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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I read with a great deal of interest in your July 15th paper an article saying that Tom Telford is against the proposed special levy to support our County Parks.

His only real opposition is that he feels that 1-3 of the proposed \$10 license fee should be given to the parks and that \$16,000 for the election was not budgeted.

First of all, 1-3 of the \$10 license fee would be somewhat less than \$80,000 and the Commissioners have already cut \$100,000 so the amount would not cover the deficit. In fact if he would be given all the money that is anticipated, he would get \$240,000 and we would have beautiful parks but we would have the louisiest road system leading to the parks of any county in the State.

As for the \$16,000 it is in Mr. Wilmot's budget and is readily available for use. What really bugs me is that Wednesday night, July 14th, Superintendent Wilmot had a public meeting on the lawn of the Park Department. In attendance were Commissioner Schumacher, Chairman of the Board; Superintendent Wilmot and Dale Liberty, Chairman of the Park Advisory Board. These three gentlemen spoke to this crowd of approximately 100 people and explained why this money is so terribly necessary. They did it very well and convinced me that for a mere 18 cents per thousand on my taxes, I cannot afford to allow the parks to go downhill. Someone in the audience asked why Mr. Telford was opposed to this and Commissioner Schumacher explained substantially as I have indicated. Surprisingly enough, Telford wasn't even there to explain to the audience his position, but he was invited.

It is easy to write things but it is difficult to stand up in front of 100 people when they can actually ask you questions and get to the truth of the matter. This is typical of a man who likes to write senseless articles to newspapers.

Let me urge all of you citizens to vote for this very necessary and modest budget. We have the finest park system in the State of Oregon. Let us keep it that way.

Sincerely, Eileen Anderson Clackamas County Advisory Board

(Editors note: The following letters are several of those written to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and to this newspaper. The letters concern the proposed Polynesian restaurant to be built in the Zig Zag area.

The original request for the permit to build the restaurant was denied, but just recently it was granted by the commissioners in a re-hearing.)

To the Editor:

As property owners in the Mt. Hood Woodlands area we wish to protest a zone change granted from recreational-residential to commercial on property located just East of the Woodlands entrance. We feel to permit the construction of a restaurant in this property, or any other commercial operation, would be a real detriment to the environment we wish to maintain in the Woodlands area.

Any commercial use of the existing water mains (which were constructed for residential use only) would be inadequate and curtail the service to existing property owners. Furthermore, such crowding would result in the same sewage problem as now being experienced in the Rhododendron area. Traffic congestion at the present access road to reach the proposed business would be detrimental to safety.

It is our personal belief that there should be no zone changing in the area until a long range planning for the entire Mt. Hood Recreational area is carefully worked out to protect that beautiful part of our state from being ruined by spot planning.

We urge you to reverse your decision to permit commercial construction in the proposed site.

Yours truly, Howard R. Krueger Ruth G. Krueger Ref: Lots 18-24, Blk 5 TWn 518 Mount Hood Woodlands

To the Editor:

We are told that a Mr. Salazar has received approval for a zone change from RR to

Commercial on property east of the Mt. Hoodlands entrance near Zig Zag. It is our understanding that he plans to erect a restaurant on this site.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners that we are opposed to this zone change for reasons of probable added traffic congestion plus possible water and sewer problems. Further, we do not consider a restaurant as being compatible with the present use of property in the area which is currently recreational residential. It is requested that the subject zone change approval be rescinded.

Very truly yours, John P. Meredith Jean P. Meredith 2120 S.W. Stephenson Portland, 97219

To the Editor:

As a property owner in the Mt. Hoodland Woodlands area just east of Zig Zag, I would like to voice my displeasure of the possibility of the change of zoning in this area from residential to commercial. I understand that a Mr. Salazar has requested this change in zoning to permit the establishment of a large Polynesian restaurant, which would be seen from Highway 26 but not have access directly to and from that highway. I feel that all too often the first such change in zoning is the "beginning of the end", and those of us who have homes and second homes in the Mt. Hood Woodlands area wish very strongly to maintain the quality of the area as it now exists - a quiet, restful place where our neighbors and families are not exposed to a commercial atmosphere such as already exists in too many areas of the mountain.

I would very much appreciate your strong support in maintaining this area as a strictly residential area. The traffic problems and noise involved in this type of a zone change, even though at the present only for one restaurant, could ultimately destroy the natural atmosphere that the residents of Mt. Hood Woodlands now enjoy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

George Alfsen 6627 N.E. Glisan Portland

To the Editor:

As a home-owner in the vicinity of Zig Zag, I have recently become aware of plans for construction of a restaurant on the north side of Route 26 between Zig Zag and Rhododendron. Information I have received is that the original application was turned down because of local opposition. Now, following the lapse of a year, the petitioner (Salazar) has reapplied. Apparently the reapplication process can continue indefinitely, with the changes of approval increasing as the opposition loses touch with the status of the application.

