

Aptos village traffic still worries Chamber

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Ways to alleviate traffic congestion in Aptos Village were discussed Thursday morning at the Aptos Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Cook Book restaurant in Seaciff.

There will be a county Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's room at the County Government Center in Sdanta Cruz, and Chamber directors discussed the possibility of taking a stand regarding the Aptos traffic situation. Because of individual differences and a lack of information, directors decided against a Cahmber statement.

Director Lucile Aldrich addressed the group regarding a meeting she had with civil engineer Steven Raas where it "was proven" to her that "the one-way loop (around the village) will be the best people mover." The loop Mrs. Aldrich referred to is off of Soquel Drive to Hopkins Way, around Granite Way to Cathedral Drive, down to Trout Gulch Road and back to Soquel Drive.

While several other directors were in agreement with Mrs. Aldrich, the group decided there was not enough time to make a Chamber study and statement.

According to Bob McKenzie, who serves on both the Planning Commission and the Aptos Chamber, a decision will likely be made regarding traffic in the village at the planning commission meeting. In addition, he said, planners will consider funding

\$10,000 for a study of village parking problems.

Chamber directors voted to endorse such a study, which will be conducted by county transportation planners, if approved.

In other business, directors:

—Voted to sponsor a candidates' forum for Second District Supervisor in mid-October. This will be done in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, who will supply timekeepers and a moderator.

—Heard a presentation by Ken Thomas from Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission on the upcoming "Alternative Transportation Week," scheduled for Oct. 12-19. The event will focus on single person commuter alternatives, and will feature forums, a parade, demonstrations and other educational events. Thomas received approval from directors to list Aptos Chamber as a supporting group for publicity purposes.

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