

# Rispin Friends organize

Friends of the Rispin Estate have organized themselves into a formal, non-profit group dedicated to restore the historic Capitola Mansion and turning it into a community cultural center.

The group met last weekend to vote on new by-laws and working objectives.

The Friends, formed 8 months ago, has suc-

cessfully blocked one attempt to convert the 6½ acre parcel into an 83-unit senior residential complex, is now opposing a new plan by developer Howard Dysle to subdivide the property into 16 homesites.

The goals adopted by the group include:

—Maintain and advance the environmental integrity of the

entire property in its natural state, including the protection of the land, trees and Soquel Creek.

—Preserve the existing bird and Monarch butterfly sanctuaries.

—Restore the Rispin Mansion and gardens.

—Create a community cultural center with public access to all citizens.

—Preserve the historic nature of the estate and obtain landmark status.

—Develop and implement the fund-raising programs and financial plans for the mansion's restoration.

—Create a perpetual organization to care for the estate.

Additional information is available by calling 476-7397.