

Commissioner's hopes for jail funding grow dim

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— The Lane County Board of Commissioners say hopes of getting federal funds for the proposed jail construction project may be growing dim.

In a discussion at their meeting Wednesday, Board Chair Bob Wood told the commissioners that conversations with federal officials in Washington, D.C. last week indicate there is little chance the county will be able to qualify for any funds.

In order to meet federal criteria, he said, the architects' plan would have to provide more single cell instead of dormitories, and would have to include 166 beds instead of the 96 beds presently planned. Along with other stipulations, the cost would reach \$11.5 million — \$2.6 million more than the \$8.9 million proposal on the November ballot, and only \$200,000 less than the measure voters rejected in the May primary election.

When the possibility of federal public works funding was explained by Sen. Bob Packwood's staff this summer, county staff hoped to divide the jail project

into two separate proposals. This action, would send the bill for only half the project to county taxpayers, and the federal government would foot the other half.

But in light of recent developments, Lane County Chief Administrator Robert Elfers said the county would apply for public works funds only if the \$8.9 million jail bond measure received voter approval at the polls.

— The Board of Lane County Commissioners approved a much-amended request to build a boys' group care home in north Springfield. But the commissioners attached a set of conditions to their approval requesting that a neighborhood review committee be formed to monitor the activities of the home and evaluate its impact on the neighborhood.

The original request for the home, to be operated by Lane County Youth Care Centers, Inc., was approved by the Lane County Planning Commission in June. But neighbors in Baldy View Lane appealed the decision to the county commissioners, who

designed the set of tentative conditions. The issue was tossed around for refinements until the Wednesday meeting.

The neighborhood review committee, the first of its kind in the county, will include one representative of Lane County Youth Care Centers, Inc., two residents of the neighborhood, one representative of the state Children's Services Division and one representative appointed by Elfers — who shall act as chair.

Rules specifically prohibit neighbors — or anyone from Lane County Youth Care Centers, Inc. to be the chair, and impartiality is demanded in all decisions.

The committee is empowered to make spot decisions to solve day-to-day problems, but if members can't work out a solution, they are to report to the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners with any recommendations for action — including reversing their original decision to allow the home to operate. The case is due for complete review in two years.

Wood said he was pleased with the compromise solution.

"This is the first in an effort to establish more involvement of community groups in deciding land-use," he said. "This matter should be given great attention, and the spirit in which it is adopted should be carried out. I don't wish to make it totally incumbent upon that neighborhood to solve our problems, but the work will help solve the problems of the total community."

— Seventy-one per cent of Lane County residents who responded to a Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA) poll favor a total ban of open field burning in Oregon, LRAPA officials announced Friday.

The poll of citizens' opinions were forwarded Wednesday to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offices in Seattle. The EPA is responsible for administering the federal Clean Air Act, and has asked state and local agencies how the law can be best implemented. The EPA is expected to make a final decision on individual State Implementation Plans (SIP) before Jan. 1.

The poll grouped opinions in three general categories: total ban of open field burning, a graduated phasedown, and a third category encompassing "other" suggestions.

Soviet art display highlights program

Commemorating the October Revolution of 1917, which founded the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Mayday Cultural Committee sponsored an exhibit of early Soviet poster art, Sergei Eisenstein's film "Potemkin," and a panel discussion Thursday in the EMU.

Both the revolutionary posters on display and Eisenstein's provocative classic represent "the revolutionary expression of the people of the Soviet Union during a stormy decade of struggle against counter-revolution, foreign intervention and economic turmoil," said Al Szymanski, sociology professor.

The color posters were designed to mobilize the people of the newly formed socialist republic to join in the rebuilding of their society.

They commemorate Mayday celebrations and call for a Soviet society with justice and equality.

Mayday, for which the Mayday Cultural Committee is named, is May 1 — International Workers' Day.

"The 1917 Revolution was a turning point in world history. For the first time there emerged a political philosophy dedicated to the proposition

that working people could run society in their own interests," explained Gary Kim, ASUO vice-president.

"The Chinese Revolution was a similar turning point. It demonstrated that the peasants and workers of the entire Third World could build societies in which they could be the masters of their own destinies."

"More important," continued Kim, "we are not just commemorating a point in history, but an ongoing movement which has expressed itself in revolutions the world over in the last sixty years."

Thursday's activities were the second of a two-day celebration commemorating both the October Revolution in the Soviet Union and the October Revolution (1949) in China which marked the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The Mayday Cultural Committee's purpose, say its members, is to sponsor radical culture and educational programs. In November the Committee will sponsor two films about the struggle of the Chilean people, "Campamento" and "To the People of the World."

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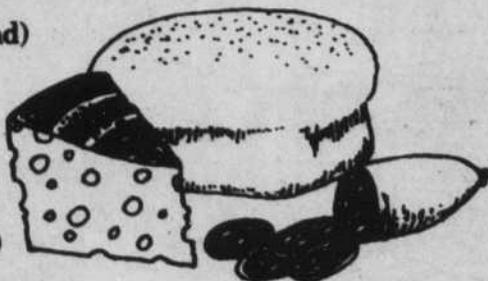
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E.S.C.A.P.E. announces sponsorship of a special study group Fall Term.

We welcome U of O students, staff and faculty who have lived with alcoholism in their homes to join a (confidential) discussion group this winter.

Our purpose is to understand the effects alcoholism has on family members and the impact of this experience in adult life.

Our long-range goal is to develop a training program for volunteers to work with children in the Eugene-Springfield community who presently confront alcoholism. If you grew up with alcoholism or presently live with this problem, please join us.

Our first organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. The room will be posted in the EMU.

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