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County Planners Have Problems

The shape of the Clackamas County Planning Department hit a new low this week with approval of a 90-day building moratorium which will begin on Sept. 1.

By establishing this moratorium, the Planning Commission is saying the planning department is not able to do its job. The intent of this moratorium is to enable the county planners to have some time to get back to the duties of "planning" the county.

This action added to the list of other problems as the current investigation of the county planning commission and its director; lack of public acceptance of the proposed county comprehensive plan; and a suit charging the legality of the county's Natural Rivers Act seem to say the county planners are in real trouble.

These troubles have been even further aggravated by the Board of County Commissioners failing to act promptly to conclude the investigation of the planning department.

This investigation has been going on for over seven months and now many of those who had alleged charges against the planners will not even meet with the investigation committee because of its lack of action.

It's time for the county commissioners to act to get the planning department back into the business of "planning" the county with the help of county residents.

This county is growing at a rapid rate and it is in need of good strong planning department which will guide the county's development with the best interest of its citizens at heart.

Participation Important

Participation is the key to success of the Sandy Centennial year.

So far, the many activities have been well attended and the recent July 4th celebration is a good example of this.

This weekend again gives the citizens of the area a chance to have some fun and help make the Centennial year a big success.

There are many activities slated

beginning on Friday with the merchant's promotions and ending on Sunday with the Kiwanis Fly-In. (See story on page 1 for list of activities.)

Participation is important by both those who attend these activities and by those who do all the volunteer work to stage the events.

As we stated last week in an editorial, the Sandy-Hoodland area is noted for its 'community spirit' and this weekend gives us another chance to show it.

An annual legislature? Not yet

Perhaps the legislators have been too busy in Salem to say much about it, but soon we predict we'll be hearing a lot about the need for annual legislative sessions.

We've seen it happen in other states. There's more and more business to conduct, populations are growing, not enough time to get all the bills through, so why not keep the legislature working annually instead of every other year as we now do?

It won't take too many sessions like the current one to put some strength behind that argument. We've seen the state's lawmakers struggling through one thing or another—mostly attempts at tax reform—all year long. All this is bound to warrant a cry for longer sessions or having them annually.

But we hope there's some restraint in answering that call. There are a lot of disadvantages in continuing legislative sessions. They are expensive, they have the capacity to keep growing—like our federal government, and they create a different type of legislators, to name a few.

Annual sessions obviously require full-time legislators. Present state senators and representatives would have to choose between their regular

occupations and working in Salem. They would have to be paid more—not only because of the increased work—but also because of larger staff requirements and things like maintaining their present homes in addition to living quarters in Salem. In other words, things would be just like they are at the federal level.

And, too, the full-time legislator wouldn't be spending nearly the time he does now living and working with—and listening to—the people he is supposed to represent.

States more populated than Oregon have adopted annual legislative sessions. We hope our time hasn't come yet. We don't believe we are ready for that kind of expense, and we probably would not like to face the bureaucratic power that the system can create.

Research into the proposed Multnomah city-county consolidation has already shown us that big government is not necessarily the cheapest nor the best.

Another thing—keeping track of full-time state politicians would be bad enough; keeping up with all the propaganda from the many lobbying special interest groups would make it worse. (CJ)

LETTERS ToThe EDITOR

To the Editor:
Again this year the fourth of July celebration in Sandy was a tremendous success due to the fine efforts of those who put time, energy, and donations into its making.

The following clubs and persons should be specially thanked for their programming and participation: Jim Anstine and the swim team; Jim Martin and the baseball teams; Fred Truesdale and the Sporting Dogs' Association for their races; the Boys' Baseball Association for their carnival; the Sandy Fire Department and

visiting fire departments that participated in the water ball competition; Joe Brockway, Hillard Griffin and Kevin Seaman for their demonstration parachute jump; John Johnson for the use of his airplane; Dale Nicholls, Sandy Chamber of Commerce, and those who participated for another fine talent show; the fireworks show; Mel Lamm and Mayor Melvin Haneberg; Queen Shawn Admire and her court; Princess Anita Wadkins, Patty Stone, Kim Buhler and Pam Curtis; Mrs. Florence Schmidt chaperon; the Sandy

Kiwanis; Sandy Post; Clackamas County Bank; Sandy High School custodians; Sandy Women's Club; Boy Scouts; Ivan Barker; Sandy Police Department for a fine outstanding job in traffic control; and to the other clubs, organizations, and individuals who participated.

