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Pathway along mobile home parks dropped

■ Residents object to pathway, park footbridge

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

Safety concerns by seniors in two nearby mobile home parks and an alternate location for a footbridge to Logvy Park were the leading concerns in the adoption of the city's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) at Tuesday's city council meeting.

cil meeting.

The ATP, a guide to the development of a complete bicycling and walking system throughout the community, morphed from the Bicycle Transportation Plan adopted in 2012 that did not include pedestrian connectivity, explained senior planner Erik Lundquist. Last March the state sent out new

guidelines requiring plans to include both bicycling and walking.

The 2014 plan took nine months to collate ideas and suggestions from staff, the bicycle community and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee. A public forum in July introduced the revised plan to the public, and two topics of concern surfaced immediately.

A footbridge to take pedestrians over the Napa River from School

Street to Logvy Community Park brought objections from residents on South Oak Street, School Street and Cedar Street who worried the bridge would attract people looking for parking spaces during events at the park or fairgrounds.

John Green, who lives on South Oak Street, said the city had letters dating back to 2007 expressing

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Cops will wear body cameras

■ Chief says results include transparency

By Pat Hampton

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Calistoga police will switch from patrol car camera systems to ones worn by officers on their uniforms to better track interactions with the public and support accurate incident reports.

Police Chief Mitch Celaya was given approval by the city council this week to purchase a Taser Axon Body Camera system for his department at a cost of \$12,810.

Celaya said the city's police vehicles have been outfitted with Mobile Audio Video (MAV) camera systems for at least 10 years. MAV was installed in four of the five patrol cars but the system has "aged out" and only one is currently operable.

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Monhoff to be rebuilt, not replaced

■ Repairs estimated to cost \$650,000

By Pat Hampton

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The two-story Monhoff Building that was closed because of damage sustained from a heavy late February rainstorm, will be reconstructed and brought up to current building code requirements and not demolished, city councilmembers directed this week.

Public works director Mike Kim offered four options to address the future of the building built in 1977 that has been shuttered for the past eight months. Three of the selections included demolishing the building or a portion of it and building a new structure at a different location or one at the current site.

Kim's recommendation, adopted through consensus, is to make necessary improvements to the existing building including installation of fire sprinklers and ADA upgrades, and resume use of the building. He estimated the cost to be \$650,000 to \$750,000 and the

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WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT!



PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

Brothers Sean Fennen, 10, and Dylan Fennen, 8, captured first place in the Buccaneers division of the cardboard boat races in their homemade USS Smaug dragon boat Friday at the Logvy Community Pool. The first annual Harvest Splash Down included a floating pumpkin patch, BBQ, and boat races.

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Annual Lighted Tractor Parade to use extended route again

■ Owners object to parade's burden on resort

By Pat Hampton

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The 19th annual Lighted Tractor Parade will again travel an extended route from Cedar Street to Stevenson Avenue approved last year by the city council despite the protests of Dr. Wilkinson's Hot

Springs Resort owners who say the parade, which now passes in front of their property, puts an unfair burden on their business.

Because the popular parade is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Chris Canning, who is the chamber CEO, recused himself from the discussion on is-

suing a special event permit for the parade at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Public works director Mike Kim said in his staff report that the parade, attracting a crowd of 7,000 people or more, needed the route extension for public safety reasons. He said because there were no reported public disturbances, he would not recommend the pres-

ence of a security officer at the spa's property as he did last year.

Resort owner Carolynne Wilkinson said just because there weren't any incidents last year "doesn't mean we won't have any in the future." She also requested in a letter to the city that the business be named as additionally insured

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