

Capitola Chamber endorses Wingspread

Capitola Chamber of Commerce joined Soquel and Aptos Chambers last Thursday in endorsing the proposed Wingspread motel and convention project on the 67-acre Porter Sesnon property, located across Highway One from Cabrillo College.

Directors voted unanimously to give their support to an alternative plan, which would include a theater complex in addition to 295 condominiums for short term guests. The original proposal called for 630 units, including condominiums, a lodge and houses.

Tim Welch, repre-

sentative for Hare, Brewer and Kelly, developers, made a brief presentation to directors, telling them, "Whether or not the land is developed is not the issue. Hare, Brewer and Kelly have a 99-year lease and the constitutional right to develop the property."

Plans for the property, which some local residents want left as open space, started in 1978, said Welch. He told directors that while the smaller number of housing units is limiting to the developers, the project is still "financially feasible" and the proposed condominiums

will be "luxury type units, kind of a Pebble Beach Lodge type thing that will rent for about \$100 to \$110 a day."

Welch told directors that the "public will make the real decision on the original or modified proposal. It (the development) will take community support."

Chamber president Kirk Gardner added, "This is a highly political, highly polarized issue. The whole issue (in the Capitola Chamber endorsement) is to ask the Board of Supervisors to be flexible with the (county) general plan — to allow for a theater complex."