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Arnold agrees with pan finals in South

“WE HAVE no problem with hosting the pan finals in South,” said Pan Trinbago president Patrick Arnold. In agreeing with the idea, Arnold said Skinner Park is as good as any venue in Port-of-Spain.

The proposal was first made last week to San Fernando Mayor Kenneth Ferguson by head of the San Fernando Carnival Committee Alderman Junia Regrello. Panorama finals have traditionally been held at the Queen’s Park Savannah.

With plans to refurbish the savannah, however, Pan Trinbago has been in

search of a suitable venue. “The western end of the Savannah is another proposed site,” Arnold said, “but failing that Skinner Park is as good a venue as any other, especially since it has been used before to host prelims.”

Concerns, however, have been raised that San Fernando may not be ready to host a competition of that magnitude. Regrello told *Newsday* yesterday that the San Fernando City Corporation was the only body that took the initiative to put forward the proposal to host the finals. Regrello said, “San Fernando and Skinner Park is ready to host the finals

and all plans are in place to make the Skinner Park venue ready for the finals, once we get the go ahead.”

Regrello said he is anxious for South to host the pan finals, an event in which the people of Trinidad and the world would experience a taste of “southern hospitality at its best.” Persons who want to query the suitability of San Fernando as a venue, the alderman said, could contact the corporation.

Critics of the idea said the event could hit a snag because of the difficulties bands will encounter in transporting their entourage to South for the competition.