

Ban on 'Dragons' Reaffirmed

Officials at Rancho Cordova have reaffirmed their decision that the fantasy board game Dungeons and Dragons will not be played in the community's summer recreational program for children.

The park and recreation district board of this Sacramento suburb voted Wednesday night to keep the game out of the summer program.

The game has been under attack by evangelical protesters here who claim it is really a form of devil worship and witchcraft.

Board member Linda Budge, who had asked for a reconsideration of the issue, said, "I don't understand this type of censorship, and when or

where it will end."

But Chris Larsen, one of the majority in the 3-2 vote, said the game "in some ways . . . allows and promotes violence."

Wednesday's vote came after more than two hours of debate, attended by 170 residents. More than 30 speakers asked the park district to go ahead with the game, while 17 others spoke against it.

The Rev. Tom Custock of Cordova Assembly Church argued against the game. "When you sow bad ideas in young people's minds, those young people do a lot of sowing and reaping when they grow older," he said.