

Controlling growth of Mt. Hood area important to land use planning



THE MT. HOOD area is known as the "Fun Summit" and this past weekend was no exception as both the weather and the snow conditions were excellent. The snow

level is not as high as it is normally for this time of year, but it has been excellent in recent weeks according to area skiers. The future of the Mt. Hood area was discussed at a meeting held on Saturday. This was

the first public review of the comprehensive plan being developed for the Mt. Hood area. This photo was taken at sunrise.

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Review begins of county planners by committee

The review of the Clackamas County Planning Commission and its director James Hall has begun. The recently appointed review committee held its first meeting last week.

Members of the committee are John W. Foster, Milwaukie; Robert Lohman, West Linn; Charlie Lucht, Molalla; I. Wayne Mansfield, Milwaukie; Carl Rhodes, Lake Oswego; and Bryce Rutledge, Clackamas. At the meeting last week, the committee unanimously elected Lohman, West Linn municipal court judge, as committee chairman. Also the committee moved to ask a realtor from the Canby area to be the final member of the committee.

The six committee members present at the meeting were appointed by the

Hickey charged in burglary

Steven C. Hickey, 20, Brightwood has been charged with second degree burglary in connection with the breaking and entering of Cedar Plaza Department Store in Sandy.

The police arrested Hickey on Jan. 21 at 3:45 a.m. and lodged him in the Clackamas County jail and a \$1,505 bail has been set, according to the police record.

The police also took into custody on Jan. 19 two 17-year-old females for second degree theft at Ron and Franks Market in Sandy.

The girls are from Zig Zag and Government Camp and were lodged with the Clackamas County juvenile authorities.

State slates sewage regulations hearing

Public hearings are slated on the proposed revision of Oregon's subsurface sewage regulations. These regulations could effect Clackamas County greatly by restricting further development in the county without sewer systems, if approved.

The State Health Department has set a hearing day for Jan. 31 at the Portland State Office Building room 36, starting at 9 a.m.

The proposed new set of rules applying to cesspool work repeals or amends the bulk of the existing regulations. The generalized terms in the rules will be replaced by specific definitions.

Clackamas County Commissioners. The commissioners called for the formation of this review committee following a public meeting to hear allegations against the planning commission and its director on Nov. 1, 1972.

In the meeting last week, review committee members were given a 125 page transcript of the Nov. 1 meeting.

The charge of this review committee by the county commissioners is to determine through the transcript and any witnesses they may call if the planning commission, planning director, or the planning staff has done anything improper.

If the review committee does wish to call for additional statements from persons, it has no subpoena power, according to the county commissioners.

In answer to a question from one of the committee members, commissioner Bob Schumacher said the county district attorney's office had found no cause for criminal action in its review of the transcript of the meeting.

The Nov. 1 meeting had been called by the commissioners following allegations by Mrs. Doris Gately, a member of the

Stefani blames Telford for budget problems

In a letter to the editor in this week's Post, Clackamas County Commissioner Fred Stefani attacked the "fiscal responsibility" of fellow commissioner Tom Telford.

Stefani says in his letter (page 2) "Telford's continued lack of fiscal responsibility has been the damaging factor to the county budget; yet last week he stated that the budget would be the first matter he would deal with as chairman of the board. I submit to you that the county cannot afford anymore of this kind of 'dealing' with the budget."

Commissioner Stefani cited four times during the past year where Telford insisted on the approval of salary increases. These included: "(1) Salary increases to approximately 15 employees of the sheriff's department amounting to more than \$5,000 for the next six months. (2) Medical coverage of all employees' dependents at a cost to the county of approximately \$70,000 for six months. (3) Providing a \$10,000 life insurance policy (in addition to the existing \$4,000 policy) for the sheriff's officers. (4) Illegal retroactive pay on Nov. 6, 1972 to 10 clerical employees in the sheriff's department in the amount of \$4,219."

According to Stefani, the tactics used by commissioner Telford have "undermined labor negotiations which has resulted in the clobbering of the budget in the middle of this fiscal year (1972-1973)."

county advisory planning group. She charged there were over 20 changes in the new county zoning ordinances which the county planning director James Hall did not inform the county planning commission of when it gave approval to the new ordinances on Sept. 11, 1972.

Mrs. Gately charges that Hall had told the planning commission the new ordinances were the same as before only they had been restructured and codified.

The next meeting of the review committee has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the courthouse in Oregon City.

Canby realtor accepts position

Duane Weeks, Canby-area realtor, has accepted a position on the review committee which is looking into charges against the Clackamas County Planning Department.

With the addition of Weeks, the committee is now complete.

The conservation and protection of the Mt. Hood environment are the keys to the comprehensive plan for the Mt. Hood area. The preliminary land use plan was presented to a crowd of over 300 persons Saturday. The meeting was sponsored by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce.

The land use study for the 85,000 acre corridor from Cherryville to Government Camp was recently completed by CH2M-Hill, a Portland based engineering firm. Also attending the meeting were county planning officials and members of the Hoodland Planning Group.

Col. Jack Baker, chairman of the HPG, stated the theory behind the plan was to protect the Mt. Hood environment and to prevent the Hoodland corridor from

becoming another "20 Miserable Miles", referring to Lincoln County on the coast.

County Planning Director James Hall told the audience that the preliminary plan "is not the final statement, we are seeking to get more funds to complete the project."