A special thanks to the businessmen and women who donated so that this show could be presented.

Gary Sandblast
President,
Sandy Civic Services

Kiwanis Fly-In Breakfast



"I hear the pancakes are the best around."

Mobile park zoning gets approval with conditions

The Sandy city council voiced concern Monday night over the development of the mobile home park on S. Bluff Rd.

The council held a public hearing on the request of the mobile park developer Howard Angell for R-M (mobile home park) zoning. The property had been zoned R-3 with a conditional use approval for a mobile home park.

The council approved the zone change with a list of eight conditions which must be met.

The conditions were added by the council to solve the problems created by the developer in construction of a drainage ditch for the creek flowing through the area and to improve the slope of the cliff on the south side of the property.

Approval of the zone change will enable Angell to develop seven more units in the park, giving it a total of 72 units.

Included in the list of conditions were a landscape plan for beautification and erosion prevention to be submitted to the Planning Commission for review. Implementation of the landscape plan shall be completed prior to issuing a building permit for the final seven units.

Also the council listed a six foot cyclone fence be constructed along the upper

portion of bluff on the south side and that dangerous trees also be removed from the bluff; a 30 foot setback be established along S. Bluff Rd.; the creek ditch be filled in and a greenway created; water not be allowed to back up on the east side of S. Bluff Rd.; and the city not be liable for any engineering done to buy the culvert in the ditch.

Before approving the zone change the council members adjourned and made an on-site inspection of the development.

In another public hearing Monday night, the council approved zoning for the new annexed area on Sandy Heights.

The council approved a R-1 zoning for all lots except lot 2600 which was zoned R-M. The R-1 zoning was approved because the council did not see justification to zone the whole area R-M.

The council also voted to approve the spending of \$600 from the Federal Revenue Sharing funds for support of a summer youth program operated through the Clackamas County Juvenile Department.

Juvenile department worker John Schleininger will be in charge of the program in the Sandy area.

The next council meeting is set for July 23 at 7:30 at the city hall.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

News and Views About Mt. Hood Community College

By CHUCK NIEMI
Coordinator of College Information

Information will be coming out soon on how college students can apply for the new Basic Educational Opportunity Grants. The program calls for grants up to \$1,400—less expected family contributions—all for eligible students.

In applying for financial assistance, students will no longer be dependent on factors beyond their control, e.g., how much money the state receives, how accurately the college projects its need for funds, etc. Students can also be assured that their award will be available regardless of the school they attend.

Application forms will soon be available at MHCC, other post-secondary institutions, high schools, libraries, post offices and other locations convenient to students.

Final awards will be distributed through the institution the student elects to attend.

Hood River area artists have an exhibit in the MHCC student center through July 27. Viewing hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mt. Hood television instructor Ferris Top spoke at the annual American College Public Relations Association national convention in San Diego July 10. He spoke on the uses of television in com-

municating with the public, specifically pertaining to education.

Youngsters 10-14 should begin making plans to attend the second annual MHCC Twilight Football Camp July 24-25. The sessions run from 6:30 - 9 p.m. each night and no fee is charged. The Mt. Hood staff and top district high school coaches will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate football fundamentals.

Registration for Mt. Hood's second five-week summer session is Monday, July 23, 8-5, in the admissions office. Classes start July 24. Students can earn up to nine credit hours in the condensed session.

WEATHER

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July 3	83	51	.00
July 4	84	55	.00
July 5	81	56	.00
July 6	73	55	.00
July 7	73	51	.00
July 8	76	57	.00
July 9	80	51	.00
July 10	87	54	.00
July 11	79	48	.00

The Troutdale station weather readings are made by 5:30 p.m.
Some 52 per cent of the aerospace industry sales in 1974 will come from products that did not even exist five years ago.

Troutdale hikes fees

A \$100 hike in water fees will be considered by the Troutdale council at a special meeting Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday evening councilmen agreed to prepare an ordinance increasing new water connection fees from \$335 to \$435 for single family homes with proportionate increases for apartments and other structures.

The funds are earmarked for city water improvements.

Councilmen also discussed attempts to life a State Board of Health moratorium on new construction in light of recent approval of a local water improvement district.

The city budget of \$1,685,745 was adopted following hearing.

The average age of an automobile today is 5½ years.

The July 17 meeting will include a formal hearing on the vacation of a portion of Kibling St.

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