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Another 'Review' Committee?

Work on the Clackamas County comprehensive plan will begin again with the aid of nine citizen volunteers. This is the word from the Clackamas County Planning Commission this week.

The commission is seeking nine individuals to help revise or rewrite sections of the county's plan which has been in the works for over four years.

The county will select these nine persons from a list of 25 individuals who indicated their interest to work on the controversial land-use plan. The names of the citizens are expected to be announced later this week.

According to a spokesman for the county planners, problem areas which were suggested at recent hearings on the plan have been worked out into nine sections. At a future meeting, these nine individuals will be brought together to work as a committee and will be presented with

the task of working on these problem areas.

Supposedly, this new committee will also be able to suggest other sections of the plan which they think might be in need of revision.

It will be interesting to see how this new "committee" will meet the problems in this plan. Especially since the plan has met almost total disapproval from county residents at these recent hearings.

We also hope, the county planners do a better job selecting a "working committee" than the county commissioners did in selecting the review committee which is still investigating charges against the planners and their director James Hall.

This review committee is now heading into its seventh month without any sign of concluding the investigation or making any recommendations.

How long will this new planning committee have?

Waiting For Guidelines

The city of Sandy will not consider any future annexations until the city's comprehensive plan is completed. This plan is scheduled to be completed late this summer.

The council took this stand Monday night to avoid annexation questions until the plan is completed and the city is better able to handle questions about supplying water and sewers.

This combines with the already stated council policy of not discussing the extension of the city's sewer line outside the city for hookups.

Together, these two policy statements mean the city will only grow inside the present city limits until the plan is completed.

Before voting on the policy statement Monday night, several councilmen expressed concern over the anticipated shortage of water for

Sandy this summer.

During the past few summers, a shortage has been reported and again this summer it appears the curtailment of lawn watering and excess use of water will have to be enforced.

Previous to these two policy statements, the council meetings had been bogged down several times with requests by developers for sewer and water hookups outside the city. Often, these requests were not even on the agenda for discussion.

By establishing a no-annexation policy until the completion of comprehensive plan, the council is not saying the city will never grow through annexation. Instead, the Council is taking the position to wait for the comprehensive plan to give the city good guidelines to look at any future annexation requests.

On the Rock

The Post carried a story this week about the Sandy Centennial and Barlow Road Days steering committee's search for a rock to mount the Centennial plaque.

It is a shame it has taken the committee well into the sixth month of the Centennial year to suddenly decide the present rock is too small.

The plaque was unveiled at the Feb. 10 dedication ceremony and it should have been on display since then. Instead, it has been gathering dust in the city hall.

If anyone has a large rock about five feet tall and a flat surface on one side, please contact a member of the Centennial committee so the plaque can be properly displayed.

County plans change to food stamps

The proposed changeover in Clackamas County from the present Abundant Food Program to food stamps will be discussed in Sandy on June 27.

The Clackamas County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on the subject at the Sandy city hall at 8 p.m. This is one

of several meetings the commissioners are holding in the county to discuss the changeover.

Currently the city of Sandy is one of the drop off spots for the Abundant Food Program in the county. The food truck stops at the Sandy Community Action Center each week delivering food.

PGE expects electricity shortage

With the nation now experiencing a shortage of gasoline, there is also talk of an upcoming shortage in the Pacific Northwest of electricity.

Neil Jackson, local representative for Portland General Electric in Sandy, told the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce the shortage of electricity is for real.

"PGE's contract runs out with the Bonneville Power Administration on Sept. 1 and we at present have no new power sources to cover this loss," said Jackson.

He referred to the recent denial by the pollution control authorities to allow PGE to increase the power from a plant in north

Portland. The firm also has an application for its Salem plant which is awaiting action from the pollution agency.

"If we can not add to the Portland plant, we will be short 17.4 per cent of what we need to meet power needs by Sept. 1. And if the Salem increase is also denied then PGE will be short by over 24 per cent," said Jackson.

A recent strike has also delayed work at the company's new Trojan Nuclear plant at Rainier.

Jackson said the low water level of the streams this spring will be a key in causing the power shortage this fall and winter in the Pacific Northwest.



Mrs. S.; "Last year it was the New York Mets".

"This year its the Watergate Hearings."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As an interested member of the community and also the wife of one fireman and the mother of two more who have quit due to the recent upheaval in the Department, I would like to ask Chief Rathke how he can make a statement saying these men are not in the top third of his Department?

