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knowledge that more library space is needed.

Carol Hilderbrand, the assistant to the librarian, said that the proposed location would effectively serve the new library's needs. If the measure is rejected by voters "that would put the library on the back burner," Hilderbrand said.

And that is something Eugene City Library officials hope to avoid. "I can tell you, we're not going to roll over and play dead" if the measure fails to pass, said Martha Rice, library board chairwoman.

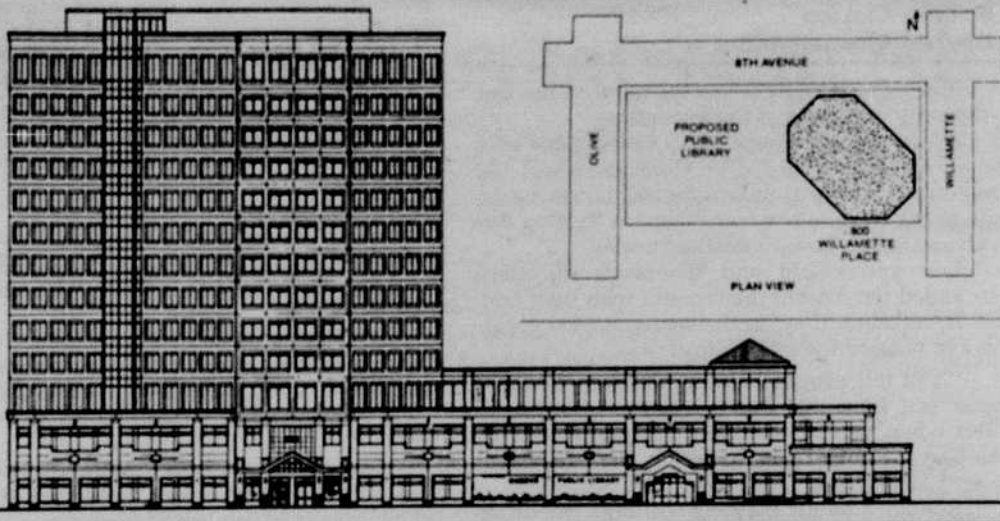
Council members said that if the measure is rejected, it is doubtful that the new library project will be completed. "It will be ten years or more" before the library effort would be renewed, Holmer said.

However, at Wednesday's meeting, the council told Pankow officials to continue planning construction of the building as if the library were definitely included.

If the Eighth Avenue and Willamette Street location is not approved by Eugene voters, the city will reimburse Pankow up to \$100,000 to cover the expenses of designing the library.

"It has given us a clear mandate," said Pankow Development Director Mark Perniconi said of the council's decision. "At least now we know something."

Perniconi said that regardless of the city's decision to build a new library, Pankow's plans to construct an office building in downtown Eugene will not change.



Courtesy Graphic

This illustration of Pankow's plan gives Eugene residents an idea of what a new library could look like if voters approve its development on March 23. The current proposal places the library on the first and second floors of the office building.

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Obie, City Development and Planning Director Abe Farkas and City Manager Mike Gleason came up with the idea of putting the library in the Pankow structure over breakfast one morning, according to Obie.

Pankow expressed interest in the idea and the developers went to the drawing board.

A committee called Future of Our Library formed in early 1985 to explore community needs and desires concerning the Eugene Public Library.

Committee Chairman Fred Kinsman, also a member of the citizens' group Friends of the Library, concludes that although the City Council has ex-

amined the concerns of Eugene's citizens, he isn't sure that the community knows what is best for it. "I don't know if they know where they want to head," he said.

But public hearings late last year revealed substantial community opposition to a plan to finance operating costs for the new facility, estimated at \$600,000 per year. The financing plan would have meant a 1 percent tax on utility consumption bills for cable television, electricity, natural gas, water, steam, sewer use and the local service portion of telephone bills.

Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) Governmental

Affairs Director Laurie Power said the tax plan was legally unacceptable without an amendment to the Eugene City Charter, which regulates the manner in which EWEB can collect money. Power said that the hearings focused on the financial issue and neglected to look at the issues of location and fundamental need.

Finsman however, said "I don't know how (the community consultation process) could have been more thorough." The library committee leader still supports the development of a site on Charnelton Street, but said, "we have a lot of good ideas, but they cost a lot of money."

## Correction

An article about a bill proposed by the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) to reduce toxics in the state that appeared in the Emerald on Jan. 10 contained the following errors:

- The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality estimates major Oregon industries will generate more than 6 million pounds of toxic waste this year, not 6 billion,

as the article stated.

- The toxics use reduction bill, if passed, would be funded in part by an assessment fee levied against users of the toxics. This fee is not a tax, as the article stated.
- The version of the bill that will be presented to the Legislature does not include a provision identified in the article that would allow a group of 10 people to sue toxics users in civil court without proving damages and allow the group

to inspect the hazardous substances inventory of toxics-using facilities.

- Gratten Kerans (D-Eugene) is a state senator, not a state representative. Also, Kerans is not the sponsor of the bill at this time. Representatives of OSPIRG said Tuesday the group had not yet decided on a sponsor.

The Emerald apologizes for any confusion that may have resulted from the errors.

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