

Incorporation drive lags

The Aptos Chamber of Commerce plans to hire someone on a full-time basis to gather signatures on petitions calling for the incorporation of the Aptos area into a city. The Chamber has until March 3 to gather enough signatures to place the issue before the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The decision to hire a signature gatherer was made after Chamber President Larry Wrathall at a board meeting Thursday told directors that the Chamber has "two-fifths of (the signatures) needed."

According to Mrs. Glenn

Specht, the Chamber's incorporation committee chairman, they have gathered about 1,000 signatures, but need more than 2,500 to qualify the issue for consideration.

Wrathall said \$1,000 has been collected to pay the employee, which he said was "about enough for the first month."

Another prime mover in the incorporation move, Mrs. Lucile Aldrich, told the directors the city of Capitola is moving toward the annexation of the Porter Sesnon property across the freeway from Cabrillo College. "If Capitola

gets Porter-Sesnon in its sphere of influence, they'll offer all kinds of goodies to the Pine Tree Lane residents," she said. "What we're talking about here is survival."

Pine Tree Lane residents have let it be known at various public meetings they're not interested in being in any city — Capitola or Aptos. They just want to be left alone.

Mrs. Specht said there will be a "major dissent by property holders" when Capitola goes before LAFCO on the Porter-Sesnon matter.

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