

Squaw Advisory Council says no to resort's plans

More than 100 people turned out on a Saturday afternoon to voice their concerns about the proposed development at Squaw Valley that would transform the village area.

Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, over the course of 25 years wants to add hotel rooms that would equal more than the four casinos at Stateline, build a year-round indoor adventure park and other amenities.

After three hours of testimony on May 14, the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council voted against the project. Three of the seven members had to recuse themselves – one because of living too close to the project site, and two because of stating their opposition before the hearing.

This group is an advisory panel to the Placer County Board of Supervisors. Ultimately it will be the elected board that will decide the fate of the project. The Planning Commission will also have a vote.

Proponents believe the development would make Squaw a year-round destination, and be an economic driver.

Opponents believe such development would forever change the complexion of the Olympic Valley, create traffic problems and in other ways harm the environment.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*