Construction of a restaurant at this spot, sandwiched between Route 26 and the old highway, would create several problems, none of which appear justifiable. One would be a serious traffic hazard, since Route 26 is only a two lane road at this point, and would result in pre-empting use of the access road behind the site, in an attempt to alleviate the hazard. Road visibility is poor and winter conditions would intensify the hazard.

Further, from the standpoint of long-term planning, such construction would represent an opening wedge for strip development along this attractive forest highway. Tourist trade in this area is highly seasonal, and the result would be a string of floundering business establishments cluttering up the landscape. The home owners would eventually have to pay for this mess, in the form of costs of sewer lines, increased taxes to alleviate the distress of these businesses, and the intangible but serious loss of aesthetic values.

I hope you gentlemen will give careful thought to the consequences of approval of this application. You must be aware that the present trend indicates land use problems being created at a much faster rate than they are being solved. Brush-fire problems of the type described here end up as major problems in a short time. We and our children will end up paying dearly for lack of foresight in planning.

V.M. Carolin, Jr. 9030 S.E. Mill St. Portland

To the Editor:

As a member of the Mt. Hood Woodlands club, and a property owner, I would like to register my protest against allowing Mr. Salazar to build a Polynesian restaurant in the Woodlands area. I do not want the zoning to be anything but Residential-Recreational.

Sincerely, C.T. Novack 7515 N.E. Thirteenth Ave. Portland

To the Editor:

We wish to protest the building of a Polynesian restaurant by Mr. Salazar on Highway 26. The highway improvements are already ruining the wilderness effect of the area. To allow scattered enterprises, can only detract more from the remaining forest beauty. We feel that at present there are ample designated business areas such as Zig Zag and Rhododendron.

Sincerely, George & Ruth Rochat 6826 N.E. Durham Portland

To the Editor:

As a property owner, and taxpayer in your county, I wish to voice my opinion on the zone change which you granted Mr. Salazar to build a restaurant along Highway 26, between Zig Zag and Rhododendron.

The following are several reasons why I feel this was not a very wise decision:

1. In the three and one-half miles from Wildwood to Rhododendron there are ten business establishments which serve food, seven of which serve liquor. I doubt that another restaurant is needed in this area;

2. There is no provision for added cross traffic along this stretch of highway where the average speed is 60 MPH;

3. Highway 26 has been designated as a Scenic Highway. You are encouraging commercial development by granting this zone change, and as you know when you travel down the coast, you can't see the scenery because of the commercial development. Is this what you want to see as you travel to Mt. Hood?

4. There is much talk in Oregon City about sewage problems in Rhododendron. Now you are trying to expand this problem to those of us who own property and cabins outside the polluted area. As you know, the pollution in Rhododendron is mostly from the restaurants there.

This list could go on and on, but these are the main reasons I oppose your action.

Therefore, I request that you reconsider your approval of Mr. Salazar's request for a zone change.

Roland D. Rogers, Chairman Mt. Hood Woodlands Club 545 S.W. 139th Avenue Beaverton, 97005

Incorporation

Incorporation papers recently were filed in Salem for Heidi's Swiss Village Inc., Rt. 1, Box 900, Boring. Directors are Donald B. and Marie P. Eklund and Harry L. Berry.

Sandy girl featured speaker

Featured speaker at the State Association of University of Oregon Women's breakfast on June 13 was Pamela Jester, 1967 graduate of Sandy High School.

The annual meeting, held

Foster parents hold picnic

Together for children, is the theme of the third annual Foster Parents Picnic to be held on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Alpenrose Dairy, 6149 S.W. Shattuck Road.

The Foster Parents Association is sponsoring the picnic for all foster parents, social workers and their families and friends. The annual affair will feature games, rides, and surprises for the kids.

Families planning to attend are asked to provide their own table service, main dish and desert. Coffee will be available at no charge.

Daughter born

Mr. and Mrs. David Seabolt welcomed a baby daughter June 9. Sandra Faye was born at Gresham General Hospital. The family lives at Rt. 3 Box 1285, Boring.

before the graduation ceremony, honors 50 year women graduates, many of whom spoke, telling anecdotes of the campus during World War I years.

Pam, as a member of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, brought greetings from her generation.

To continue her studies in the field of public administration, Pam left for Syracuse, N.Y. on July 17 for a year of graduate work at Syracuse University.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Jester of the Dodge Park area. She attended Cottrell grade school.

