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Winkle Avenue question unresolved as county OKs homes' construction

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SANTA CRUZ — The question of whether the two Winkle Avenues in the Santa Cruz Gardens area will become a single through street remains unresolved.

But county supervisors Tuesday did unanimously decide 12 homes can be built in a cul-de-sac at the end of upper Winkle Avenue. They also directed a right of way be established for emergency access from the development to lower Winkle Avenue.

The right of way could someday open the way to connecting the two Winkle Avenues.

Approximately 114 residents from the Thurber Lane neighborhood near upper Winkle Avenue petitioned the board to connect the two streets to ease traffic problems on Thurber Lane.

Thurber Lane is the only access to the Santa Cruz Gardens neighborhood and a connection of the two Winkle Avenues would create another access, residents said.

But another group of more than 100 residents petitioned the board not to connect the two Winkle Avenues.

Winkle Avenue resident Carl Ruhne told supervisors those who bought homes along his street did so because it was a cul-de-sac.

"The speeding on Thurber Lane is a problem that should be stopped by the police, not by putting a collector street somewhere else," he stated in handing the petition to the board.

Supervisor Dan Forbus, who represents Santa Cruz Gardens, said he already had contacted Capt. Don Anderson of the Highway Patrol about the speeding problem on Thurber Lane.

Supervisors shied away from calling for a connection of the two Winkle Avenues because the Live Oak General Plan indicates the two streets shouldn't be connected.

Planner John Swift said the general plan, as it now stands, would prohibit the two streets from being connected. The plan shows lower Winkle Avenue being extended towards upper Winkle Avenue, but doesn't show the two connecting.

Connecting the two streets would cause a significant change in the traffic patterns in the area, as well as some potential environmental problems because of the need for grading and removal of trees, Swift noted.

However, supervisors left the door open for a future connection by conditioning the approval of the 12-lot subdivision on the construction of a 40-foot right of way between two of the lots.

This 40-foot right of way is wide enough to someday provide a full the

28-foot-wide street connecting 12 new homes planned by Hal Porter and any development extended from lower Winkle Avenue.

Supervisors further directed that a narrower right of way be created between the 40-foot right of way and lower Winkle Avenue. This right of way, which will serve as an emergency access road, will be 12-feet wide in places and 20-feet wide elsewhere.

It was made narrower so that the future road from lower Winkle Avenue could be built in another spot besides within the right of way.

Supervisors also gave the developer the option of constructing the 12-foot-wide section either along a

ridge owned by Santa Cruz Lumber Co. or through a ravine owned by Porter.

In other planning action Tuesday, supervisors postponed to Feb. 15 consideration of a 24-unit townhouse development proposed for Live Oak.

They asked that certain conditions be placed on the development proposal, including a specific condition on how a future access road to the development will be provided.

The development, proposed by Lloyd Manson for the south side of Capitola Road just east of El Dorado Ave., was denied by the Planning Commission. Manson appealed the denial to supervisors.