

Local residents named to Hood study panel

Several local residents are on the newly appointed citizen panel which will help in the interagency study now being made of the Mt. Hood area.

This advisory panel was appointed by representatives of the special interagency groups now working on the study.

Purpose of the panel will be to help formulate policies for the future development or non-development of 160,000 acres of county, private, state and federal properties around the base of Mt. Hood.

Those named to the panel from Clackamas County include Grant DeShazer, ZigZag; Nancy Thornton, Milwaukie; Florence McKenzie, ZigZag; and Joie Smith, Rhododendron.

County residents appointed as alternates were Betty Coleman a property owner in Government Camp now residing in Estacada and Mary Ann Hill of Government Camp.

Seventy candidates for the citizen panel submitted their names to help in the planning activities, but only 20 committee members and five alternates were chosen. The Mt. Hood Interagency Planning

team consists of representatives of Clackamas and Hood River Counties, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, the Columbia Region Association of Governments and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The study area includes the Highway 26 Hoodland corridor from Cherryville to east of Government Camp in Clackamas County and the Highway 35 corridor of Hood River County.

The study is expected to take most of 1974 to complete, according to an interagency spokesman.

The interagency study team has already been involved in several reviews of proposals which have recently been made to develop the mountain area.

Two of these were the Cedar Ridge development proposed for Brightwood which was denied last week by the Clackamas County Planning Commission and the other is the proposed Warm Springs interchange just east of Government Camp. The study team has given its approval to the interchange design and concept.



THE CHRISTMAS mail rush broke all records at the U.S. Post Office in Sandy on Tuesday. Here packages can be seen being sorted on the floor by route deliverers.

The local Post Office has been hurt by not enough room during the Christmas mail rush this year.

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County looks to citizen planning groups

Neighborhood citizen advisory groups will be the key to future citizen participation for planning Clackamas County.

The county has already begun to institute these advisory groups. Most recently, the county formed neighborhood groups to help develop a comprehensive land use study of the Boring-Sandy area. Also, the county first made use of such groups in developing the now adopted Mt. Hood Comprehensive Plan.

The Clackamas County Planning Commission this week sent to the Board of County Commissioners a recommendation for the citizen advisory groups.

The proposed plan, required by current legislation to be submitted by the county governing body to the State Land Use Commission no later than Jan. 5, will also become a separate chapter in the proposed County Comprehensive Plan. It was an outgrowth of the Citizens' Coordinating Council, a group of citizens appointed to recommend changes in the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Authors of the plan included a group of some 30 citizens, functioning as a subcommittee of the Coordinating Council, and led by Joyce Cohen, Lake Oswego homemaker and member of the Tri-County New Politics.

The plan sets forth five key goals: Public participation in the formulation of long range goals; public representation for all geographic areas of the county; continuing participation by all interested citizens; coordination between citizens and county officials; and constant re-evaluation of the planning effort.

The plan also places considerable emphasis on neighborhood organizations and sets forth policy, function, and responsibility of such groups.

In developing this proposal, the citizen committee stated, "Citizen participation is essential in the governmental process in order to promote the general health and welfare of the total community. New approaches must be developed by local government to effectively involve citizens in the planning and decision making process. This need has been recognized by the Oregon State

Legislature by current legislation. Federal legislation has been introduced and HUD (Housing and Urban Development) requirements for 'Comprehensive Planning Assistance' lists four performance standards to assure that planning programs are responsive to the objectives and values of the citizens affected by them.

"Coordination of Neighborhood plans and the General Plan is essential. Many interrelated efforts are necessary and such coordination must be assured on a comprehensive county wide basis."

The five goals indicated were:

1. Public participation shall be required in formulation of the long range goals, objectives, scope and focus of the planning program.

2. Public participation shall be broad based, representing all concerned geographical areas and diverse interests.

3. Every interested citizen should have opportunity to participate in the formative stages and throughout the planning process.

4. There should be regular communication between citizens and county officials (Governing body, Planning Commission, Planning Staff).

5. Citizen participation in the planning process shall be a continuing effort and re-evaluated periodically.

The plan calls for chartered neighborhood committees to be formed and elected representatives from each committee should then serve on an advisory committee (committees) to bring the local citizen input to the county level of government.

It was stressed that these elected representatives must keep in contact with the local citizens from their neighborhood committees.

To establish the neighborhood committees, several steps were indicated. The steps were to hold one or more well publicized meetings to organize the committee and elect officers; submit the committee's charter to the County Commissioners to be recognized; publicize all meetings according to State Law; keep each meeting and committee open to all local residents;

provide for communications between the committee and city and county governmental bodies; and establish clear boundary lines for each neighborhood committee.

Function and responsibilities of neighborhood organizations were listed as:

a. Neighborhood organizations will be advisory to the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Department, and Planning Commission on matters affecting their neighborhoods. The neighborhood organization may develop neighborhood plans and proposals with respect to land use, zoning, parks, open space and recreation, annexation, housing, community facilities, transportation and traffic and

b. Neighborhood organizations should become informed of neighborhood needs and desires as well as maintain communication with its members on all plans and proposals affecting the area.

c. Neighborhood organizations may submit zoning recommendations to the Planning Commission. Requests for funding of neighborhood projects for possible inclusion in the county budget and capital improvements program may be submitted to Clackamas County.

d. Neighborhood organizations shall continue the planning process by re-evaluating the goals, objectives and recommendations contained within the neighborhood plan.

e. As long as the neighborhood remains organized and meets the above stated minimum requirements, it will continue to be recognized.

f. Neighborhood organizations should be in communication with each other regarding mutual concerns.

Function and responsibility of the county was listed as:

a. The county will provide recognized neighborhood organizations with copying services, supplies, mailing and staff assistance to aid in the planning process, subject to budgetary allocations administered and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Timberline in magazine

Historic Timberline Lodge is one of the featured spots in the magazine "Historic Preservation" for the months of July-August-September.

The magazine is printed quarterly and its devoted to national and international preservation features. The feature on Timberline Lodge includes two pages of pictures and a short article concerning the development and construction of the lodge under the WPA workers.

The article concludes the lodge is "considered the greatest single monument to WPA handicraft efforts."

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County delays subdivision ordinance

The new subdivision ordinance for Clackamas County will be delayed while a "dry run" is made.

The County Planning Commission last week was asked to delay the adoption of the ordinance by an engineering firm so a test case can be run through the new procedures before a final recommendation is made.

Tom Tye, Compass Engineering, Portland, asked the planners at the continuing public hearing on the ordinance to withhold advocacy of the subdivision regulations until a "dry run" can be made with information from an existing subdivision plat.

Tye suggested the test case could be useful in finding flaws to the ordinance.

Although the planners approved of the recommendation, commission member Kirk Braun voiced dissatisfaction with the

late request. He noted the preliminary document has been available since June and no one to date had asked for a test of the proposed ordinance.

Several others spoke of seeking the planners to delay their recommendations on the ordinance or to reconsider certain portions.

Concern was expressed by Joe DeMarsh, superintendent of Sandy High School district, that protection of citizens' appeals of subdivisions be considered in the ordinance since agendas of subdivision items could prove to be lengthy and costly in attorneys fees.

Several county residents requested the \$50 fee for subdivision appeals in the ordinance be reconsidered.

The county planners indicated the ordinance would be in effect 60-days after final action.