

Committee Heeds Baldwin's Advice

LOGPAC Hopes To Have Plan By Mid-March

Heeding the advice of Supervisor Phil Baldwin, the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) will attempt to conclude its laborious process of assembling general plan recommendations by the middle of March, chairman Chris Hooper reported.

In a Feb. 17 letter to

LOGPAC, Baldwin revealed that on March 1 he will ask supervisors to direct the planning department staff to begin preparation of two or three alternative preliminary reports for consideration by the Planning Commission by mid-April.

"I would suggest that in order to have significant input to the development of this preliminary report, you struggle to conclude your work by the middle of March," Baldwin told the civic advisory group.

Baldwin also said he has "no intention" of asking supervisors to rescind its policy decision of Jan. 18, which called on planning department staff, planning commissioners and the zoning administrator to hold in abeyance or deny without prejudice major commercial and single family subdivisions that do not accord with the 1961 general plan.

Clarifying his stance that "all development" is not prohibited, Baldwin said applicants are

being requested to agree to continue such proposals until the new general plan is adopted.

That position still irked LOGPAC members, according to Hooper, who said, "They don't want the planning department turning down proposals simply because there is no general plan. They stuck by that."

Hooper was more amenable to Baldwin's other proposal for a faster-moving series of LOGPAC recommendations.

"We think it's unwise to speed it up, but we'll do it anyway," Hooper noted. "Planning obviously intends to precede whether we finish or not, because the letter said you better get it in, or we'll go ahead without you."

Hooper revealed that LOGPAC has declined to choose another co-chairman because there are hopefully so few meetings left. Monday evening's meeting was concerned with discussions of the

group's Parks, Recreation and Open Space report, with about half of the recommendations covered.

The rest of that report should be fully aired by the Feb. 28 meeting, at which time Hooper expects approval of the land use plan, the housing report, and the parks report. "We're going to have to do a considerable amount of work by the next meeting," she admitted. "Then perhaps we can

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get staff to assist in the manual part of physically assembling the reports into one format.

"I think we can struggle on and finish our work by the middle of March," Hooper said.