

# Live Oak Losing Its Senior Citizens

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Live Oak is losing its senior citizens and gaining young adults, according to a population comparison between 1970 and 1976.

The comparison was given by Dennis Pisila of the county planning department at Monday night's meeting of the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC), a group working on a general plan for the area.

All seven of LOGPAC's designated neighborhoods have experienced a decrease in the number of residents 65 years and older with the total decrease going from 25 per cent of the population to 21.3 per cent.

Live Oak, on the other hand, witnessed a 67.3 per cent increase in residents from 21 to 24, a 98.2 per cent increase of those from 25 to 34 and a 26.8 per cent increase of resident ages 35 to 44.

The population figures are for the area bordered to the north by Santa Cruz Gardens, to the west by Arana Gulch and to the east by Soquel Creek. It includes parts of Capitola.

Pisila pointed out that the area north of the freeway (neighborhood one not including Santa Cruz Gardens) experienced the greatest increase with a 98 per cent population growth from 840 to 1,667. He reckoned this increase, mostly of young adults and children, took place because of the Villa San Carlos housing project.

East Live Oak (neighborhood five) experienced the second largest increase with a rise of 40 per cent. All ages showed an increase in this area.

In other action, the group adopted a series of questions that will be distributed to the community to find out what its residents and businessmen want to see in a general plan.

The questionnaire asks what kind of character the respondent would like to see his neighborhood take on in the future, how the respondent feels about commercial growth and traffic circulation and asks that the respondent rank the most important problems in Live Oak.

At next Monday's meeting, the group will decide how to distribute the questionnaire.

Members decided to reinstate the subject area committees concerning land use, circulation, housing, conservation and open space, services and fiscal capabilities. Each neighborhood will select one member for each committee, Pisila reported.

It also was announced at Monday's meeting that Peter Monk resigned as recorder due to other obligations. Joe Southward was selected to take his place.

The group will meet next Monday at 7:30 p.m. to continue discussion on the 1961 County General Plan as it relates to Live Oak. Neighborhoods five (East Live Oak), six (Santa Maria del Mar) and seven (Opal Cliffs) will caucus at 7 p.m. and four (Brommer Street-17th Avenue) will caucus at 6:30 p.m.