

# Capitola council deadlocks over Health Center plan

✓ *Capitola Health Center*  
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**CAPITOLA** — For lack of a driveway, a \$10 million development proposal is stalled.

A proposed entrance into the site of the yet-to-be-built Capitola Health Center failed to win approval Thursday when the City Council deadlocked 2-2. The medical complex is to be located at Highway 1 and Bay Avenue near the Mid-County Senior Center.

After the vote, Doug Byrd, a general partner in the \$10 million project, said he didn't know what he will do next.

The road has been a major stumbling block for developers of the complex, which would include a 24-bed hospital. In the latest design,

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developers had proposed putting a driveway next to the Woodworm party store.

The council's action does not kill the project, according to Susan Westman, planning director and interim city manager.

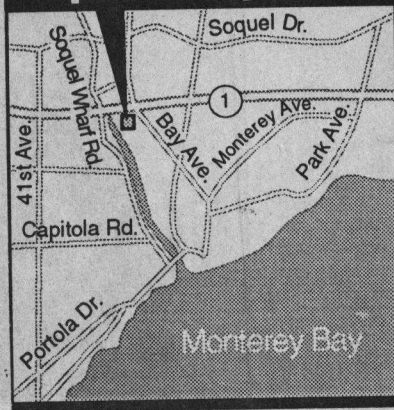
Plans for the complex were approved by the city in December 1992, with the question of the driveway to be decided later.

Representatives of the senior center have fought the project. Several of the seniors have said the plans endanger their parking lot.

At Thursday's meeting, the animosity was apparent as both sides accused each other of being uncooperative.

"It's unfortunate this has been so divisive," said Vice Mayor Mick

## Proposed hospital site



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Routh.

Routh and Councilman Jerry Clarke supported the proposal.

On the other side, Mayor Ron Graves and Councilwoman Margaret Fabrizio voted against the road design. Graves said he has always been against having the entrance so close to the Highway 1 off-ramp.

Bob Bucher abstained from voting because his wife, a real estate agent, has been involved in the project.