

Cliff) caucus July 19, spearheaded by realtor Harry Hooper, heralded what Hooper called "our replacement program" for the entire LOGPAC group. Commercial landowners and other business interests, after ignoring the LOGPAC meetings for six months, ballooned the advisory group's membership in recent meetings.

The takeover follows six months of LOGPAC research and the publication of their preliminary report. The report suggests to the county planning commission that the general plan should "curtail strip commercial development" in Live Oak, identify sites for neighborhood parks, and encourage clustering of commercial facilities in "village centers." The commercial faction has indicated it wants to maintain the status quo of widespread commercial zoning in Live Oak.

A contingent of Neighborhood 2 (Maciel-Rodriguez area) people met Monday despite the Forbus-Bowden edict. They further extended development oriented control over LOGPAC by voting to replace all former members of their caucus except one. All six of the new Neighborhood 2 representatives are commercial business owners or non-residents of Live Oak, according to one of the ousted members, Ellen Gruys.

But Forbus contends that no action

taken Monday is binding, since he canceled the meeting.

The local daily paper attempted to downplay the takeover by making a telephone survey of the voting members of LOGPAC. Their own figures, however, show that among the 49 representatives there are between 19 and 32 business and multiple parcel owners. The *Independent* was also contacted by two business owners who said the daily incorrectly identified them only as residents.

"There are at least 30 (of 49) new voting members in LOGPAC," Gruys said. "Some were filling vacant seats, rather than replacing old members, but their individual interests are oriented toward personal profit rather than balance on the LOGPAC committee," she asserted.

LOGPAC members critical of the Forbus-Bowden cancellation charged the move was made to de-fuse mounting opposition by residents to the takeover by the commercial group. But Forbus countered that he "just thought it would be better to give it [LOGPAC] some direction first."

Forbus announced plans to meet today (Friday) at the Colonial Inn with LOGPAC co-chairpeople Dan Landry and Dick Dugan, Hooper, trailer park owner Frank Evans, LOGPAC recording secretary Peter Monk, and others. Presumably this meeting will set the new direction for LOGPAC.

Landry said he believes Forbus intends

to use the meeting to legitimize the takeover. Landry also said the supervisor has made "no effort" to contact him about the meeting. Dugan, meanwhile, is out of town on vacation.

Late in the July 19 meeting Hooper had tried to get the July 26 meeting canceled, but LOGPAC members voted to hold their regular meeting. They planned to review new by-laws and the interim report, but the cancellation by Forbus nixed that discussion. Forbus subsequently denied that his move bore any relation to Hooper's aborted attempt to put off the meeting.

Barring another sudden cancellation, LOGPAC will hold its regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak School. Neighborhood groups will caucus there at 7 p.m. □