T.J.'s THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL Roast Turkey and Dressing 2/\$4 Fish and Chips 2/\$3 Now open 9 a.m. Sundays. T.J.'s Fireside Dining

Comprehensive Plan, Water Needed

A comprehensive plan for the city of Sandy is most urgent. Yet in Monday night's city council meeting it was stated that unless a matching grant is received the city will probably not even get Phase I of such a plan done this year.

The planning commission requested the council to approve a contract for \$3,200 to get the first phase of a three phase comprehensive plan done. Council members stated that no more funds are available in the city budget other than the \$1,000 budgeted for the plan. (See city council story on page 1.)

If this is so, then the planning commission and city council had better find some way to get the money needed for the comprehensive plan. The city is already running into problems because of no such plan. Especially where water is concerned.

If the city fathers do not act on this urgent need then the city will continue

to grow in an uncontrolled pattern. This type of growth usually means a lot of back-tracking as new areas develop at a cost to the taxpayers of this city.

For the past few years developers in the area have waited for the new sewer plant to be built so they could start development of their lands. Now it looks like they might possibly have to wait again until the city is able to get a larger water source.

The city leaders are making a positive move to look into the water problem. A meeting was held with the city engineer last night to discuss the long range plan to meet the water needs of this area.

We feel the city, in order to solve its problems, must have a comprehensive plan and that the city council should look seriously into asking a water bond levy of the voters to get Bull Run water as soon as possible.

Better Communication Helps

Usually when you think of holding an election in the summer months, you would expect a low voter turnout. This was not the case in last week's high school election where 815 voters cast their ballots.

This was the largest number of voters to ever vote in a school election in Sandy, according to school officials.

One of the major reasons for the large turnout and the passing of the levy was due to the poll placed at Welches grade school. The district not only got 146 voters on the mountain to cast their ballots but they also got a majority of yes votes from that area. The vote was 81 for the levy and 65 against.

Next year the district will place all their voting booths in the separate

grade school districts feeding into the high school. This will make voting much easier for the citizens. They will be able to vote both for their grade school district budget and the high school district budget at the same place and at the same time.

This move we feel is a step in better communications between the district and the public. A need for better communications is needed in all the school districts in the Sandy-Hoodland area.

It is not just the responsibility of the school districts. The public has an obligation to communicate to the schools.

With better communications, we feel there will not be the need of three elections to pass a budget as it did the high school levy this year.

Attend Mountain Meeting

We urge those in the Hoodland area to attend the Let's Get Together meeting this Saturday.

The meeting is being held at Welches grade school at 3 p.m.

At the meeting the recommendations for election to the Hoodland Planning Group will be

given.

This meeting is of tremendous importance because the Hoodland Planning Group which is elected will be one of the main information groups which will be working with CH2M in developing the comprehensive plan for the Hoodland area.

The Tax Commission Looks at Tri-Met

It will be interesting to hear an explanation of Tri-Met's budgetary shortcomings.

The Metropolitan County Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission "chided" (as Portland's morning daily put it), Tri-Met for "vague budget procedures and inexact preparations."

We haven't seen the report but apparently Tri-Met budgeted one figure for its general manager, then paid him something else. It also budgeted \$50,000 for outside garage work but made no corresponding reduction in the garage staff.

Too, there was \$100,000 for "unidentified planning studies", 55 positions budgeted but not filled, and top pay for a budget analyst although requirements for the job have not been established.

Apparently, Tri-Met does indeed need a budget analyst.

Also noted was an "overabundance of resources." This, of course, should

raise the hackles of those suburban businessmen who are contributing so generously each year to the Tri-Met largesse.

Multnomah county commissioners also were put on the pan for a number of shortcomings although these seemed more technical than substantive.

The report also noted that the Port of Portland budget went up a whopping 120 per cent. However, just about all of the increase is due to a capital-improvements program, not to increases in line items.

The Tax Supervising Commission has performed a valuable service in spotlighting budgetary deficiencies. The Commission, on which Gresham's Ross Fanning served so long, usually labors with little publicity and scant praise. It's most recent report, on Tri-Met and the county, promises to attract no little attention.

We Wish to Extend to TIMBERLINE TRAILERS, Inc. A Warm Welcome to the Sandy Community. May you have a long and happy stay in this friendly and beautiful area. Clackamas County Bank Clackamas COUNTY BANK Sandy's INDEPENDENT Bank SANDY OREGON 97055 HOODLAND BRANCH, WEMME 672-3111 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OPEN FRIDAYS 11A & P.M.