Capitola planners study Live Oak general plan

Is Live Oak getting ready to "swallow up" the western portion of Capitola?

That's not likely.

In fact it appears the opposite, Capitola annexing parts of Live Oak, will be the trend.

Capitola planning commissioners this week briefly held discussion on the Live Oak General Plan Advisory Committee (LOGPAC) recommendations for a Live Oak general plan.

LOGPAC's plan is one of four alternatives now being reviewed by the

county planning department.

A final form of the plan will be adopted later this year and will guide future development in the unincorporated area between Santa Cruz and Capitola.

PLANNING OVERLAP

During Monday's meeting, Commissioner Al Wilder noted the overlap between Capitola's and the Live Oak planning area. Wilder mentioned several variations between the two plans and asked whether the Live Oak plan, when approved, will affect or supersede Capitola's general plan.

Pat McCormick, Capitola's city planner, agreed the Live Oak plan overlaps Capitola's planning area. He said it is possible to have two general

plans for the same area.

JURISDICTION

"The general plan is law in whatever jurisdiction adopts the plan," McCormick stated. He mentioned there are already two adopted plans for the area west of Capitola as far as Rodeo Gulch, but the county's plan for the area, adopted in 1961, is now being updated.

McCormick told the commission that two different jurisdictions may recognize the same plan. "This is ideal," he said, "I don't know if it will come about though.

He assured the commission the county does not have jurisdiction regulate development within the city's boundry, even though the Live Oak planning area extends to the Soquel

creek corridor.

OTHER BUSINESS

In business at this week's meeting, commissioners:

-approved a use permit for Founders Title Company to use a mobile unit for temporary office space at 1300 41st Ave. The use permit is subject to council approval. The commission conditioned their approval, limiting the use permit to one year.

--approved a use permit for an outdoor boat sales yard and temporary office for property at 1220 41st Ave. Applicant Richard Wood's proposal gained approval as a temporary use for the land. In their approving motion, commissioners noted the general plan for the property calls for professional offices on the site. The use permit is subject to council affirmation.