

# Debate On Wingspread Is Avoided

The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County is keeping its distance from the debate brewing over the proposed Wingspread Beach project.

Referring to the "wide variety of opinions" held by members of the Cultural Council on the plan for developing the 67-acre Porter-Sesnon parcel into a performing arts and condominium complex, Cultural Council President Harold Hyde said to board members Monday that it is "not appropriate for (the council) to come to that particular debate at this time."

The president of the local cultural group said it was his intention "to try to agree on the things we can agree on."

The cultural board did agree on the allocation of some \$27,500 for sustaining grants for seven local cultural groups for the first six months of the current fiscal year.

Of a proposed \$100,000 for arts grant funding for the full year, the Cultural Council has earmarked \$55,000 for sustaining grants, \$35,000 for special project grants and \$10,000 to be held in reserve.

The board approved six-month grant allocations to the Arts Resource Center (\$1,749); Bear Republic Theater (\$2,585); the Cabrillo Music Festival (\$4,730); KUSP (\$6,218); the Santa Cruz County Symphony (\$4,433); Tandy Beal and Company (\$4,706); and the Kuumbwa Jazz Society (\$3,080).

On an 11-5 vote the board also approved a proposal for a Cultural Council newsletter, budgeted for the year at \$10,000. Debate on the subject concerned the newsletter's cost and the audience it is intended to reach.