis, according to Klatzkow's report to the board.

Among the points the report asked the board to consider is whether PASNY will repave the streets in the Castleton Corners area, which will presumably be dug up if the cooling station is constructed; whether the transmission lines running under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will do any ecological damage, and whether the electrical field generated by the power lines will cause health problems for residents near the cooling station.

Power Authority officials have said they hope the Travis plant will be operating in 1984, but Gov. Carey, in a recent interview with the Advance, predicted the plant will never be constructed. The governor said the plant is not needed and that Staten Island is not the best location for the facility.