

New childcare facility planned for east campus

■ The building will provide care for a wider age range, and greater number, of children

By Marty Toohay
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The Campus Planning Commission approved the location for a new childcare facility Thursday, and only a rubber stamp from University President Dave Frohnmayer's office remains necessary before plans are drawn and construction starts.

The new \$2.6 million center, called the East Campus Children's Center, is sited for the southeast corner of 17th Avenue and Columbia Street. It will replace the EMU childcare facilities and three other facilities in separate University-owned houses adjacent to the east

part of campus.

"This has been a long time in coming," said EMU Childcare Coordinator Dennis Reynolds, who will manage the new 200-child facility. "Now we can finally provide the kind of care facilities the children deserve."

The University has used off-campus houses for childcare since June 1970, Reynolds said, and childcare directors requested a new facility in 1985. But the multiple places made coordination difficult, and some parents picked up children from two or three sites.

"It'll be much more convenient now," Reynolds said.

The EMU and off-campus facilities care for about 120 students, according to Reynolds, who said the move was not made because of

space issues.

The new site will allow the University to offer care for infants and school-age children. Previously, the EMU and off-campus facilities only offered care for children older than 18 months and younger than kindergarten-age.

The Campus Planning Commission met with University and local community members, including the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, in a series of planning meetings, University Planning Associate Christine Thompson said. All parties' concerns were consolidated into three issues: the need for childcare, wise long-range use of land, and the relationship with the neighborhood.

"There was quite a bit of discussion," she said. "I think at this point

everyone's concerns have been addressed."

Some residents said their concerns were not fully addressed, however.

Jeff Osanka, a Fairmount Neighborhood Association board member, said a recently constructed graduate student apartment complex on Moss Street increased traffic congestion and parking difficul-

ty. He said that "parking has not been as perfect as they assured us it would be, and we hope the University will include parking space for the childcare facility in the plan."

"They need to put parking on the site," Osanka said. "That is something the University has not traditionally found attractive."

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'Citizens' State of the City Address' calls for development of urban areas

■ Friends of Eugene and Citizens for Public Accountability work to maintain the city's sustainability in urban areas

By Ben Hughes
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Urban sprawl and migrating business policies are leaving the heart and culture of Eugene on the cutting room floor, according to Friends of Eugene and Citizens for Public Accountability.

FOE and CPA met at Harris Hall in the Lane County Building on Friday to focus on what Mayor Jim Torey called a needed "cultural

shift" in Eugene's business policies.

The meeting was titled the "Citizens' State of the City Address" and focused on maintaining Eugene's uniqueness. For FOE and CPA, this means developing the urban area rather than bringing in large corporations and placing them on the outskirts of town with a no-tax incentive.

Jan Wilson, a local environmental attorney and main speaker of the event, discussed some of the opportunities and choices that may affect the small-town atmosphere and outstanding environment Eugene is known for.

"Clearly, Eugene citizens recognize that continuing to finance infrastruc-

ture development at the edge of the urban growth boundary, while abandoning existing investments in urban form is fiscally irresponsible, destructive of our sense of community and unsustainable," Wilson said.

CPA Secretary Bob O'Brien said, "We ought to be subsidizing things downtown. I think we ought to be subsidizing small business."

Although Wilson and CPA agree with the mayor on projects such as the building of a new library and federal courthouse downtown, they disagree with business recruitment strategies used in the past and present.

Wilson said inner-city projects

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