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With contractors' bid deadline two days away

## Advisory group tours research park site

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With only two days left for companies to submit bids on the Riverfront Research Park, and with only one proposal in hand, the project's advisory group toured the proposed site Wednesday in preparation for interviews with the applicants.

Unless more applicants surface before Friday's deadline,

the Carley Capital Group of Washington, D.C., will be the sole interviewee.

Last summer, Carley had been working exclusively with local officials on the project, but public concern about the closed-door negotiations forced the negotiation process to be opened to other companies.

"We tried to let (the developers) know that there was

no inside track," said city representative Cathy Briner. "But it's possible they were still scared off."

On Wednesday, the seven-member Riverfront Research Park Commission took a brisk "once-over" of the site, touring in two vans that paused in various locations to allow quick perusals of the area.

The commission was able to

get glimpses of some of the land, which is bordered by University-owned land leased to the Eugene Water and Electric Board on the west and the bio-social colony area for animal research on the east.

The development site, commonly said to be up to 71 acres, includes wildlands, a soccer field, an abandoned filbert orchard and various buildings now used for fine arts studios and science labs.

After viewing the area, commission President and Eugene Mayor Gus Keller wondered out loud: "71 acres and you wonder how much is developable."

Indeed, much of the targeted area would appear to be on the back burner for several years. For instance, to fully exploit the site would require relocating the University's Physical Plant, University Vice President Dan Williams said.

Also, before the University can acquire property now occupied by a Coca Cola Bottling Company warehouse, they first will need to track down the owner. Williams said the University has written the owner who is reportedly a doctor in San Jose, Calif., but no response has been received.

Discussion during the guided tour by city representatives and the University also focused on the most effective access points from Franklin Boulevard and the number of feet to be

specified as a buffer between the river and the development.

City planning head Susan Brody, with map in hand, pointed out areas that should have 35-foot buffers and others that peaked at 50 feet.

Also, Williams dismissed as insubstantial Al Urquhart's appeal of the project. Urquhart's appeal claims the research park violates the state's greenway plan.

"We feel that this clearly doesn't violate the spirit of the greenway," he said. The Land Use Board of Appeals will rule on Urquhart's challenge to the city's plans on Monday in Salem.

Before the tour, commission Vice President Sally Weston called for University President Paul Olum to appoint an advisory research group that would meet with any finalists.

Her motion that the research community be entered into the selection process was passed by the commission. Keller emphasized the committee should reflect the diversity of the University.

Weston also expressed concern that the commission's meetings, which change locations weekly, would be seen as not being as open as possible.

Some thought Wednesday's meeting, held at the University president's home near Hendricks Park, was seen as being sequestered.



Photo by Ross Martin

City planning head Susan Brody, Eugene Mayor Gus Keller and other advisory group members toured the research park's designated site Wednesday, preparing for the upcoming interview process.

## Seoul Olympics to be best ever, official says

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The 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea, will be the most successful Olympics ever, Yung Lee said Wednesday afternoon. Lee is the former Minister of Sports for South Korea and was president of the executive board of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee from 1982 until 1986.

"We think we can put on the greatest games ever," Lee said. "I'm sure we will give a damn good Olympics to the world when the time comes around."

Lee, the so-called "Peter Ueberroth" of Korea, spoke to approximately 60 people during a lecture in Gerlinger Lounge.

"The Seoul Olympics will be an interesting case because they are the first Olympics to be held on the Asian continent... and the second Olympics held in a developing country," Lee said. The 1968 Olympics in Mexico were the first held in a developing country.

Organizers also expect the Seoul Olympics to be free of the political boycotts that have plagued recent games.

"We will have a united Olympics for the first time in 16 years," Lee said. "We will have the largest number of countries coming." More than 160 countries are expected to attend the games, he said.

"We're expecting all of the socialist countries to come... they say they are preparing to come," he said. Among those expected are the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

While avoiding incidents of international terrorism will be a major concern for game organizers, Seoul will not be an easy target for that kind of terrorist activity, Lee said.

"We will have to be very watchful and very alert of this problem," he said. "But in Korea, illegal infiltra-

tion is very difficult."

The International Olympic Committee's decision to pick Seoul as the site of the 1988 games gives South Korea the opportunity to show its advancement and promise, Lee said.

"It is very important for us to do a good thing with the Olympics, we have a lot to prove," he said. "We have to prove we are a country capable of doing something like the Olympics successfully."

South Koreans have endured many hard times in the last 40 years, including Japanese occupation during World War II and hardships during the Korean War, Lee said.

"We worked hard and now we have built a decent country," he said. "But this gives us a reason to go on and work even harder." The per capita income in South Korea has increased from \$80 to \$2,000 during the last 20 years.

The 1988 Olympics probably could be held in Seoul this fall because preparations for the games are almost complete, Lee said. The Asian games, which involve even more participants than the Olympic games, will be held in Seoul at the end of the year, he said.

New accommodations include hotels, three gymnasiums, a swimming pool and two separate villages for athletes and journalists.

Facilities for the Seoul Olympics will be centrally located, unlike the Los Angeles games where events were scattered across the city and up and down the coastline, Lee said.

"Most facilities will be within 30 minutes (of each other)," he said.

But even more important than the buildings is the preparedness of the people who will be working, Lee said.

"Each has to be trained for the role they will play," he said.



Yung Lee