

## Wingspread Development

# Cultural Council Denies Patton Charge

Supervisor Gary Patton doesn't want the Cultural Council taking positions on proposed developments — particularly on the Wingspread development proposed for the Porter-Sesnon property in Aptos.

Patton Tuesday claimed that certain statements in a 65-page report on the Cultural Council's action plan indicate that the council may be taking a position in favor of Wingspread.

Wingspread, proposed by Hare, Brewer and Kelley, would consist of a performing arts center, 600 rental units and some commercial shops on the beachfront site.

Supervisors oppose the development in designating the property in the Local Coastal Plan as a park site in hopes the state will purchase it.

Cultural Council Member Bonnie Bernardi denied that the group is taking a position on Wingspread, pointing out to supervisors that it's the council's policy not to take stands on proposed developments containing cultural facilities.

Cultural Council President Hal Hyde's name came up repeatedly as Patton voiced his concerns. Hyde was not at the supervisors' meeting, but this morning denied any intent to take a position on Wingspread.

"I have no personal position on it and the Cultural Council definitely hasn't taken a position. I've publicly stated I wouldn't bring Wingspread as an issue to the board," Hyde told The Sentinel.

But Patton specifically pointed to one statement in the 65-page report which he believes indicates the council favors Wingspread.

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The report contains a projected schedule for bringing cultural activities to the county. Under this schedule it's stated that there is "currently in planning, (a) proposal for major (performing arts) center scheduled for spring 1983."

It's this statement that Patton believes refers to Wingspread.

When asked about the statement, Hyde said he would have to take a closer look at the report.

Supervisor Joe Cucchiara agreed with Patton that it looked as if the Cultural Council was taking a position on Wingspread.

He pointed to a statement in the report which says, "The Cultural Council is beginning a formal planning process to develop a single, specific proposal for development of a major performing arts facility. To date, this activity has been primarily data gathering."

Patton told The Sentinel that he believes these statements refer to Wingspread since that's the only proposal that's been made for a major performing arts facility.

Supervisor E. Wayne Moore Jr. took

exception to statements by Patton and Curcchiara, accusing the two of having an "imperial attitude."

The report is part of an application the Cultural Council plans to make to the California Arts Council for a \$10,000 grant to begin implementation of the action plan.

The Cultural Council was asking for board approval Tuesday of the grant application.

But at the suggestion of Supervisors' Chairman Robley Levy, the matter was continued to next Tuesday and the Cultural Council was directed to amend language in the report so that it's clear no position will be taken on development proposals.

Moore was against the continuance.