

County "yields" to public pressure

will change road sign



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The "stop" sign on N. Cherryville Rd. is scheduled to go down and the county will place a "yield" sign on Hillcrest Rd. where it intersects with N. Cherryville Rd.

The Clackamas County Commissioners took this action Jan. 6 following citizen protest over the "stop" sign placed on the steep grade of N. Cherryville Rd.

The Post along with the Sandy Grade School District and approximately 80 residents and users of the roads supported the removal of the "stop" sign due to the hazard which it created by stopping vehicles on the steep grade of N. Cherryville Rd.

The original request for removal was made to the county early in November.

MOST PRACTICAL WAY

In agreeing to make the sign change, the county Public Works Department director John McIntyre stated to the commissioners that "this recommendation was formulated on the basis that this is the most practical way to handle the matter and not on sound engineering principles. At such time as the traffic increases appreciably on Hillcrest Road, this matter should be reviewed."

County Commissioner Tom Telford in a conversation with the Post on Monday stated that he was disappointed that it had taken the county's Public Works Department to give a recommendation.

PETITIONS SPARK ACTION

The commissioners had requested the Public Works Department to look into the situation in November upon receiving petitions from residents requesting such a study be made.

In an interview in the Dec. 23 issue of the Post, county road supervisor Morgan Straight had stated that county records had shown the sign to have always been on N. Cherryville Rd. Yet in his investigation for the commissioners, he reported that the county installed a "stop" sign on N. Cherryville Rd. only "several months ago" when the county maintenance crews "observed that a stop sign was installed on Hillcrest Road at its intersection with the N. Cherryville Rd."

In the report to the commissioners, a history of how the county came to put the sign on N. Cherryville was given:

"Several months ago our sign maintenance crews observed that a stop sign was installed on Hillcrest Road at its intersection with the North Cherryville Road. The road records were researched and it was determined that no official action was ever taken by the County for

the installation of this sign. In fact, it was later determined that this sign was never installed by our crews, as it was a type which we are not using in areas similar to this. Since the sign was illegally placed, it was immediately removed by our crews.

"It was apparent to Mr. Straight that the residents of the area desired some type of traffic control at this intersection since they had taken matters into their own hands by placing the sign. For that reason he had it reinstalled on the Cherryville Road (a dead end road) at its intersection with Hillcrest. This installation was then consistent with our policy of allowing a non-interrupted traffic flow of collectors at their intersections with local streets. This action was made official by Court Order dated September 13, 1971."

TRAFFIC VOLUME

The county conducted a standard traffic investigation in November of the traffic volume on the two roads and found that Hillcrest Rd. at this intersection "has a traffic volume of approximately 230 cars per day, while the N. Cherryville Rd. has a traffic count of 120."

In its recommendation to the commissioners, the Public Works Department commented that the grade of N. Cherryville Rd. should be considered as one factor. Additional factors considered according to their report were:

"1. We have no record of any accidents which occurred at this intersection, either prior to the installation of the sign or after.

"2. Many of the people who would be inconvenienced by the placing of the stop sign on a collector street have signed the Petition requesting that this sign be installed.

"3. The volume of traffic (230 cars per day) existing on Hillcrest Road is extremely low for a road classified as a collector.

"Therefore, our recommendations regarding this matter are as follows:

1. Remove the stop sign which we have placed on North Cherryville Road.
2. Clear the brush on the school property at the intersection of Hillcrest Road and North Cherryville Road.
3. Place a "yield" sign on Hillcrest Road at its intersection with North Cherryville. This will eliminate the stopping of traffic on North Cherryville Road and will allow traffic on Hillcrest Road to be uninterrupted except at times when traffic flow is encountered on the North Cherryville Road."

This intersection is located several miles east of Sandy off of Cherryville Dr.

Wild car chase down mountain nets suspects

Following a wild car chase from Rhododendron to Gresham, two persons were arrested and charged with burglary of a Rhododendron service station.

William J. Pence, 18 of Portland was arrested by Clackamas County sheriff's deputies and charged with burglary. Bail was set at \$1,500. A 17-year-old juvenile was also arrested and accused of attempted assault and attempting to elude police officers, as well as burglary.

