

Rio Association Takes Stand Against Bikeway

Led by newly-elected president Bob Curtiss, the Rio del Mar Improvement Association unanimously took a stand against a county plan for bicycle paths on Clubhouse Drive.

Curtiss said traffic density on the street, as well as it being narrow, make the idea a dangerous proposition.

Director Ralph Burry also was outspoken on the plan. He termed it "completely impractical" unless the county intended to prohibit parking along the length of Clubhouse Drive.

Curtiss explained the narrowness of the road forces on-street vehicle parking to mix in with the bicycle lane. The association's stand will be forwarded to the county.

In other business, directors are hopeful the seemingly annual repair of Beach Drive can be accomplished soon and that something will be done about the

hazardous pedestrian crossing situation for golfers at Aptos Seascap.

According to Nicki Pecchenino, administrative aide to Aptos Supervisor Robley Levy, the Beach Drive repair is scheduled to begin Monday with the delivery of steel pilings.

The \$1 million project will include repairing the road and rebuilding the 50-year-old rock seawall that was destroyed in February storms. Additionally, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and a new railing will be installed.

The seawall is expected to be completed Nov. 30. It is hoped the project will be done before this winter's storms.

The hazardous situation for golfers involves a lack of pedestrian crossing signs along various places where golfers cross while playing the Aptos Seascap Course at Clubhouse Drive, Palmer Avenue and Los Altos Drive.