

Wingspread plans filed with county

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SANTA CRUZ — The developer of the Wingspread Beach project has completed his applications for Plans A and B to the county Planning Department.

Barring any unforeseen delays, Plan A, the smaller of the two proposals with 197 townhouse units, will go before the Planning Commission in February, said Assis-

tant Planning Director Stephen Amsbaugh, who is heading up a special Wingspread task force.

All of the applications, General Plan amendment requests and 22 sets of architectural designs, including floor plans for the buildings, are now being reviewed by the planning staff for Plan B, the larger of the two.

Still to be decided on Plan B is who will do a second environmental impact report, as required by the county. Amsbaugh said three consultants met Wednesday with the county's environmental coordinator to discuss the scope of the work entailed in the EIR. They will return with cost estimates and proposals Jan 7. After that meeting, a selection will be made.

Plan B calls for 295 units, which would have locking interior doors which could separate them into 585 rental units. It also contains plans for a performing arts center with three facilities, a number of sports fields, and a restaurant.

Wingspread Beach is the development proposed by Hare, Brewer and Kelley for the 67-acre Porter Sesnon property, between Capitola and Seacliff.

The development has been mired in controversy from neighbors who fear an influx of traffic on McGregor Drive, as well as a loss of open space.

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Plan B because of continued staff delays, the Board of Supervisors adopted a schedule for consideration and formed a task force that includes the County Counsel's office, County Administrative Office, Parks and Recreation and Planning Department.

The application for Plan B was completed three weeks later than the schedule called for. This will probably mean a three-week delay in the rest of the time line for processing. If that's the case, then the draft EIR will be released in early March.

Said Amsbaugh, "The bottom line is they (the applicants) were trying to get plan A in."

Dick Allen, attorney for Kelley, said the delay was caused by "the level of detail they (staff) required."

Both Amsbaugh and Allen were optimistic about the task force. "Everything is going along well," said Allen. "The new organization is working fine."