

City again delays Pomeroy Park

Developer stymied until all aspects of proposed subdivision met

Cave Junction city councilmen used half of their two-hour meeting Monday night, Jan. 24 again addressing the planned Pomeroy Park subdivision; then again continued the matter.

The vote in city hall to continue the item, rather than voting approval conditionally, was 4-1 with Councilman Margaret Miller voting against the motion by Councilman Rita Dyer.

At issue is the proposed 39-acre Pomeroy Park subdivision off Daisy Hill Road, adjacent to Illinois River. Neighboring residents have filed letters detailing a number of concerns they have, including public access to Illinois River; and various "environmental" matters including "nighttime light pollution" from street lights, and perceived sewage problems.

There also is concern by the council and others about residents of the 59-lot having only Schumacher Street for ingress and egress.

Under Dyer's motion, those planning the subdivision will have to gain an OK from Illinois Valley Fire District to use a 25-foot-wide easement for emergency use only.

In addition, copies of the development's codes, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs) for its residents will have to be provided. Also, Dick Converse, of Rogue Valley Council of Governments, will review conditional-use permit criteria in connection with Pomeroy Park's Planned

Unit Development status. Converse on Monday said that the development's loop road "looks like" a cul-de-sac, which gives the council authority to view it critically.

The development is planned by Mike Murphy



and Elton Frank, both of Cave Junction. Frank addressed the council Monday and fielded questions.

However, the council was unsatisfied because of concerns, and Frank again left city hall without approval. He told the council about various revisions that had been made to satisfy concerns expressed during the previous council meeting, but to no avail.

Among those noting concerns Monday was Eugene resident David Atkins, a former Illinois Valley resident who said he owns property on Daisy Hill Road.

Atkins urged the city "to take responsible action" and brought up issues including erosion, flooding, vandalism and density in connection with Pomeroy Park.

He said that the city and developer could be liable for damages because of building in a flood plain, although such build-

ing is allowed under Oregon law.

He said that the development as planned represents an "unmitigated disaster." Atkins added that one property owner along the emergency access proposed by Frank has threatened litigation unless the road is gated, as they don't want excessive traffic.

Atkins added that the public should be allowed to review the CC&Rs.

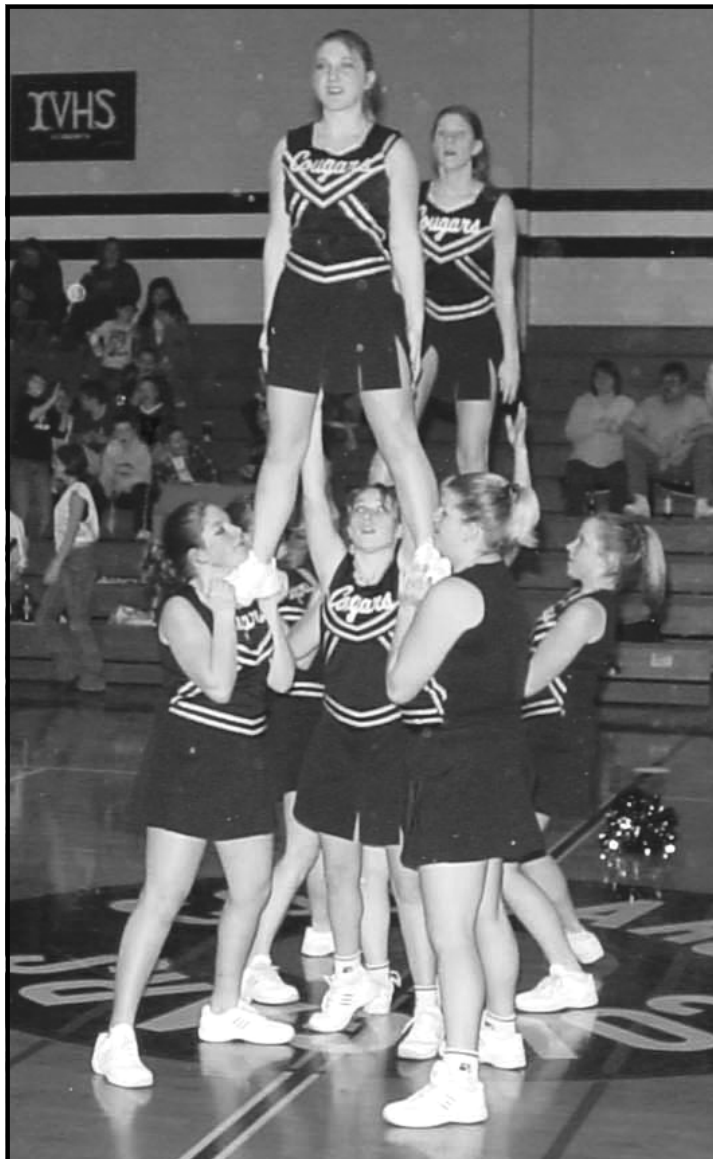
After his comments, Jim Frick took the council to task about "having some guts" to allow Frank to proceed. Frick, a longtime broker and real estate agent, said that, "It's totally ludicrous the way the council is dealing with this."

Frick said that the continued delay is affecting two other developments and "costing developers thousands of dollars," while they are trying to improve the city tax base and invest in the community.

He said that Frank has addressed the expressed concerns, and that he (Frick) wonders why Pomeroy Park is being handled differently than other similar developments, which were approved without significant hang-ups by the council.

"Frank has worked with other developers to fund a \$230,000 sewer pump station," said Frick. He indicated that emotions seem to be fueling the delays, and urged the council to OK the development.

His remarks were followed by applause from several in the audience.



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JJLCG applies local knowledge to the regional criteria addresses in the grant application process. It also assesses how the project meets those criteria they have deemed most critical to the success of meeting local needs and priorities.

For the 2006 grant cycle

these criteria will be the focal point of JJLCG review and recommendations:

Fuel Projects

*How will the project implement a community risk assessment and mitigation plan?

*How has this treatment been coordinated with adjacent land owners and local/state/tribal/federal agencies?

Risk Assessment and Planning

*How will the completed plan be implemented, and by whom? Or, how does this plan enhance or complete previous fire planning by the community?

How will the plan address land owner responsibility for implementation of this plan?

Prevention, Education

*A detailed plan ad-

ressing all evaluation criteria showing how the target audience will be personally engaged in wildfire prevention and education.

Utilization, Marketing

*Emphasis placed on volume of material utilized, jobs created/retained, participation of private business enterprises and other partners, and sustainability of project beyond grant period.

This group meets quarterly to discuss National Fire Plan and other wildfire related programs and issues, seeking opportunities to integrate projects and leverage funding.

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