

Police station design pleases city council

A white stucco-like structure with walls of arches is the design architects have created for a new Petaluma police station.

Slides of the light and airy single story structure that would be built on city property to the east of the existing police station were presented to the Petaluma City Council Tuesday night. The councilmen liked what they saw.

Architect Fani Hansen presented slides of the building model and interior drawings and described the

use of the rooms and facilities that would be included in the new structure.

Some 9,000 square feet of space would be built into the new structure, and 3,500 square feet would be remodeled in the present police building.

Hansen said that despite the open look of the proposed structure, security for police use was considered at all times. She worked with police staff in designing the

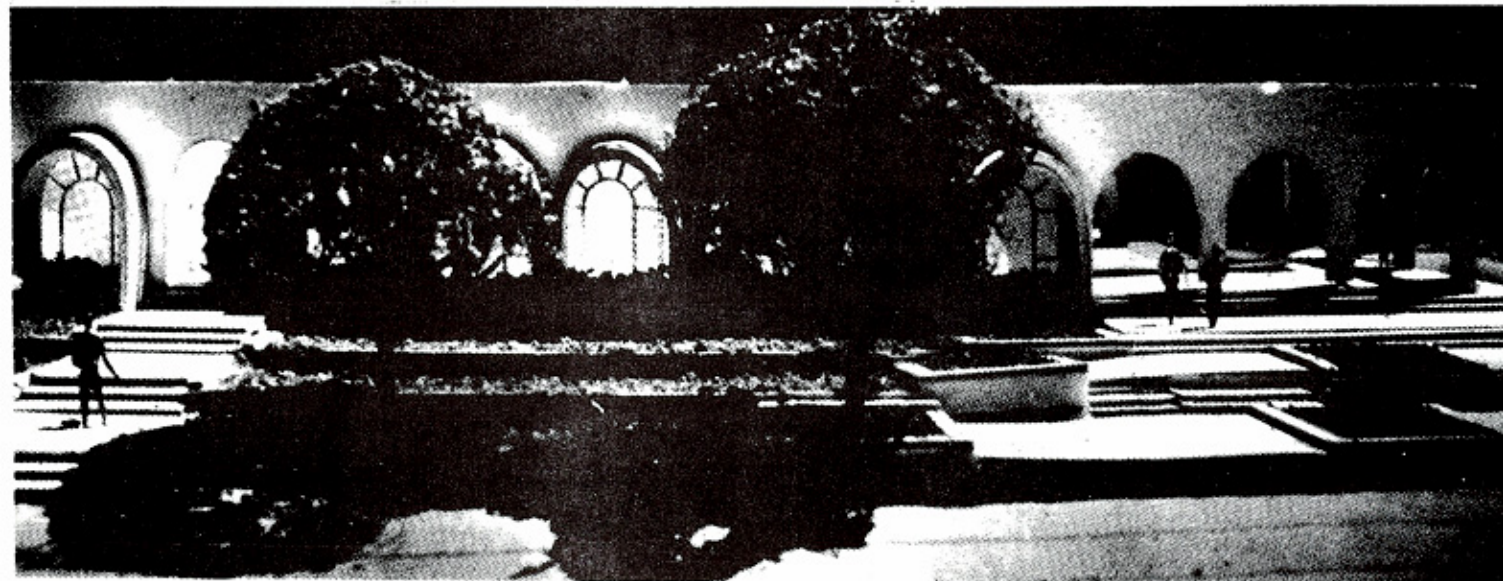
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structure to ensure it contained aspects the police want to see included.

The expansion will include enlarging the records area, a new squad room and debriefing area, a sally port for bringing in prisoners, a more secure booking area and other improvements. The current station is overcrowded and some department functions are now carried on in other buildings.

The architect noted that now some records are carried among the various buildings, a poor way of handling them.

Councilmen inspected a sample of the outside proposed for building, a stucco-like material backed with foam. Built for a "very inexpensive" \$5 per square foot, the material is strong and has been used for the expansion of buildings at the University of California, Hansen said.



Expanded Petaluma police station as envisioned by Hansen Associates Tiburon architects