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Plan Needs Funding

From what information we are able to obtain it appears the city of Sandy has a slim chance on getting funds to help develop a comprehensive plan. (See story page 1 section 1.)

This plan is desperately needed by the area to assure good and well planned growth in the area. The plan is supported by all city officials and they have been delaying any work on such a plan only due to lack of funding.

If the federal grant is gotten, the city will receive \$6,400, this along with some matching city money will provide the city with enough funds to get the much needed plan started.

The only problem in getting the federal funds is that the state only received \$140,000 to be divided for such plans throughout the state. According to state officials, there are \$821,000 in requests from various cities and counties in the state.

HPG Election Important

We were disappointed at both the public and the candidate turnout for the candidate forum held Saturday at Welches Grade School.

Only 22 of the 34 candidates showed to "talk and meet" the public, while only about 40 persons other than candidates showed up for the forum. The Hoodland Planning Group (HPG) election is set for Dec. 13 and we hope there is a better turnout than for this meeting.

The important role which the HPG will play in the planning of the Mt. Hood recreational area demands the concern of all individuals involved in

We do not know what other areas are requesting funds, but feel the Sandy request deserves funding.

Our reasoning is that in recent years this area has been part of the fastest growing population area in the state. If the city does not get a comprehensive plan, it will be lost in the growth and we will be unable to attract wanted industries into the area to employ the people moving here.

Also it is important that Sandy get started on its comprehensive work to match the planning going on in the Hoodland area right now.

Both plans will effect each other and need to be done with co-operation between the planning groups.

The Sandy request has gone without fuding several times before and if it is left out again this year it will be up to the citizens of Sandy to vote a bond issue to get the job done before it is too late, if it is not too late already.

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We hope that the candidate statement and photograph in this week's Post will give those who were unable to attend the meeting a chance to see what some of the candidates look like and think on vital issues concerning the Hoodland area.

Remember when the Dec. 13 voting date arrives, you will have a chance to vote for two district representatives and three at large candidates. Make sure you vote for the candidates who will best represent your views on the planning of the future of the Hoodland area.

Cigarette Levy Is Crucial

Oregon voters will be called on early next year to decide on a 5c-per-pack cigarette tax.

Insiders are saying that the vote may be a lot closer than anyone expects.

This is because the "no" side, which forced the vote via a successful referendum drive late last summer, is well-financed, well-organized and not without its arguments.

Their No. 1 pitch will probably be built around a "cut-your-taxes" theme. They also will pick up support in border communities and from border merchants who profit from sale of cigarettes to out-of-state customers.

Then, too, there are the many smokers who surely will actively oppose the tax. Finally, a selective tax such as this always is subject to

question: It could open the door to who-knows-what the next time around.

Those favoring the tax are less well-organized although senior citizen and teen-age groups reportedly plan to join forces in support of the levy.

It should be made perfectly clear that defeat of the cigarette tax is not going to automatically result in lower taxes. The projected levy would provide about 2% of anticipated state revenue and if this source is closed off, the money will have to come from somewhere else. A blanket cut in state expenditures just isn't possible or feasible.

If the cigarette tax loses and voters refer the federal/state income tax provision, we well could have another special session.

No Expensive Frills

A reader wrote recently saying she had heard that Mt. Hood Community College had spent \$30,000 apiece for two fountains plus "many other such extravagances not necessary and completely uncalled for in educating people."

It was a calm, well-reasoned letter and, we thought, deserved a response.

The facts, per MHCC, are these: The fountains cost \$7,500 and \$5,000 each, or roughly .0005 per cent of the college's \$25 million investment.

They, along with flagpoles, are the only tax-supported ornamental decorations on the campus.

The landscaping consists of native plants and trees, much of which was developed in college horticulture

classes. It is cared for by college work-study students supervised by a small landscape crew.

Buildings were built for an average of \$22 per square foot and are largely concrete shells with some wood railings and colorful carpeting. All are built, or designed, so they can be easily remodeled if the need should arise sometime in the future.

In short, Mt. Hood has been designed with the taxpayer in mind.

No one, inside or outside the college, suggests that taxpayers do not have every right to ask questions. But on the basis of the evidence we've seen so far, construction has been handled on a sensible, economic basis.

Thanksgiving

A TIME TO BE GRATEFUL...



LETTERS To The EDITOR

To The Editor:

On the night of October 24th, the Sandy Fire Dept. raced speedily to an accident (on Cherry Hill)—in which our Kenneth D. Barton, was nearly killed. We know of no way to express our profound appreciation.

Kenneth's conditioned worsened and for three days the doctors gave us no hope at all. It seems he has nearly made medical history—surviving a condition as the result of injuries in which most victims do not.

He may be hospitalized four months, but only due to breaks in his leg—and nothing more serious. At this time, he is "living it up" with nurses, friends and relatives showing their affection. It could so easily have been a much different story.

