

Residents dislike rezoning proposal

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Round two of the Dominik Street residents versus Harry Seaback will be fought before the College Station City Council Wednesday night. Seaback, owner of Plantation Oaks Apartments and a 32-acre tract between Dominik Street and Highway 30, has submitted a new

proposal for the rezoning of the Dominik streetland. The first proposal, submitted last year, was refused by the City Council when the residents of Dominik Street complained. The original proposal called for the building of apartments on the entire tract. Seaback has revised this to include a buffer zone of single

family residences and duplexes between the apartments and the Dominik Street homes. Battalion reporters polled nine Dominik Street residents and found them overwhelmingly opposed to the building of apartments in this area. Arthur Sherwood, 1400 Dominik, calls Seaback's apart-

ments "instant slums." Another Dominik Street resident said, "I guess apartments are necessary, but I wish they would build them someplace else." "Property owners have the right to expect that zoning will not be changed arbitrarily," said Mrs. Lane Stephenson. The Dominik residents contend

that when they moved to the area they were told that the land now owned by Seaback would be developed into large estates. They resent the possibility of apartments being built in the site. The residents appear to resent Harry Seaback, sometimes, more than the actual apartments. Bruce Fisher said Seaback keeps

"hammering away at this until the people on Dominik get tired of bucking it." At least four other comments Battalion reporters received concerning Seaback were not printable under current libel laws. Along with a lack of faith in Seaback, the residents expressed doubt in the City Council and the Plan-

ning and Zoning Commission. "I resent the way this has been handled," said Sherwood. The purpose of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been defeated by changes and petitions. The residents have lack of concern for the rezoning. I can't put any more on the slide. "I don't know what more I can do," said Seaback. "I designed the rezoning zone so that the apartments could even be seen from the Dominik Street houses. I even offered to sell them the property, but they didn't take me up on the offer." Seaback offered to sell the land at the price he paid for it, but the whole tract could be sold. Part of the land is shown in the city's comprehensive plan as suitable for apartments. City Planner Bill Koehler said existing utilities (water and sewer lines) in the area are sufficient to handle the high density housing being planned. Approval of the zone changes recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Final action on the case will rest with the council. The council will also take action on a minute order from the Texas Highway calling for the signalization of the intersection of Dominik Street and F.M. 2154 (the Wellbush road). City Manager North Bartlett said the city must agree to maintain traffic light before the highway department can proceed with installation. In other action the council will consider: • eight other zone change requests. • appointments to a committee set up by the council to study revisions of the zoning ordinance. • bids for the purchase of three police cars, the paving of Texas Street and the installation of a sewer line on South Texas Avenue.

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