Sheriff's deputies were informed that a burglary was in progress at the service station at 12:50 a.m. Sunday. A witness supplied the officers with a description of the auto allegedly used by the burglars.

Ten minutes later, deputies James McQuay and John Haub spotted a vehicle matching the description of the wanted car on U.S. 26 near Cherryville. The driver fled when the officers attempted to stop the car.

The chase continued through Sandy where the Sandy police also became involved in the chase. The chase finally ended at a police road block at 3rd St. and E. Burnside in Gresham. During the chase speeds of up to 100 m.p.h. ensued, according to the sheriff deputies.

Dick Petrie, owner of the service station in Rhododendron where the burglary occurred, stated to the Post on Monday that most of the things stolen had been returned to the station by the police. Articles not returned have been kept for evidence in the case by the police, he said.

Petitions oppose project

A petition against a planned 45-unit low income housing project for the city of Sandy is now being circulated.

The proposed complex is currently before the city planning commission. The commission last night continued a public hearing from Jan. 5 on the issue. (Last night's meeting concluded too late to meet press deadline for the Post and action on the issue will be reported in the Post next week.)

The project is proposed for the area between Hood St. and Scenic Ave. and a zone change from R-1 to R-3 is necessary in order for the project to be built.

Wilbur Sulzbach of Sandy presented the proposal along with representatives from Builders Design, Inc., of Portland.

The federal government will allow \$12,500 for the proposed development if the zone change is granted, according to the developers.

Those circulating the petition against the proposal state that they are in favor of keeping the proposed area of the project for single family residents and not for multi-family housing.

Meeting scheduled on Proctor Ave. completion plans

A meeting to discuss future work on Proctor Ave. has been set for Monday night (Jan. 17) at the city hall in Sandy. The meeting will be to discuss future plans with representatives from the State Highway Commission.

The city council and the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce are working together to put pressure on the state to set aside funds in the 1973 state budget for the completion of Proctor Ave. in Sandy.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. and is open to the public. It will be an informational meeting to find out what plans the state has and what the city is hoping to have done to the street when it is completed, according to city officials.

Col. Baker elected

The Hoodland Planning Group (HPG) is scheduled to hold a meeting tonight at Bowman's starting at 7:30. The meeting is to review work of the comprehensive plan being developed by CH2M.

At their meeting last week, Col. Jack Baker a representative from the Rhododendron District was elected chairman of the HPG.

The meeting tonight is scheduled as a work session by the planning group.



THIRD AVE. in Sandy has been blocked off down to one lane of travel during the past week as city crews complete installation of the sewer line to new apartments on the corner of Pleasant St. and Third Ave. Here

the pipe is being lowered into place. Further down the street a cement mixer can be seen as well as more of the ditch where the sewer line is to be placed. The new city sewer plant and line is to be in

operation by next fall, according to city officials. Recently the city council voted the first increase in sewer rates in 22 years.

(Post photo)

Hoodland restaurant gets county approval

The Clackamas County Commissioners gave the go-ahead to a planned restaurant in the Hoodland area last Friday.

The commissioners okayed plans by developer William F. Brenner of Beaverton for a restaurant at the site of the old Welches School on the corner of Highway 26 and Welches Rd. across from the Hoodland Park Plaza Shopping Center.

However, the commissioners did delay any further action on the rest of the plans Brenner has for the 5.5 acre site.

LARGE COMPLEX

Brenner is seeking to locate a 100 unit motel-condominium and restaurant on the site. The commissioners have held hearings on the total plan but stated

Extension denied for Rhododendron

Green development

Extension time on the Rhododendron Green development in Rhododendron was denied by a vote of 8 to 0 by the Clackamas County Planning Commission on Monday night.

The development, which had meant much local opposition when proposed, can not be developed unless the promoters go back before the planning commission with new plans for public hearings, according to county officials.

In other action by the commission, they approved with conditions a request for expansion of a non-conforming use by Clarence Freeman.

The request is for property at the end of Alder Drive in the Aldercreek area. Freeman is planning to add one 40 ft. by 60 ft. building to be used for baling of cedar tee and one 40 foot high storage bin for wood waste products to existing operation. This addition is necessary due to phase-out of burners in compliance with air pollution regulations.

