

Mayor Backs Board, Opposes Palms Park

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PALMS—The residents of Palms apparently have lost their battle to secure a park within the boundaries of their community, according to Col. George F. Herbert, administrative assistant to Mayor Poulson.

"Mayor Poulson has investigated the site (at Rose Ave. and Overland in Palms) and as a result of his personal survey is in wholehearted agreement with the action taken by the Recreation and Parks Commission relative to allowing the option on the property to lapse," Herbert said.

Reason for Stand

He added that the Mayor's firm stand against the site is due to "a dedicated road which bisects the property," Herbert said. He reported the Mayor discovered that some 60 people who gave an easement for the road would have to be contacted to clear the title, a process which would take at least a year and cost a minimum of \$10,000.

The Palms Citizens Advisory Committee and the Westwood Gardens Homeowners Association have

been carrying on a verbal battle over the location of the park site.

The Westwood group favors a site at Dunleer Drive and Overland Ave., three-quarters of a mile from Palms.

"The Mayor and I looked at the Dunleer Drive site," Herbert said, "and we were both favorably impressed because it is landscaped, whereas the Palms site is a lot full of weeds.

"Of course, the action is up to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and we don't know what that group's final recommendation will be."