

LOGPAC

by Mark Marinovich

The Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) chose co-chairpersons to serve four-month terms and selected a sub-committee to develop an opinion survey of residents Monday night.

Dick Dugan was reelected and area 7 businessperson Robin Stockwell elected as co-chairpersons, after four ballots. Midway through the balloting, election rules were revised because

no candidate received a clear majority of votes.

LOGPAC is comprised of seven neighborhood committees, each having seven members. According to bylaws established two weeks ago, 25 votes were required to elect a chairperson.

On the first ballot, Dugan received 23 votes, Stockwell, 19, and Al Locatelli, a third candidate, 6. In a runoff between Dugan and Stockwell (each chairperson was to be elected sepa-

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developing residents survey

ately), each candidate received 24 votes.

Dugan, chairing the meeting proceedings, asked if he, Stockwell, and Locatelli, could discuss matters, outside the Live Oak School multi-purpose room where the meeting was held. "If we can come to a meeting of the minds, maybe we can settle this," Dugan said.

The three returned shortly, and Dugan said a third ballot would be

necessary. "If we tie again, we're going to have a duel at sunrise in the morning," Dugan quipped.

On the third vote, Dugan received 24 votes, Stockwell, 22, Henry David Thoreau, 1, and "Mr. Blank," 1.

With no end in sight, Frank Bolle, area 7 member, moved to suspend rules so Dugan and Stockwell could be elected by simple majority. The motion passed. Dugan and Stockwell were the top vote-getters.

Prior to balloting, each candidate expressed thoughts on a general plan for Live Oak.

Stockwell, the first speaker, said, "There's room for pretty much everything in Live Oak." He said he supports business, but does not want to see heavy industry in the area. He also stressed protection of the coastline along the Opal Cliffs.

Dugan said he has been involved in Live Oak general plan development for eight months, and has seen special interest groups dominate meetings. Dugan called for unity, and said Live Oak should more firmly represent itself. He suggested Live Oak

separate itself from Santa Cruz and become a city.

Asked how he feels about the "village" concept of development in Live Oak -- clustering businesses into shopping center blocks -- Dugan said he didn't support it. He said he favors "compensatory" zoning for rezoned business areas. He suggested high density residential zoning would be an equitable replacement.

Peter Monk was reappointed recorder by acclamation.

A committee to develop ten questions to ask Live Oak residents in an opinion survey was appointed by Dugan.

Lenore Wilkerson suggested the survey be printed by a local newspaper. Several LOGPAC members criticized the idea because of possible "haphazard" and "uninformed" results.

Another member suggested neighborhoods meet separately and handle the poll by themselves.

Other methods, such as door to door, or telephone surveys were suggested.

The committee will report next

week.

Second District Supervisor Dan Forbus told LOGPAC members he does not support the village concept, and said residents must have more input in the proceedings.

Forbus also explained the process the plan will go through before it becomes official.

First, Planning Director Kay Bowden will appear at a general meeting and listen to comments by the community. Second, the planning commission will look at, and probably make changes, in the plan. Finally, the plan will reach the Board of Supervisors, where interested individuals may make last comments. Three votes will pass the plan. Forbus called Live Oak's community process "unprecedented" in general plan development.

He said the county has money to purchase park land for public parks, a major interest by many Live Oak residents, but has not designated any money specifically for Live Oak yet.

Areas 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will caucus prior to Monday night's meeting at Live Oak School, at 7 p.m. Alternates and formal voting members will be selected by the various groups.