

Report calls for conservation of Mt. Hood area environment

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The population of the Mt. Hood community could increase from the present 5,300 people to 170,000 if present development trends continue unchecked in this area.

This startling projection is part of the recently completed comprehensive plan report done by Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, Engineers and Planners. (CH2M).

The firm did the plan for the Hoodland area with the help of the local citizen advisory group the Hoodland Planning Group (HPG) and the Clackamas County Planning Department.

The first public hearing on the published report will be held on Jan. 20, 2 p.m. at Welches Grade School. The meeting is a Let's Get Together meeting sponsored by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce.

Attending the meeting, will be officials from CH2M, Clackamas County, US Forest Service and members of the HPG. Col. Jack Baker, chairman of the HPG, will act as chairman of the meeting.

Representatives of CH2M will give a presentation of the finished report and public discussion concerning it will be held. All interested citizens are urged to attend the meeting by Chamber officials.

In the 136 page report, CH2M organized it into four sections: perspective; issues, problems and needs; background; and the plan.

According to the report, "the perspective contains the working philosophy behind the plan. The issues, problems and needs section is a statement of things crucial to the community's long-range planning program. The background describes the physical base, historical setting, predominant land use pattern, and

planning assumptions. Five major elements, together with community objectives and policies to govern their implementations, comprise the plan section: conservation, development, growth, management and environmental capacity. Of these, the development element is the most extensive, with specific attention given to housing, business, recreation, circulation, services and village identity."

In the perspective section, it is stated "the intent of the plan should be the development of a mountain community in which there are many areas for living, for recreation, and for business, all tied to a common goal—the conservation of the Mt. Hood environment as an irreplaceable resource."

The plan has been developed to establish guidelines to serve the area during the next few years when there "will be pressures for intensive and indiscriminate

development."

The report states there are 2,600 permanent residents and 2,700 seasonal visitors in the area. Also it points to 25 new developments underway in the narrow corridor between Alder Creek and Rhododendron and the problems of "sewage disposal, pollution of the streams, erosion of the hillsides, damage to the vegetation and trees, and proliferation of unsightly buildings as well as the increasing problems of weekend ski traffic and parking for visitors."

The report calls these "some seemingly insurmountable problems" which will continue to increase, "compounding present problems, and creating new ones."

The report does cite the need to require "developers to bring an environmental

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Report recommends Scenic designation for Sandy River

Dates have been set for the public hearings on the proposal to designate 12.5 miles of the Sandy River Gorge as a scenic waterway. The meetings will be held on Jan. 23 in Portland at the Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 1002 N.E. Holladay St. and at the Odd Fellows Hall in Sandy on Jan. 24.

Both meetings will consist of a public informational session from 2 to 5 p.m. followed by a public hearing at 7 p.m., according to State Highway officials.

The State Highway Division report, which was just completed on the 12.5 mile segment of the Sandy River between Dodge Park in Clackamas County and Dabney State Park in Multnomah County, recommends the scenic waterway designation.

The illustrated report, describing the river and its canyon in terms of scenic qualities, recreational potential, land ownership and present land uses, proposes administrative rules intended to protect

scenic beauty and natural values within the gorge itself, while permitting appropriate development to continue where it would not impair the scenic river splendor.

Copies of the report and additional information may be obtained from Robert K. Potter, Scenic Waterways Coordinator, State Highway Building, Salem 97310, or from Frank Stiles, District Parks Supervisor, 8009 East Burnside Street, Portland 97215.

According to George Baldwin, administrator of highways, this report and the "public input at the hearings will be important to the Highway Commission when it considers action on the proposal. If the Commission recommends scenic waterway status for the Sandy River and the State Water Resources Board concurs, the Governor could then make the designation, although he is not bound to do so. These decisions have not yet been made."

Those who are unable to attend the hearings may submit written statements to the State Highway Commission, State Highway Building, Salem, Oregon 97310, prior to Feb. 6, 1973.

Public meetings to discuss the qualifications of this stretch of the Sandy River for inclusion in the Scenic Waterways System were held last July 11 and 13 in Portland and Sandy. Presently there are six rivers, or segments of rivers, and related adjacent land included in the Scenic Waterways System. These are segments of the Rogue River, Illinois River, Deschutes River, Owyhee River, and the John Day River, and the entire Minam River.

Sandy grade building bids being accepted

Bids will close Jan. 23 for the construction of new classrooms in the Sandy Elementary District.

According to district superintendent Tony Bryant, bids will be accepted for both the new wing at the upper grade and at Firwood separately or together.

The district voters approved an \$875,000 building bond last June which also included remodeling of the district kitchen and a new Instructional Materials Center (library).

Proctor Ave. improvement plans on file

The city of Sandy now has available drawings of the proposed plans for completion of Proctor Ave. The city will participate with the State Highway Division in funds to complete the street late this spring.

The city officials have held several meetings with landowners on Proctor Ave. to inform them of the pending construction work.

For those wishing to inspect the proposed plans, contact the city hall where the plans are on file for public inspection.

In other city council news, the council appointed Jerry Lawson to the planning commission and also re-appointed Howard Berger to the commission.

There are still two openings yet to be filled. Present members include Abe McLean, Jerry Swails, Mrs. Kay McCurdy, Olin Bignall and Ed Burke.

Berger was the chairman of the commission the past year and Burke is the lone council member serving on the commission.

The council is continuing discussion on the straightening of S. Bluff Rd. where a trailer park is currently being developed. A report at the next council meeting on Feb. 5 is expected on progress of the road work.

Also at the February meeting, the newly hired city administrator Carl Hatfield, Jr. will officially attend his first council meeting after taking office on Feb. 1.

