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## Town Council Decries Out-of-Towners Using Commons Park

By Sophie Braccini



The Commons' Master Plan of Existing Conditions. The red line indicate the disk golf course.

and a new town council.

cil from adopting the plan that had ed pest management (no-pesticide) been long prepared was the disc golf policy, and some even called them course. Most council members got the feeling from reports they were could entail liabilities for the town.

The approval of the master plangiven that the course is used by was pushed back to the new year, care to recreate in Moraga. They were also told that these players The issue that stopped the counhave infringed on the town integrat-"squatters" of town property, and

Image provided Metcalf recommended that the

for the Moraga Commons Park "over the hill" people they do not next council that will be sworn in in January deal with this issue and make a final decision regarding the park's master plan.

> Rarely the topic of out-oftowners using town facility was talked about so directly. Disc golfers were called squatters from over

the hills that had no vested rights in ing foul language as noted by counthe Parks and Recreation Commission, said that they had used pesticides on the court, although adding also indicated that a petition to support the current use of the course was signed by over 60 people with only two from Moraga. The mayor recalled past incidents where discin ways that were close to arrogance.

The council also wondered what the liability of the town is if it supports this activity on its grounds and an accident happens. It was clear that the desire was to disassociate from an activity that could be a source of nuisance — includ-

the park. Jeanette Fritzky, chair of cilmember Onoda, and that is perceived as not used by the residents of Moraga.

The disc golf course was the that there was no proof of it. She only issue that stopped the council from approving the park master plan that parks and recreation director Jay Ingram has worked on for months with consultants. Several stakeholders were contacted golfers had addressed the council and community meetings were conducted to shape the plan. Most other items met with the approval of the council, such as the improvements of access and bathrooms, the adding of two new bocce ball courts, or the addition of a community garden in the Back 40.

(See story on disc golf, page

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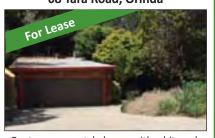
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