

'Get nasty' on Wingspread, says Capitola City Council

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CAPITOLA — The City Council here will hold a study session next week to gain ammunition to "attack and shred" the proposed Wingspread Beach development, adjoining the city.

Council members will testify against the project when it comes before the county Board of Supervisors Feb. 4. Capitola has had long-standing opposition to Wingspread, preferring expansion of the 66-acre site to New Brighton State Beach.

The proposed development on the Porter-Sesson property adjoins Capitola's city limit at Highway 1 and Park Avenue.

The city is primarily worried about the increased traffic and the looks of the development by Palo Alto developer Ryland Kelley, which presently calls for 295 subdividable "lockout" condominium units, a con-

ference center, athletic fields and a domed, three-hall performing arts complex.

Mayor Michael Routh and Councilman Dennis Beltram called for the study session after reviewing Planning Director Steve Russell's comments regarding Wingspread. They said that review, which was intended to be forwarded to supervisors, was not forceful enough.

"We want to attack and shred the plan," Beltram told fellow council members, adding that the city must present a "significant and detailed gripe list showing the adverse consequences of Wingspread."

Routh agreed, advising Russell "to get nasty."

The city's concerns about increased traffic center on the Highway 1 and Park Avenue interchange and the Park Avenue and McGregor Drive intersection. The city estimates it will cost at least \$10,000 a year simply to provide electricity

and maintain the traffic signals needed.

Beltram specifically mentioned increased traffic on residential Kennedy Drive. Routh said the city's park-and-ride beach shuttle bus lot on McGregor Drive would also be affected.

Other concerns include the heights of buildings and number of signs, as well as the need for screening and earth berms.

Council members also directed Police Chief Don Braunton to add his concerns of putting so many residential units adjacent a state beach. Routh added, "Not to mention having only one sheriff's unit covering all of mid-county."

The study session will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at City Hall. The comments will be forwarded to supervisors. Council members also intend to testify before supervisors Feb. 4.