

# Live Oak park proposed

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**LIVE OAK** — A neighborhood park is being planned for a 1½-acre lot on Seventh Avenue across from the Harbor Cafe.

The county has three proposals for the site, according to Gary Carlson, planner for the county Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department. The proposals will be presented to residents at a meeting at the park site at 6:30 p.m. May 30.

One proposal is for a play area for toddlers and children 6-12 years old and for a picnic area. Another would include the play area, picnic tables and a half-court basketball court. The third would include all of these things, plus a bathroom.

All the proposals include a small parking lot for six or seven cars because of parking problems on busy Seventh Avenue, Carlson said.

Park planners will take the comments made by residents at the meeting and come up with a design, Carlson said. Then planners will meet with residents again to go over this design.

The whole process — from developing a design acceptable to residents to building the park — will take from one to two years, said Carlson. The site is in the Coastal Zone, so any development there must go through the coastal permit process.

The county purchased the land for \$1 million in December after a

proposal came in to build condominiums on the land, Carlson said. The money came from the Live Oak Redevelopment Agency.

In the county's urban master plan for Live Oak, certain spots are designated for parks. When these sites come up for sale or development, the county makes a bid to buy them if funds are available, Carlson said.

Development of the park will cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Homes are situated on either side of the park. A large residential lot behind the park site stretches all the way to Schwann Lagoon. Carlson said the county someday hopes to get an easement across this lot so that people can walk from the park to the lagoon.