LO Park Sites Recommended

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Moran Lake and six acres at 30th Avenue and Brommer Street were recommended as sites for Live Oak parks by the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services (POSCS) Commission Monday night.

Commissioners Mark Seamark and Cherril Pait, after contacting several owners of potential sites, came up with those two recommendations that will go to the County Board of Supervisors on Dec. 14.

This move irked Chris Hooper, representative of the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC), who took offense at a mention of LOGPAC in a letter prepared by the commission outlining its suggestions to supervisors.

"Available sites are diminishing almost daily; of the 13 potential sites that the

Graduates

Airman Thomas K. Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Horner of Santa Cruz, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for aircraft ground equipment repairmen at Chanute AFB, Ill. He is a 1972 graduate of Soquel High School and attended Cabrillo College.

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LOGPAC parks subcommittee designated a few months ago, several have already been lost to development," the letter states in pointing out the need for parks.

The letter also states that the commission had input from LOGPAC in making its decision.

"That was not the opinion of LOGPAC at the time it was presented to you," Hooper claimed. "It represented the opinion of a group that has since been disqualified. LOGPAC hasn't made a decision. You should eliminate the mention of 13 sites. We had specifically recommended that no parks be designated. It was a prior group that selected sites that has since been disqualified."

The 13 sites had been pointed out by LOGPAC to the board of supervisors in a letter sent in June. Since then, LOGPAC's membership has changed and the current group has decided not to pinpoint specific sites at the moment in order not to adversely affect landowners

use of land proposed for park sites.

The commission decided not to change the letter, believing that it had indeed received valid input from LOGPAC.

It is recommended that the board apply for the \$165,000 to \$199,000 for the 30th Avenue and Brommer Street site through the state Roberti-Z'Berg Bill where the county would have to put up 25 per cent of the funds.

Moran Lake already is owned by the county, but the commission is recommending that a privately owned parcel on 30th Avenue be purchased to provide better access, and that County Sanitation District land adjacent to the lake be developed for additional recreation use.

Pait said that the owners of the 30th Avenue site have not been contacted because they live out of town.

Money for the Moran Lake area acquisition and development could come from the Roberti-Z'Berg funds or Federal Land and Water Conservation funds where the county would put up half of the cost, the commission recommended.

LOGPAC also is planning on recommending funding for park lands though the Roberti-Z'Berg bill. Hooper said, however, that LOGPAC won't designate sites until close to the March 1 deadline for applying for these funds.

Supervisors has the ultimate say on which park sites will be designated in applying for state or federal funds.