Hatfield has been working part-time with the council since accepting the position in December.

The work on the kitchen is completed and the new materials center is now being used as a classroom.

"We will not be able to completely finish the center until we move into the new classrooms," said Bryant.

Bryant said the district is projecting a September completion date for the addition at Firwood. This addition will hopefully eliminate the use of the old Sandy Ridge School for next year.

The completion date projected for the new upper grade wing is by the first of December.

Once the upper grade wing is completed, the new library center will be completed and the district offices will be moved into the trailer which presently houses the library, according to Bryant.

The architect firm for the new construction is Bloodworth, Hawes and Peterson from Tigard.



THE SANDY Centennial and Barlow Road Days buttons are now on sale. The buttons proclaim "It's Dandy In Sandy" as co-chairman of the Centennial Committee Hazel Murray, center, tells new Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce president Mel Lamm and his secretary Linda Kuehn.

Hazel convinced Mel so well that he purchased four buttons. The buttons cost a donation of at least 25 cents and are available at local businesses. The Centennial Committee is also selling Centennial coins. These coins are available at the Clackamas County Bank.

(Post photo)

Chamber slates installation dinner Jan. 22

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual installation banquet on Jan. 22 at Heidi's. The new officers for 1973 will be installed at the dinner.

Mel Lamm of Sandy Insurance Company will be the new Chamber president taking over from Brother Barnabas SSP.

Other officers to be installed are Jim Patrick, vice president; Tony Bryant, treasurer; and Mrs. Dorothy Depro, secretary.

A cocktail hour prior to the banquet will be held at TJ's restaurant. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person and tickets are being sold by Chamber members.

Featured speaker at the banquet will be Miller McClung, Assistant Director of the Oregon Historical Society, in keeping with the Centennial Year theme of the Sandy area.

Joe DeMarsh, superintendent of Sandy High School District, will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Students get course choice through cluster approach

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Several citizen advisory committees are working with the staff and administration of Sandy High School to restructure the district's courses into cluster programs. Math, social science, science, English, and vocational programs all are slated to be developed into cluster programs in the next few years.

"The idea behind cluster programs is to give the student a choice of different areas in each course cluster to study," said district superintendent Joe DeMarsh.

Before the course cluster concept, a student was told he would study a subject by taking a certain course, now the student will take the subject, but he will have a choice of several different courses in each subject area.

The school districts in the state are moving to these course clusters to make better use of an instructor's knowledge in certain courses and to give the student the chance to earn a better competence in a course.

"Now instead of telling a student to take a year of Modern Problems, we can let the student select from several different courses in the Modern Problems cluster which will meet the requirements towards graduation," said DeMarsh.

Along with this move to the cluster programs, the district is developing "on the job experience" into many of its courses.

Also, the new state requirements for graduation which allows a student 10 electives and 11 required areas of study will allow a student the chance to take more courses in the field he or she is most interested, according to DeMarsh.

With a student taking more courses in a field of study and also attaining work experience in this field, the district ad-



WITH THE cold weather hanging on in the Sandy area, local streams have created many ice sculptures along their banks. Here the ice has been formed into the shape of several long beaked birds sitting on the rock in the middle of the stream. (Post photo)



IF YOU want to see some icicles, visit any of the local streams and rivers. The recent cold weather in the Sandy area has created many interesting ice sculptures along the banks of the rivers. This view is from Revenue Bridge along the Sandy River. (Post photo)

ministration believes the student will be better equipped to work or attain further education following high school.

Presently the Business cluster is nearing completion, according to DeMarsh, and the cluster programs in Industrial and Mechanical fields and the Agriculture field

are next in line to be completed.

"We are always interested in hearing from citizens who would like to serve on a citizen advisory committee," said DeMarsh. "Also from anyone who can help us get work experience for our students."

Police report clearing three burglaries here

The Sandy police cleared three burglaries this week and are in the process of clearing a fourth.

Sandy police chief Fred Punzel told the Post Tuesday, "We have cleared the burglaries at the Trails Cafe, Sandy Cycle Shop and Sandy Elementary School and are hoping to complete the investigation on the burglary at Sandy Lumber Company soon."

These burglaries all took place within the past two weeks in Sandy along with the burglary of William's Thriftway.

Chief Punzel said the investigation of the burglary at Thriftway was still in process and it was still undetermined how much money had been taken from the store's safe.

Arrests in the four burglaries which are being cleared are pending "following the completion of the investigation," said Punzel.

Police did recover the motorcycle and motorcycle helmet stolen from the Sandy Cycle Shop. These were found at a residence in Gresham.

Also candy bars stolen from the Trails Cafe have been recovered and some of the money stolen from the cafe and lumber company has been accounted for by the police.

Punzel told the Post, many items taken from Sandy Lumber Company were in the process of being recovered.

Firemen respond to three calls

The Sandy Rural Fire district reported two first aid calls and one bomb threat during the past week.

A first aid run on Highway 26 and Weber Rd. was reported on Jan. 3 at 7:45 a.m. Doug Ruml, Rt. 1, Box 491, Boring was reported injured in a ditch along side the road. According to the report, Ruml was found to be uninjured.

Mrs. Stella Beasley, Rt. 2 Box 390, Sandy, was transported to the hospital on Jan. 5 after slipping on the ice and injuring her back at Ron and Franks Market.

On Jan. 4 a bomb threat proved to be a false alarm at Sandy High School.

Call legislator

If you want to find out about action at the 1972 state legislature, call 1-800-452-0290.

The toll-free connection became available this week with the opening of the legislative session. Anyone who desires information on the status of legislation can call the Salem number and find out what's happening.