

## CB 2 backs away from SIDC hearing

Community Board 2 has decided to scrap a plan to co-sponsor a hearing on the future of the Staten Island Developmental Center's (SIDC's) property and let a task force conduct the session on its own.

According to Edmund J. Murphy, board chairman, a task force designed to consider proposals for the Willowbrook property will conduct its hearing Thursday in the auditorium at Sea View Hospital and Home.

Community Board 2 had proposed meeting jointly with the task force to discuss the siting of a consolidated College of Staten Island (CSI) campus, which has been proposed for both the developmental center site and a state-owned tract in Ocean Breeze.

However, Murphy said yesterday that he and John Egan, commissioner of the Office of General Services and co-chairman of the task force, agreed it would be "premature" to discuss the proposed CSI sites until the task force has received enough

public comment on SIDC's future. So the idea for a joint hearing was dropped.

"We're not going ahead with the debate on which (CSI) site is better until the task force has heard all the proposals about the developmental center," Murphy said.

"The task force wants to know about the number of proposals for the developmental center," Murphy said. "I believe that if

Commissioner Egan says he wants more input, then it is premature to discuss Ocean Breeze versus Willowbrook for the CSI site."