

Council looks at sites for park construction

By JEANNE LOPEZ
Acquisition of approximately 143 acres of College Station as park land was suggested to the City Council Capital Improvements Committee Monday night.
Lou Hodges, chairman of the College Station Parks and Recreation Committee presented to the improvements group a proposed list of acquisitions and estimated costs of developing some of the land.
"We place a high emphasis on land acquisition now because of the rising price of land," said Hodges.
A proposed 50-acre athletic complex in the southeast section of College Station took top priority on the list. The area, known as the Golden Triangle, is bounded by Texas Avenue, Highway 30, and the Highway 6 east bypass.
The land would be purchased for approximately \$375,000. Development of the complex, which would include several fields for baseball,

football, and soccer, would cost an estimated \$300,000.
Another 50-acre athletic complex was proposed for the southeast section beyond the current Southwood Valley area at an \$250,000.
A recreation center and neighborhood park is planned for a proposed 15 acres located northeast of College Station. The area is bounded by Highway 60, Highway 6, Highway 30, and the east bypass. The recreation center will be developed in three to five years depending on money available to the Parks and Recreation Department.
The center would contain a gymnasium, and assembly and meeting rooms for arts and crafts classes and workshops. Construction of the center is estimated at \$225,000.
Other suggested acquisitions included the 14-acre Holik tract park site for \$200,000. It is located south of the Dexter Drive and Holleman Drive intersection.

A neighborhood park site of 10 to 15 acres of land is being sought for acquisition in the Southwood Valley area at the cost of \$150,000. Committee members will meet next Monday to make final decisions on all the capital improvements they have reviewed since last month. They then will compile priority proposals into a brochure for voters to view two weeks prior to the spring bond election.

A park construction progress report was given by Paul Wojcickowski, director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Wayne Smith Park improvements will be completed prior to April 1, 1978. Anderson Park and Oaks Park will be completed by this summer. The Thomas Park pool and tennis courts will be completed by May 1979. The completion date for the Bee Creek park improvements has not been determined.

SCONA views Corps

Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets and Singing Cadets will welcome delegates to the 23rd Student Conference on National Affairs.

SCONA starts Wednesday, a four-day look at "The Politics of Energy." It will involve 200 student delegates from across the United States. Students also will be here from Canada and Mexico.

The Corps will march in a SCONA review Thursday at 5:15 p.m., weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, an evening meal pass-by in the

Corps quadrangle is planned, said Col. James R. Woodall, commandant of cadets.

The review will be the Corp's first of the 1977-78 on the Memorial Student Center drill field.

SCONA delegates will be entertained Friday noon by the Singing Cadets. A box lunch at the Rudder Center fountain will provide the setting. Director Robert L. Boone said the Cadets will perform music from their spring repertoire.

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Biomedical Science Association, 7:30 p.m., 201 VMS
Nautical Archeology, 7:30 p.m., 140A MSC
TAMU Collegiate FFA, 7:30 p.m., 209 Harrington
Recreation & Parks Club, 7:30 p.m., Goodwin Hall, basement
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