

Baldwin's proposal shows need for quick action on Live Oak General Plan

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LOGPAC members this week started the task of amending subcommittee reports into the goals and objectives for the elements of the Live Oak general plan.

But the Live Oak planning committee discussed only about half of the "services" report before the LOGPAC 10 p.m. adjournment hour forced a week's continuance on that report.

BALDWIN PROPOSAL

Just prior to Monday night's adjournment, LOGPAC was informed about a proposal by supervisor Phil Baldwin asking the board of supervisors to delay any development proposals that are not consistent with the 1961 county general plan until the new Live Oak plan is adopted.

Also, Baldwin wanted proposals that appear consistent with the 1961 plan to "be critically reviewed as to whether approval would interfere with implementation of the new general plan". If so, the applicant should be requested to agree to continue the proposal until the general plan is adopted, according to Baldwin's suggested plan.

BOARD'S ACTION

Baldwin administrative aide Ellen Gruys said Tuesday the board had accepted Baldwin's proposal; but further details of the board's action were not available at that time.

The announcement of Baldwin's proposal Monday night resulted in a quick rash of questions and comments from LOGPAC members. Dick Duggan, LOGPAC cochairperson, acknowledged the proposal but said LOGPAC shouldn't condone or condemn the plan.

FEARS DEVELOPMENT

In his letter to the board, Baldwin stated concern "that inappropriate development might occur" in Live Oak before adoption of a new general plan for the area.

"I particularly wish to avoid additional commercial development in areas that are not currently in commercial use, until their appropriateness and need in the community is determined," said Baldwin in his letter.

Baldwin had previously requested LOGPAC to complete its recommendations by February 15. He now hopes the board will adopt a plan for Live Oak before the end of June.

LETTER TO SUPES

In business at Monday's meeting, LOGPAC approved a letter to the supervisors detailing park sites the group would like to see acquired from funds available through the Roberti-Z' Berg (state urban parks) bill.

The primary choice for these funds is a recreational corridor running 25 feet "more or less" alongside Rodeo

Gulch from Santa Cruz Gardens to the bay.

A second choice selected was 1.2 acres adjacent to Del Mar School.

Chris Hooper, parks committee member, said the Del Mar site could be developed with tennis courts and a swimming pool. She said the area looks accessible from all directions and expressed the possibility that the park could be shared with the school.

SERVICES REPORT

In action concerning the "services" report; LOGPAC agreed to a policy calling for a regional library to be built on property at Capitol Road and 17th Avenue, instead of a site near 41st Avenue.

Barney Bricmont argued that a future library should be located in the central area of Live Oak. He cited the close proximity with elementary schools in the central area and called 41st Avenue a disaster. "I don't want my child going by bike onto 41st Avenue," said Bricmont.

Further discussion of the "services" element is slated for next week.

In other business, Chris Hooper was nominated to serve as cochairperson. Formal election to the office will take place at next week's meeting.

Also, Walli Dick assumed duties this week as the group's recording secretary.