

# Rio del Mar group supports incorporation study for Aptos

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RIO DEL MAR — Rio del Mar Improvement Association directors Monday supported at least looking into the feasibility of incorporating Aptos.

Their support, however, stopped short of a financial contribution.

The Aptos Incorporation Steering Committee, made up of some 20 individuals, is in the process of raising money to get a professional consultant to do a preliminary feasibility study.

While improvement association directors discussed making a monetary contribution toward the study, they decided against it.

"I'm not opposed to looking into incorporation," said director George Truckell, the immediate past president of the association. "But, I'm flatly opposed to a financial contribution at this time."

Truckell said such a suggestion could be brought up before the association's entire membership at its annual meeting in October.

Association Vice President Grover "Buzz" Haines, running the meeting in the absence of President Vince Casey, brought up the idea of "lending support" to studying the incorporation issue. While not

directly suggesting the association donate money toward the preliminary feasibility study, Truckell, for one, assumed he was leading to it.

At one point, Haines suggested "polling members" to find out their opinions. However, others agreed with director John Richards that any poll would be "premature" until the preliminary feasibility study is completed.

Incorporation steering committee members are presently accepting proposals from outside consultants. Such a study is expected to take several months, assuming enough money is collected.

A preliminary feasibility study is estimated to cost \$5,000 to \$8,000. The committee is well short of that now, having collected around \$2,000, said Richards.

The idea of incorporating Aptos has been batted around for years. The last serious attempt was in 1979 when a petition drive by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce to get the issue on the ballot fell short.

The steering committee has been especially careful this time around not to "push" incorporation. So far, they are only in favor of seeing whether cityhood is financially feasible.