

# Seacliff subdivision will be discussed

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**SEACLIFF** — A plan to convert prime Seacliff property into three lots for housing, a new St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church and commercial use goes before the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission on Wednesday.

The property at the northwest corner of McGregor Drive and Searidge Road is slightly more than 8 acres.

Under the land split, the county Housing Authority and the church will each have about 2.5 acres. The prior owner has an option to buy the remaining 3.14 acres for commercial use.

Dividing the land is one of the beginning steps in developing the property, said Mary James, executive director of the Housing Authority.

A maximum of 35 units can be built on the agency's parcel, according to James.

It is still unknown what type of housing will be developed, she said.

The affordable housing project will be west of the church site,

which will front McGregor Drive.

St. John the Baptist Church is proposing to build a new church at the site. The church was established on Depot Hill in Capitola in 1899.

The Capitola church seats between 80 and 100 people; a new one would probably hold around 250, a church official said last year.

Building is still about five years away, according to Win Fernald, leader of the project team for the church.

Church and housing officials said they each paid about \$850,000 for the land.

The property was bought from James and Margaret Lass.

The remaining acreage is expected to be designated "community commercial, according to the county Planning Department.

Retail sales, personal services, offices and restaurants are among the uses allowed under the designation.

*The Santa Cruz County Planning Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Room 525 of the County Government Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz.*