

Planning commission approves plan for new hotel, bus terminal

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Eugene is going to have a new hotel and bus terminal. That is, Eugene will have these things if the city council and the Lane Transit District heed the recommendations made by the Eugene Planning Commission Monday.

The Commission voted to approve a concept plan for a 2.5 block area north of Eighth Avenue, between Olive and Oak streets. The concept consists of an office complex, a ten story hotel with adjacent surface parking and a structure to house automobile parking, retail shops and a central bus transfer terminal.

Much of the one and a half hours of discussion on the subject centered around the need for additional parking in the downtown area. Bob Thomas, a consultant to the Eugene Renewal Agency (ERA), answered questions on the necessity of new parking areas in downtown by commenting, "We are faced with a dilemma when trying to sell land for office development because we can't assure developers of sufficient parking space."

ERA Executive Director Ron Hunt echoed Thomas' assertions by saying that offices need more parking space than stores and if new offices are to be attracted, more parking must be provided. Hunt also termed the possibility of more new, large retail stores in the downtown area "a thing of the past."

Hunt pushed for the adoption of the hotel complex plan by saying,

"We feel that downtown is the important thing to be considered, not the retail value of the proposed hotel."

Most objection to the proposal came from Planning Commission member Dan Bonnett, who expressed the thought that the projected bus terminal is too small to handle LTD buses for more than the next few years. Hunt replied that the capacity of the terminal has already been cleared with LTD and that it should be big enough to be useful until 1985.

As a result of the discussion, the final recommendation of the planning commission to the city council carried an amendment authored by Bonnett which called for LTD approval of the concept

before the city council gives its go-ahead. Bonnett said his amendment was necessary because he did not think sufficient study had gone into the terminal proposal.

Planning commission member Betty Niven offered the motion which finally passed the commission. It calls for parking to be provided only as needed, with periodic reviews on the amount of space necessary for the functioning of the downtown area. It also recommends that parking areas be depressed and landscaped and the proposed hotel be set back from the street. Both of these recommendations are designed to lessen the new structures' visual impact on the surrounding area.

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Finally, individuals can learn where the barrels are located, and then begin to place their

enormous amounts of waste paper in these containers. Lingle wants "people to expect to recycle," and to keep waste paper out of the wastebasket.

The situation is critical; Lingle called it "a make or break" position. The University administration is presently making up the difference between the revenues from paper sales and the salary expenses. If the project does not begin to break even, the administration, though highly interested, will probably reluctantly chop off the program rather unceremoniously.

The University hungrily consumes one thousand trees weekly; it throws away at least fifty to sixty tons of recyclable paper weekly. Project Intercept recognizes the need to recycle that enormous amount of paper.

Workshop outlines precinct worker's role

The role of precinct committee workers was outlined in a workshop Saturday by Cynthia Wooten, vice-chairer of the Lane Democratic Central Committee.

Getting the precinct to register and vote Democratic were, of course, given as the primary objectives, but Wooten also stressed the importance of getting to know precinct voters personally and exchanging information. "People should have an overwhelming trust in the committeemen," she said.

Wooten added that all precinct committee members should attend the District and Central Committee meetings to be better informed.

A panel composed of six committee members, candidates and candidates-to-be then ex-

plained how to go about "getting out" the Democratic vote.

Del Isham, talking about targeting, or identifying high-potential precincts, instructed the audience to concentrate on getting the person who is "on your side" but is apathetic to vote. Another panel member pointed out that the Democratic Party in Lane County has a poor voter turnout compared to the Republicans, who average five percent more registered voters going to the polls.

Gary Bond, candidate for State Representative, spoke about the importance of door-to-door canvassing. He has helped organize canvassing for McGovern in California and for Wayne Morse in Oregon. "Many people will vote if they are just contacted," he said. "And don't

ask them how they are going to vote."

Tips on registration drives, fund-raising and general morale boosting and informative comments by members of the audience filled out the discussion.

Committeeman Jim Tattersall then gave an analysis of the county's seven districts, explaining voting habits, traditions, and financial makeup. He predicted good results for the Democrats in future elections because, "all of the districts are fed up with the mess in Washington."

There will be a Sociology Student Union meeting tomorrow at 3:30 in 714 PLC. All undergraduate Soc. majors and all interested non-majors are highly encouraged to attend.

The SSU is an organization designed to give students an active voice in the Sociology department. Students have the advantage of being able to participate in department committees as well as department meetings where policy is made.

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