

## Residents support Capitola annexation

Two sections of Live Oak are in the first phase of annexation to Capitola as the result of Capitola Planning Commissioners action Thursday night.

Property owners who attended the public hearing on the proposal, without exception, were in agreement with the annexation.

The first parcel is located on the northwest corner of 41st Avenue and Clares Street and includes the Burger King property, 41st Avenue frontage north to the existing city limits and the property behind Burger King, including the 40th

Avenue extension and part of Deanes Lane.

Also proposed for annexation is the area between 38th and Thompson Avenues, plus Capitola Road and Brommer Street.

Zoning for the area would remain about the same as the County General Plan, according to Dick Steele, Capitola Planning Director. Some property owners on Deanes Lane suggested the entire Deanes Lane be annexed and the zoning be changed from high density (apartments) to community commercial, like the surrounding area at Capi-

tola Mall.

Harry Brown, who owns one parcel on Deanes told planners, "This particular piece of land (Deanes Lane) is well suited to commercial use." Brown said he supports the annexation, and called it "a step in the right direction," but urged planners to do a feasibility study for total annexation and zoning change to commercial.

"Annexations are initiated by the people themselves, it doesn't begin at our level," responded commissioner Howard Dysle. "You'll have to do the leg-

work — you'll have to knock on some doors."

Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend annexation of both sections to the Capitola City Council. The City Council will vote on the recommendation, and if they approve the rezoning, the process will then be considered by the Local Agency Formation Commission and County for tax assessment. A public hearing on the proposed tax assessment would be conducted, and if 25-percent of the property owners in the district or 25-percent of the registered

voters in the area protest, an annexation election would be held that requires a simple majority.

An election is unlikely, according to Steele, who told commissioners that some 60-percent of the property owners have approached the Planning Department in favor of annexation.

Steele will bring a resolution back to commissioners for their approval at the Sept. 17 meeting. The resolution will then proceed to City Councilmen. According to Steele, the entire process will take about six months.