"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—the conservation of the Mt. Hood environment as an irreplaceable resource," the report said.

A review of the report was given by Edmund Ames, of CH2M-Hill.

Ames said the plan recognizes there will be growth on the mountain in future years and it does not advocate "to preserve the

mountain by maintaining the status quo nor by encouraging unbridled development."

The plan according to Ames, provides for a framework insuring continued environmental quality and a check against uncontrolled growth.

Much of the report was used to list criteria to follow to best utilize the land for development in the mountain area. Among the criteria listed were:

Development should not occur on slopes that are considered too steep for good construction.

Sewer and water systems are needed to meet the demands of growth.

Soils, which are found not to be suitable for development should not have developments.

And a scenic and recreational use should be in the flood hazard areas and no developments.

The plan projects a population of 11,000 people on septic tanks and subsurface disposal systems, but with full sewer service to the developments on the mountain then the population could skyrocket to 90,000 to 120,000 people.

The optimum population though would be between 38,500 and 67,500 Ames said.

Throughout the report, it was stated a need for more in-depth planning for each of the communities on the mountain.

The HPG will be holding more meetings during the next few weeks to discuss the plan, according to Baker.

County-wide dispatch system proposed

A demonstration of the proposed county-wide 911 central dispatch system was presented to the Sandy Rural Fire District board in a special meeting Tuesday night.

The proposed system is expected to be installed in the county within the next five years, according to Sandy fire chief Bob Rathke.

The presentation was given by Dick Bass head of county communications and civil defense. He is the person who will coordinate the 911 system in Clackamas County.

The fire board presently is considering a proposal by chief Rathke to consolidate the Sandy fire district dispatch service with the Boring and Estacada fire district dispatch services. (See article in Jan. 18, 1973, Post.)

One of the main reasons chief Rathke has proposed the joint dispatch service is because of the county-wide 911 system.

"By going in with Boring and Estacada now, we can save any money we would put into a dispatch center now at Sandy. It does not appear to be a good policy to invest money in capital expenditures for so short a period of time," said Rathke.

Under the 911 system all county fire and police dispatches will be handled through one central dispatch office.

The volunteers of the Sandy district have gone on record against the proposal in a secret vote 26 no to 8 yes.

In their letter to the board (see letters to

the editor page 2), the volunteers stated "that the partial closure of the station, uncertainty of future costs and possible future consolidations outweighed the advantages of this proposal at this time."

The fire board will discuss this issue again at its regular meeting on Feb. 13, 8 p.m., at the fire hall in Sandy.

Fire board members have expressed an interest to hear from people living in the Sandy district concerning the issue.

Fire election date changed

The Sandy Rural Fire District bond issue seeking \$190,000 will go before the voters on March 26.

In last week's Post, it was reported the issue would be before the voters on March 6. This past week the date of the election was changed.

The bond issue will be used to purchase equipment and substation facilities and to establish a minimum base from which the district can plan for future growth.

Centennial events begin on Feb. 11

Centennial activities are beginning in the Sandy-Hoodland area as 1973 begins. The dedication ceremony which officially kicks-off the Centennial celebration is set for Feb. 11.

This day will be filled with activities for the whole family and will make the beginning of the Sandy Centennial and Barlow Road Days.

The official dedication ceremony is set for 3 p.m. at the City Hall. Other events on that day include a Community Beef dinner, presentation of the Centennial Book, a concert, ox team wagon rides, open house at the post office, and square dancing. The dinner will start at 12 noon.

Welfare aid meeting set

The attention of mothers receiving aid to dependent children (ADC) and others receiving welfare aid is called to a meeting at the Sandy Community Action Center on Monday, Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Howard Knytych, of Development Opportunity, Inc., Oregon City, will be present to lead discussion. He has met with

similar groups in other parts of Clackamas County.

The purpose of the meeting is to find how each can help the other and ease common problems.

Einer Beck will be present to offer experience gained in similar meetings at Molalla.

Refreshments will be served and a warm welcome offered to all men and women who attend.

Recycling center to be close

The students at Sandy High School will close down the recycling center at the school until Feb. 5.

Student body president Bruce Bradshaw said the center was being closed to allow the students to re-organize the committees handling the center and to clean up the area.

Five attend drug course

Five area residents left last Sunday for a special two week course in drug abuse prevention in Oakland, Calif.

The course and the cost of sending the local people to it is being sponsored through a federal grant from the Office of Education, according to Jim Ayers.

Ayers is one of the local residents enrolled in the course. Also making the trip are city police chief Fred Punzel, Jim Duff representing the city council and Sandy Elementary Grade School District, and high school students Connie Eldridge and Tom O'Harrow.

Ayers will represent the Community Action Center of Sandy at the special training.

Upon return from the course, these people will be responsible for setting up programs in the Sandy community to help fight the drug problems in the area.

"This will include youth programs and possibly a counseling center," said Ayers.



OLIN BIGNALL was honored as Sandy's Distinguished Citizen of 1972 at the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce dinner held Monday night. Olin, his wife Joyce and their three sons have lived in Sandy since 1960. The Distinguished Citizen Award is based on work an individual does towards

helping improve or promote the Sandy area. Among other things, Bignall has been president of both the Sandy Chamber and Kiwanis Club and has worked in support of the swimming pool and the completion of Proctor Ave.

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