

Wingspread lawsuit dismissed

Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Chris Cottle has dismissed a lawsuit questioning Santa Cruz County supervisors' "conceptual approval" of Wingspread development plans.

The supervisors in March approved "in concept" Wingspread Plan B, a proposal to build a conference center-performing arts center on the Porter Sesnon property in Aptos. But, they said, final approval depended on the developer meeting a long list of conditions.

An anti-Wingspread group, Friends of Porter Sesnon, filed a suit in May seeking court clarification of the supervisors' actions.

The opponents argued that nothing in the county's ordinances provided for "approval in concept" and asked whether the board had given a final approval or denial without prejudice to the plan.

In dismissing the case, Judge Cottle said minutes of the March meeting clearly showed no final action of any kind had been taken by the board and that the plan was still under review, County Counsel Dwight Herr said.

Friends of Porter Sesnon lawyer Mitchell Page could not be reached for comment on the dismissal.