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Depository funding draws fire

A push to rescind a Dallas City Council decision to seek federal funding for purchase of the Texas School Book Depository building is being mapped by two councilmen.

City Councilman Russell Smith said Saturday that he is working with Councilman Fred Zeder on the move.

Smith said they object to spending any tax money—whether federal, state or local—for the building.

Councilman Garry Weber won approval Tuesday of a resolution which would seek National Historic Preservation Act funds for the building.

Weber's resolution, which was opposed by Zeder and Smith in the 9-2

vote, also put a freeze on any applications for demolition or alterations on the building while the city is contemplating federal funding.

Smith said he has no objections to the freeze.

"Weber said he wanted time to figure out what to do to the building, and I don't object to that," he said.

"But, Zeder and I jointly are proposing that the city not seek the taxpayers' money but that if anything is done at all, it should be through private sources," said Smith.

"I would like for the citizens to let the council members know this weekend their feelings on the issue," said Smith. "I feel the vote of 9-2 is not re-

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flective of the attitude of all the citizens who I don't think want tax money spent on an empty shell of a building."

Smith objected to the section of the City Council resolution stating that the building had achieved historical significance and should be maintained as a monument of national interest.

"The only memorial is that window that Lee Harvey Oswald sat on, and the building has no moral value to the Kennedy family," said Smith, who was a member of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Commission which sought private funding for the existing memorial in the county government complex.

Smith ~~said~~ the placement of the

building under control of the National Registry of Historical Places would duplicate the existing Kennedy Memorial.

Zeder and Smith must act at the upcoming council meeting on Monday, under the City Council rules of procedure.

Zeder, who said he was against "any memorializing of that day of infamy with that structure" at a meeting Tuesday night, said he would rather see the building razed and turned into a park.

Zeder said he had conferred with New York City architect I. M. Pei, who designed the new City Hall now under construction, about alternate plans for the site.