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AGENDA: 1/24/06

January 10, 2006

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County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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RE: GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Dear Members of the Board:

Elsewhere on today's agenda are letters from the Planning Department and the County Parks Department seeking Board approval for steps that must be taken for the purchase and development of almost three acres of land in Seacliff. The parcel is located at the intersection of Sea Ridge Road and McGregor Drive and is the same parcel that the Seacliff community sought to purchase for a community park. As you may recall, last spring the community voted on whether to assess themselves \$98 per year for the purchase of the property. Unfortunately, the measure required a two-thirds approving vote but received only 62%.

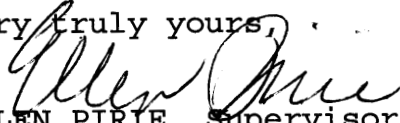
Fortunately, another opportunity has arisen which will enable the County to provide the residents of Seacliff a smaller neighborhood park at that location. The property owner of that same parcel has entered into an agreement with South County Housing for the sale of the property. South County Housing proposes to build affordable owner-occupied housing on approximately 1.7 acres of the site. The remainder of the site, approximately one and one-quarter acres, will be turned over to the County Parks Department for the development of a neighborhood park. All of this is contingent, however, on the approval by the County and Coastal Commission of a number of key land use changes for this property, including appropriate General Plan, Local Coastal Plan (LCP), and Zoning amendments to reflect a change from Visitor Accommodations to Residential and Park uses. Additionally, it would be appropriate to process a land division to split out the two separate uses within the site.

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The purpose of this letter is to ask the Board to direct the Planning Department to initiate a County-sponsored application for a General Plan, LCP, and Zoning amendment as described above, along with the related land division. Given the public benefits from the proposed projects, I believe such an action would be appropriate.

While this proposed park is smaller than I would have liked to see, there is still a lot that can be done in a park this size that will bring recreational opportunities and much pleasure to the residents of Seacliff.

Therefore, I recommend that the Board direct the Planning Department to initiate policy and related applications for the project as outlined in this letter as a County-sponsored application.

Very truly yours,  
  
ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor  
Second District-

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cc: Planning Director

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