

Doesn't Appear So

Live Oak Plan Committee Being Overrun?

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A report that the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) is being taken over by real estate agents, commercial landowners and local business people appears unwarranted.

The citizens committee has been working since December on a general plan for the Live Oak area and has recently experienced an upsurge in attendance at its weekly meetings. Many citizens became concerned that the group had established a hard and fast general plan. In reality, the group is still studying alternative plans and has not come to any conclusions.

The committee consists of seven neighborhood groups. Each group elects seven voting members and seven alternate voting members who have the authority to vote on general plan concepts.

A poll of 45 out of the 49 current voting members in LOGPAC shows that about 35 own their residences in Live Oak. There are about 19 Live Oak business owners within the voting ranks and 17 out of these 19 actually operate their businesses. Of these businessowners, approximately 14 live in Live Oak.

The poll also showed that some 13 of the 45 voting members who were contacted own property outside of residences and businesses in Live Oak. Out of these 13, however, only three said they own property in Live Oak and do not live or work there. They are Norma Eldridge of Neighborhood One, Bob Dettle of Neighborhood Seven and Anne Garmi of Neighborhood Two.

49 voting members had been replaced. Current figures show that only 13 original voting members have been replaced and that is after a drastic reorganization of Neighborhood Two, the Maciel-Rodriguez District, Monday night.

Originally, several of the neighborhoods did not have the required seven voting members, so many of the so-called "replacements" were actually the initial selection of voting members to fill the ranks.

Neighborhood Two and



Neighborhood Seven, the Opal Cliffs area, are the only two groups that have experienced

drastic reorganizations with many original voting members being "bumped." On July 19,

Neighborhood Seven replaced four voting members and Monday night, Neighborhood Two replaced six voting members.

The changes in both neighborhoods show a one member drop in resident owners and a two member jump in business owners. There have been many accusations that Neighborhood Seven is overrun by real estate interests, but a breakdown of the voting membership does not show this.

The voting ranks of Neighborhood Seven consists of ap-

proximately five residence owners, three business owners and five owners of property outside of residences or businesses.

Tempers have run so high over the disorganized method of choosing voting members that Soquel - Live Oak Supervisor Dan Forbus cancelled this week's meeting of LOGPAC, even though he admits he had no authority to do so.

Forbus said, "I don't have any (authority) yet, but tonight I hope the board (of supervisors) gives me some authority to set down rules of criteria by which the general plan is brought to the board."

Forbus says he plans to meet with Dick Dugan and Dan Landry, co-chairmen of LOGPAC, and several other committee members on Friday do discuss the procedure for selecting voting members and for organizing the plan. He plans to take these rules of procedure to the board of supervisors next Tuesday for approval, he said.

Forbus added, "I don't particularly feel I needed any authority (to cancel the meeting). I didn't think there was too much to gain at this meeting. I wasn't trying to tell everybody when and where they can meet. The rules are going to change as far as the general plan goes."

Dugan said that he was upset that the meeting was canceled. He said Forbus had contacted Planning Director Kay Bowden and County Planner Dennis Pisila about the cancellation. Pisila has been advising LOGPAC in its general plan work.