Since when are officers appointed after many years of faithful service, if they do not qualify for that position. Also, why were my husband and son named Firemen of the Year, Bud for 1967 and Michael for 1972, if they are not qualified for their work after the years of volunteering their time going to schools and firefighting etc. for the community?

I would like to have our Chief give me and the rest of the community the qualifications of the men he now has in his Department and how much service each one has to make them such experts? Also, how can he say the men do not show up for fires all the time as that it is an understanding when a man joins that he will answer calls when he is in the District. But what of the men who work out of town?

As for making accusations that these men are not interested in the welfare of the District, will you tell me why they have spent so many years in the Department, and many of them without any pay at all? If the people in the District would like to know how many hours these men spent away from home, ask their families how many meals and special occasions were postponed or completely missed because the whistle blew and away they went.

In all the years, these men paid for their own training uniforms, gas, etc., how many of the people in the District knew the fear the families of these fellows were living with? Do you know that five times as many firemen are killed each year as policemen? For many years our men were doing this out of their hearts. So how can any man say these are not dedicated men?

Obviously this matter bears some looking into on the part of a few others besides our five man board. Perhaps the State Fire Marshal, Attorney General or the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Furthermore, there is a serious legal question as to whether or not the Fire Department is actually Chief Rathke's private domain. Perhaps Attorney General Johnson or the courts can help us in this regard?

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To the Editor:

Recently I had a letter published regarding the Sandy Fire Dist. and its problems. When a letter is published, one

expects response and rebuttal. Chief Rathke responded to my letter and he and I could continue these running responses for several more editions and still have things in the same turmoil. I would rather terminate the verbal battle now and let the public have their say at the polls.

I would like to compliment the Fire Dist. board for the job they have done. It takes many donated hours and the good they do is never known, only when there are problems are they then raked over the coals. I feel they were in error to absolve Chief Rathke in the recent controversy as I think the Board, the Chief, and the dissident group were all in error.

The Board, of which I was a part at that time, was willing to listen to the dissident factions grievances and started on a constructive program to rectify as many of the problems as soon as possible so that the Fire Dept. would again be a cohesive, friendly working fire fighting group. I feel that the disagreeing factions were premature in bringing the battle into the open without giving the Board more than one month to work out the many problems confronting a new Chief.

Regarding Chief Rathke, he has done a good job of administration and has effected some good, new programs. He has taken the blame for a lot of things that were not always his fault. I have agreed with his right to make changes and appointments but I have stated that I do not necessarily agree with whom he appoints.

At the latest budget hearing, I stated my reasons to the Board directly and answered their questions to me about my statements. Also in attendance were a group of "young Lions", the new men in the Fire Dept., who stated they were willing to follow the expected appointee into any kind of fire. I only hope that their faith is well founded and, if they remain in the fire fighting service, they will realize how foolish that statement was as it takes initiative of their own to work at fires as well as having experienced leadership. Firefighting is a tough, dangerous job and one needs more than faith to do a safe and effective job at fires.

Regarding the Central Dispatch for Boring, Sandy, and Estacada; we, as the Board, bowed to the pressure of the dissident group and their arguments in effort to smooth out the inner turmoil. Their arguments were basically that they did not want to give up any control of the Sandy Dist. to any other Dist. Yet they were perfectly willing to have the Sandy Fire Dist. be the Central Dispatch office. They felt that the Sandy area has more dollar value and should be main of-

ice. It would have cost about \$30,000 to put in a dispatch center to be the core and the board thought it was a little foolish when the Boring Fire Dist. already had such a center. Actually, the sooner the three districts unify, the better fire fighting units the whole area will have. Clackamas County will probably force such a move in the very immediate future as they are now in the process of having a county wide numbering system as well as the county communications system already in effect.

Thank you for allowing me to have letters published and I hope that the Fire Dept. will settle down to the job that they are hired for. I will still disagree if I feel they are wrong, but I will also give them a pat on the back.

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Airman Wright trains in Texas

Airman Roger O. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wright of Rt. 1, Estacada, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Airman Wright is a 1972 graduate of Estacada High

School. His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter, of Mrs. Lorraine Dulle of 2178 S. Bakers Ferry Road, Oregon City. The airman is remaining at the Air Training Command base for specialized training in the security police field.

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