

Scotts Valley Accepts 30-Acre Park Site

A 30 acre park site was accepted by the Scotts Valley Planning Commission and City Council Thursday night.

The wooded land is located just east of Highway 17 at the north end of the city, just south of Southwood Drive.

"It is a wonderful gift," exclaimed Councilman John McBain, and he and other councilmen suggested the park be named "Lodato Park."

Frank Lodaro is president of Mid - Peninsula Inc., the company that made the park grant. He is also a governor's appointee to the Central Coast Commission.

Friend Stone, outgoing city administrator, told the council, which met following the planners' acceptance of the land, that Mid - Peninsula company suggested the land be kept in open space.

Stone said there are three means of road access to the property: Green Hill Road, Southwood Drive and "the Old Blair Property Road."

He added, "We can use the land for whatever we want, but it will take one year for the property to be cleared through the banks and it's suggested we not put any facilities there the first year."

The gift was accepted unanimously by both Scotts Valley boards.

Other items discussed by the council included:

Trav - L - Park — The council heard a report that Holiday Inn Trav - L - Park apparently was violating its use permit by allowing trailers to be stored and offered for sale at the park at the north end of the city. The council directed that park owners be asked to appear before the planning commission so that the conditions of the use permit be made clear and the owner warned of violations.

AMBAG — McBain, the city's representative to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, reported that Scotts Valley's portion of the AMBAG budget for the coming fiscal year was \$1,443, up from last year's \$1,004. No action was taken.

Subdivision — A single lot split of parcels over 7,000 square feet was approved for Theodore M. Johansen for property located at 15 Vine Hill Road.

Storm Drains — Ed Hanna, executive director of the Local Agency Formation Commission, gave an informational report on the courses Scotts Valley could pursue to guarantee funding for storm drain control.

Hanna explained the county's flood control district operation which presently taxes about one cent for studies and administration of storm drain control.

He said that under the flood district program it is possible to set up "zones of benefit," such as has been done in Live Oak,

and such a zone can tax up to six cents and assess new development at a specified amount per the square footage of area covered by roofs, concrete or asphalt.

The first step in the process of joining the county's flood control

district, Hanna said, was for the city to begin an engineering study to determine the zone of benefit. He advised the zone include much of the water basin in the Scotts Valley area.

Mayor Paul Couchman told Hanna the city was interested

because it did not want to proceed to only plan storm drainage for the Scotts Valley city limits area, when the outlying areas contributed to the problem.

Hanna reminded the council that new building accelerates

and increases the storm runoff problem.

He said, "The engineering study on the storm drain area will be of further benefit because usually the storm drain area is that same area a city ultimately has to sewerage."

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