



Live Oak is filled with peaceful scenes like this --- wide open spaces reminding one of the farms that once stretched down county roads. Live Oak is different today, having the largest population of any unincorporated area (Live Oak-Santa Cruz Gardens) in the county with 23,000 residents, according to a county planning department study. In 20 years, the population is estimated to double. With this in mind, the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) is trying to decide if more parks should be planned for Live Oak's future. This land on Capitola Avenue, planned for

development by Bill Anderson, is one of 12 park areas pinpointed in the county's Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan for Live Oak. In a recent LOGPAC dispute, property owners argued that once their land is designated as a possible park site, they have a hard time getting development permits. So, the group decided to seek state park funding without specifically naming any park sites. Others argued that if vacant lots remain unpurchased for park sites, they all will eventually be developed and Live Oak won't have any land left for future parks.

Live Oak Plan Group Approves Distribution Of Questionnaire

Live Oak residents should keep their eyes open for a community questionnaire that will be placed in local newspapers by the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) within the next few weeks.

In a move by LOGPAC member Chris Hooper at Monday night's LOGPAC meeting at Live Oak School, the group decided to publish the questionnaire in all available newspapers. Mailing costs appeared too high to the group.

LOGPAC Co-chairman Robin Stockwell said that funds probably are available from the county and quoted a figure of around \$200 for placement in the newspapers.

The motion passed 26-4 with LOGPAC member Frank Evans saying that those who opposed the measure did so because there was no way to identify who was filling out the form.

The questionnaire, aimed to help LOGPAC in putting together a general plan for the Live Oak area, asks citizens their views on such subjects as housing, schools, population growth, transportation, services, parks and commercial services.

In other action, the group heard

reports about the area committee meetings last week. The fiscal committee reported that small business generates county taxes and should stay in Live Oak. Committee members called for a better road system and larger trunk lines for sewers.

"The provision of a neighborhood park within a half mile of all Live Oak residents was a bit utopian and beyond our financial means," the LOGPAC parks committee reported after reviewing a former committee's objectives.

The committee recommended that park development at Schwan Lake and county parks along the ocean shouldn't be paid for by county residents because the parks would take the overflow from the state parks.

The committee suggested that Schwan could be developed with recreational facilities by a private commercial interest.

The land use committee reported that the existing county zoning plan for the area reflects the desires of the people and the County Board of Supervisors. It called for minimal changes in the new Live Oak general plan.

The committee suggested that the new general plan keep the present

manufacturing zone along the railroad and commercial areas should be retained along corridors.

The transportation committee called for improvement of roads and requested that the Broomer Street/Broadway extension be completed. It suggested continuous east/west bike paths, that the widening and resurfacing of roads be done through bond issues and that adequate off-street parking be developed.

The committee also requested that the use of buses be promoted and that bike paths be developed along Rodeo Gulch.

The housing committee announced it will be looking into available housing loans.

The services committee reported that it had gone over the former committee's goals and objectives.

These committees were reformed after LOGPAC was inundated with new members in June.

Next Monday night's LOGPAC meeting will start at 7:30 at Live Oak School and will be devoted to neighborhood group meetings. Neighborhood Four (Broomer Street-17th Avenue) will nominate additional voting members.