Friday that they would wait for the completion of the comprehensive plan now being developed in the Hoodland area before taking action on the rest of Brenner's development.

The plan is being developed by the firm Cornell, Howland, Hayes, Merryfield and Hill Company (CH2M). They are working on the plan with the help of local groups in the Hoodland area including the Hoodland Planning Group (HPG). The study has been funded by federal and county grants totaling \$24,000.

Previously to this motion Friday, the commissioners had approved the total development providing that the developers could meet 15 conditions set out by the commissioners. These conditions mainly pertained to the sewage and drainage problems in the area.

The commissioners on Friday stated

that these problems were still present and the density of the proposed development was a major factor in delaying any action on the total development at the present time.

MUCH INTEREST

This development created much interest in the Hoodland area when it was proposed and first went before the county commissioners on Nov. 8, 1971.

The restaurant is scheduled to be built on 1.5 acres of the site leaving the remaining four acres for the condominium and motel units.

Originally when this plan had been brought before the HPG several months ago the group only was in favor of the restaurant and the motel units. But in a second meeting the HPG recommended to the county commissioners in favor of the total project.

Howard Berger recognized as First Citizen



HOWARD BERGER, standing on the left, accepts the First Citizen Award from Ivan Barker standing on the right. Berger was presented the award at the Sandy Chamber of Commerce installation dinner

Monday night. Also seated at the front table were Mrs. Barker and Tony Bryant seated to the right of Barker and Mel Lamm to the far right.

(Post photo)

Cigarette tax vote Tuesday

Voters throughout in Sandy and the rest of the state will be voting on the cigarette tax issue on Jan. 18.

There have been many different views on the proposed 5 cent tax. The Post went to a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Gresham this week and heard several different views expressed on the tax issue.

State Senator Earl Haas, D-Portland, and Representative Frank Roberts, D-Portland, discussed their positions on the measure.

Roberts who said he voted against the measure as it was originally passed by the legislature said he now was going to vote for the cigarette tax. Haas said he still was opposed to the measure.

There was one question of fact in the discussion. Roberts said the cigarette tax had a direct relation to low income homeowners' real property tax relief.

Haas countered that it had no bearing because if the tax passed it would go into the general fund without earmarks.

He favored a complete overhaul of the tax program for the state. Roberts agreed but said it couldn't be done immediately.

The recent special session of the legislature passed a bill which would cut all state budgets 2 per cent if the cigarette tax fails, plus another 2 per cent if the referendum on state income taxes goes to the voters.

(There is now a petition being circulated which calls for a vote of the people on whether the state income tax should continue to be tied to the federal income tax. The federal tax has added some exemption which will reflect on the state tax.)

Haas said that 40 per cent of the 4 cents per pack tax now paid on cigarettes in Oregon was paid for by Washington state buyers. This is because the cigarette tax in Washington is much higher.

Both men agreed that the state was in trouble financially. Haas asked for a complete tax reform. Roberts agreed, but said it couldn't be done immediately.

Haas said he thought the governor would call a special session of the legislature if the cigarette tax goes down. Robert said he did not think the governor would.

Howard Berger was honored by the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Monday night as the First Citizen of Sandy.

Berger, who grew up in the Sandy area and has been with Clackamas County Bank since 1958, was honored at the annual installation dinner for new officers of the Chamber.

Installed as president of the Chamber for 1972 was Brother Barnabas. He takes over from Tony Bryant who remains as a member of the board of directors.

Other officers installed were vice president Mel Lamm; secretary Dorothy Depro; and treasurer Betty Hartman.

The board of directors other than the officers for 1972 are Pete Carlson, Berger, Ken Hallgren, Elaine Decker and Bryant.

Berger in achieving the award was recognized for his life long work for the betterment of the Sandy community. Most recently he has served as president

of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind which held its dedication for the Garden of Enchantment at the Oral Hull Park this summer.

Berger was a member of the local development corporation which brought Timberline Trailers to the area and is currently seeking more industry for Sandy.

He is currently the chairman of the Sandy Planning Commission.

Ivan Barker, a former winner of the award, presented the First Citizen Award to Berger and said "the list is endless in the number of ways and committees which Howard has served on and has been chairman of in the Sandy area."

Chamber seeking

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