

Aptos foundation takes form

STAFF REPORT

WATSONVILLE — Representatives of several improvement associations and homeowner's groups in the Aptos area have joined forces to create the Aptos Community Foundation, a new not-for-profit charitable organization.

The purpose of the group is to enhance the quality of life for Aptos residents and visitors to the area. One of its major goals is to help set up a multi-purpose Community Activities Center.

The foundation will work with law enforcement agencies to prevent crime and provide protective services to the public. It also will assist other groups that serve young people with after-school athletic and recreational activities and work to prevent the deterioration of private and public property. Group members will also sponsor community meetings.

The organization began its work by helping the sheriff's office in setting up a sheriff's community service center in Aptos. It also supported this year's July 4 "World's Shortest Parade." Some of the future projects of the group might include developing more recreational facilities at Polo Grounds Park, helping to set up an Aptos branch of Santa Cruz County's Teen Court, building a skateboard park, building shelters at school bus stops, and rehabilitating historic areas and significant structures.

The foundation encourages donations, which are tax-exempt, of cash, goods, materials or services. Donations may also take the form of securities, real estate and endowments. For more information write the foundation at P.O. Box 1433, Aptos, Calif., 95001-1433 or call 662-4511.