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Upland plan gains momentum

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UPLAND -- Plans are moving forward to build a 240-unit apartment complex in west Upland near the Claremont border. The Planning Commission approved preliminary plans Wednesday night for the project on Arrow Route west of Central Avenue in the predominantly industrial neighborhood.

"I think the apartments are really beautifully designed," said Commissioner Carol Timm. "The apartments are very much needed."

Tentative plans call for the Rancho Monte Vista Apartment Homes to include a playground, pool, spa, exercise room, private theater, business center and barbecues, city documents stated. Each apartment will come with a garage.

The proposed complex is tied to College Park, a 39-acre project nearby on Arrow Route and Monte Vista Avenue.

The city owns the property where College Park is proposed, and the 12 1/2 acres where the apartments would be located.

**Hutton Development**, the Orange County company proposing each project, lent the city \$6.2 million in December to buy the larger property from a rock mining company, with the stipulation that the city fills in large holes on the property caused by the mining operation.

The \$2.6 million it will cost to buy the 12 1/2 acres will be deducted from the amount the city owes **Hutton Development**, said Upland Redevelopment Director Steve Dukett.

Once the city prepares each property for construction, **Hutton Development** will buy them, Dukett said.

The apartment complex will be adjacent to a city-owned and operated pit called the Upland Basin, which will be used for flood control and ground water recharge.

Dirt from the pit will be used to flatten out the 39-acre site.

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