We simply cannot express our gratitude to the Sandy Fire Department for their swift and successful aid. To each individual involved, Thank you! Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth I. Barton 33 S.E. 91st Avenue Portland, Oregon 97216

To THE Editor:

As another member of the group who attended the Sandy Grade School board meeting on Nov. 9, I am not ashamed. It was an example of exactly the way a democracy goes about instituting changes—by learning how the people feel and voting accordingly.

Mrs. Perkins, in her letter of Nov. 18, failed to state that she was only 1 of 2 or 3 speaking against a more liberal dress code whereas at least 20 of the 50 or more present spoke in favor of it. As for supporting the schools, among those "pro-pants" people attending this meeting were many I know who worked long and hard to get the bond issue passed and have done so in the past few years. I heard no threats from these people but they did ask questions concerning the legality of imposing dress standards and expressed disappointment that a poll of the community and teachers was not taken.

Mrs. Perkins asks what has happened to tolerance, common sense and a sense of values. Does it show tolerance and common sense to threaten to deny a child an education because of what he wears? Is the age-old habit of judging a person by his appearance a value we really want to perpetuate?

If Mrs. Perkins is ashamed that the dress code issue is even

an "issue" perhaps she ought to examine just what rules are making an issue of it. That's exactly why most of us attended that school board meeting—to urge that undue emphasis on dress be avoided. The only thing on which Mrs. Perkins and I seem to agree is that Dan TenEyck does stand tall—as do all the other members of the board who work long, uncompensated hours on this and much more important problems.

Arlene Bradford Rt. 2, Box 303 Sandy, Oregon 97055

To The Editor:

I must reply to Mrs. Perkins "tolerant" letter only because it presents the image of angry parents shaking their fist, demanding their rights, and using foul language at the School Board Meeting of Nov. 9, 1971. This was not the case. Under very good leadership by the school board, each person present had the opportunity to express his opinion in an orderly fashion.

I was a member of a committee charged to investigate the legality and feasibility of a dress code. The problem arose when the members of the committee interpreted these facts differently, concerning the issue of allowing girls to wear pants, boys length of hair, and what was disruptive to the learning process.

At the meeting I stated that any code must be able to stand up in court. I interpreted my findings to say: a child's legal rights were being violated if the school denied him an education on the bases of his preference in fashion. This was not a threat but a statement of fact. I based this on the findings of the conference held between the Oregon Bar Assoc. and School Administrators, reports by the Oregon Board of Education, Civil Liberties and the handbook "School Rules and the Constitution." I stated this because I do not want my tax dollars fighting this issue and the school administrators spending time in court when it can be better spent at school, educating.

Of the fifteen schools we visited, eleven said that their lenient dress code did not cause problems or disrupt the school. The other schools could not show me facts, only opinions, that a mode of dress might hurt a child's learning. It seemed to me that the rule caused the disruption not the style of dress.

Mrs. Perkins talks about

support of school. I can't recall her volunteering for any committee during the year I was P.T.A. president. Also I have spent long hours "getting out the vote" on the last three bond elections and I have not been offered her help.

The meeting the other night was democracy in action, where people are allowed to express their opinions openly. Many of the people there have served their community well in the past.

This was not an attack or anyone personally. I was against this one rule not the school. We have dedicated, hardworking school administration who go far beyond their paid duties to give our children a good education. Our school board has a thankless job. Few in our community realize the hard long hours they spend to see that our school is run properly.

Many will talk about conditions they like or dislike but few are willing to put forth a working effort. I hope more of you will become involved in our community and school.

I'm not ashamed to stand up for what I believe in.

Ginny Brewster Rt. 1, Box 1500 Sandy, Oregon

Skyways expands

Skyways Aviation Supply, a division of Skyways, Inc., Portland-Troutdale Airport, has been appointed authorized King Radio Corporation wholesale distributor for King radio equipment and parts used by light and medium aircraft in the Northwest, Canada and Alaska.

Annexation vote Jan. 11

A Jan. 11 date has been set for an election on annexation of portions of the east and west banks of the Sandy River to Troutdale.

The election will be held at the George Smith, Rt. 3, Box 19, Troutdale, home on the Columbia River Highway. The election was requested in a remonstrance petition from resident of Jackson Park Road on the river's west bank.

OSU honors students

Four students at Oregon State University from the Gresham area will be honored for scholastic achievements Nov. 30.

They are Gerard J. Bomotti and Betty K. Shively of Boring, both in science; Stephen C. Walker of Fairview, also in science, and Jeffrey A. Morey of Gresham in agriculture.

They will be given special recognition at a university Juniors Honors Accolade, sponsored by the OSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national

scholastic honorary. To qualify for junior honors, students must have grade averages of B plus or better through their sophomore year.

Outboard gone

An outboard motor valued at \$425 was reported stolen Nov. 17 from a boat belonging to Forest Lee, 15816 NE Halsey.

Station hit

The Arco service station at 18025 NE Halsey was reported robbed Nov. 18, of \$707 in cash, according to sheriff's reports.

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