

Aptos residents organize

A new community action group has been formed in Aptos which, the organizers hope, will "bridge the gap" between the other neighborhood associations and the community at large.

Called the Aptos Neighbors Association, it will sponsor informational forums open to the public in addition to the group's regular meetings. The first of these town meetings will be held next Tuesday, at which Supervisor Robley Levy has been invited to bring the group up to date on county governmental matters affecting the area. The meeting will be held at Mar Vista School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The organizational meeting for the Aptos Neighbors Association was held March 1 at Mar Vista School, and was attended by about 70 area residents. Peter Carr, who moderated the first meeting, said "We don't have any bones to pick with existing organizations in Aptos. Their concerns don't necessarily represent those of many of us within Aptos. When they do, I hope we can work together on these issues."

New Brighton Beach resident Rosalie Kraft said that "before we can act intelligently on issues, we need to be better

informed of the facts behind such proposals as the new county dump site, the Wing-spread development and fire district tax. Factual information regarding these issues has been lacking to date."

Leah Parks, who heads the media committee for the group, said that anyone who lives within the Aptos area can join. Property ownership is not required. The association was formed, she said, because the existing property owners associations represent smaller areas, and the Aptos Chamber of Commerce represents the business community, "and we felt we needed a broader-based organization that includes all of Aptos, something not so localized." She said that a slate of officers will be presented at a meeting on March 17.

The Aptos Neighbors Association is "not meant to usurp or take the place of the other organizations," she said, "but is meant to represent a larger viewpoint."

Those interested in joining the group are asked to call Betty Bowen at 688-9577, or write Aptos Neighbors Association, P.O. Box 1732, Aptos, 95003. A membership fee of \$10 a year is being asked to cover the cost of mailing a newsletter.