

Elk Grove still a possible auto museum site

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Bob Gluck, who has been campaigning to relocate the Towe Auto Museum, said Elk Grove is still in the running. Gluck conducted a meeting Aug. 30 at the Elk Grove Auto Source, attended by 17 business and professional people who are interested in the project.

Gluck said there had been some misunderstanding following a television news story saying Sacramento remained the top consideration.

Gluck told the gathering, "Sacramento has not yet offered a new location." The Towe Auto Museum must find a new location in the near future and Gluck said Elk Grove would be an ideal locale. He said directors of the Towe

Auto Museum are impressed by the encouragement from Elk Grove. He added that he also appeared at a recent Elk Grove city council meeting and was pleased by the feedback.

"Re-establishing the Towe Auto Museum is no longer just my vision," said Gluck. "Now others are helping."

Gluck also said all museum directors also have visions about the facility continuing. "There is a desire to keep the museum going," he said. "The museum's finances are currently in the black and many activities are continuing at the facility including evening and weekend events."

A committee was formed at the Aug. 30 meeting to help with details. Members are George Portiris, Eric Strud, Robert Zabrik, Bob Dayton,

Phillip Stark and Sharon Renzo.

Gluck said it is necessary to know what will be required for the museum's physical aspects, such as what it will look like, how large it should be and what will be the cost.

He noted that George Portiris of Steele Realty is helping with possible locations and Gregg Mason of Jackson Properties is working on building costs.

Gluck also said he is interested in receiving possible name suggestions for the museum if it does move to Elk Grove and if the name has to be changed.

He also said he hopes to get a local group together to visit other well known auto museums such as the Peterson Auto Museum and the Black Hawk Auto Museum.