

Alternatives for housing tract studied

Three alternatives for the proposed Hensler-MacDonald housing tract are still under consideration, developer R.R. Hensler said Wednesday.

The Glendale City Council will hold a public hearing tonight with the Environmental and Planning Board on the proposed tract. The hearing on an environmental report on a 596-unit plan will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway.

The hearing will be conducted on an application by Hensler, one of the original developers

from whom the 316-acre tract in the San Rafael Hills east of Glendale College received its name.

Hensler said Wednesday two previous alternatives — one for 792 units, the other for 640 single-family houses — will be heard by the council at the end of March.

The Planning Commission joined the city staff last April in recommending that the council deny the 792-unit proposal. Commissioners were faced with a room full of about 80 homeowners adamantly opposed to the subdivision. The planning staff

said it would be the largest tract in Glendale's history.

The plan to be considered tonight proposes a mixture of single-family houses, duplexes and fourplexes in a planned residential development. The proposal requires a zone change, as does the plan for 792 units.

The City Council approved 640 units on the site in 1978, but the courts later set aside that approval, partly because the environmental report did not consider the effects of a road into the adjacent Emerald Isle tract.