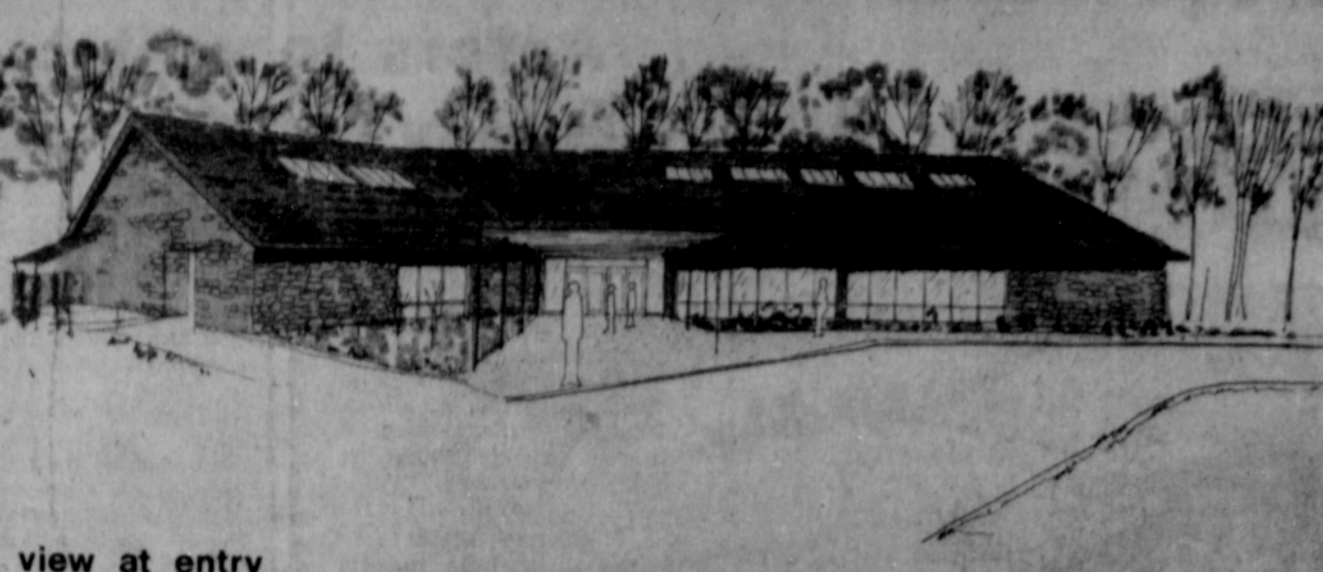
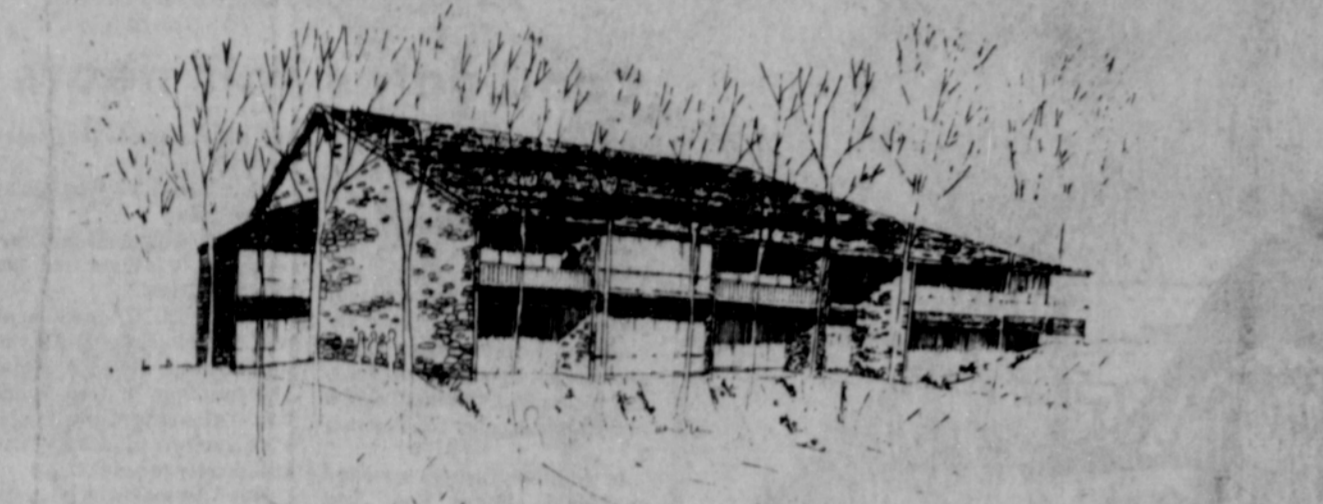


Preliminary center plan ok'd by city council



view at entry



view from park

THIS PROPOSED Sandy Community Center design was presented to the Sandy City Council Monday night and preliminary plans for the center were approved. The existence of the center rests on whether or not Sandy

receives 100 per cent funding from a federal public works fund. The center, if built, would cost an estimated \$1.5 million and would be located on city property adjacent to Sandy's Meinig Memorial Park. (Post photo)

Preliminary plans for a proposed Sandy Community Center which would cost an estimated \$1.5 million were approved Monday night by the Sandy City Council.

Architect Terry Rommel presented the plans to the council for a two story center which would be located on city property adjacent to Meinig Memorial Park near the Sandy City Hall.

A Sandy Community Center Committee has been meeting regularly with the WEGROUP (a Portland based architectural firm) to detail the community center's program uses, design and estimated cost.

The future of the proposed center is contingent upon funding from the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Program recently approved by Congress and signed into effect by Pres. Gerald Ford.

If Sandy's project is approved, the city would gain 100 per cent funding for the community center.

Under the federal program, Oregon will receive \$37 million to distribute for construction projects. Grants will be approved by the Federal Economic Development Agency and will be distributed by the Office of Revenue Sharing.

Sandy City Manager Paul Helton said priority projects will be in city's high unemployment areas with the maximum utilization of personnel.

Helton said if funding is approved, the

city would probably start construction in March or April of next year.

Sandy Community Center Committee Chairman Dick Halvorson told the Post plans for the center include a banquet facility for up to 400 people and a general multi-purpose room for 300-350 people.

"This would satisfy the need for what some people call a convention center," Halvorson said. "We could bring in small groups and not only provide room for meetings but also banquet facilities."

The preliminary plans also call for offices for the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sandy Area Merchants (SAM) and the Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees.

A senior center approximately the same size as the present center in the Odd Fellows Hall has also been put into the design. This center would include a small catering kitchen similar to the one at the present center.

Halvorson said a Pioneer Museum would be provided on the lower level of the building. Plans for the center also include an elevator between the two levels. Halvorson said the entire building will be planned for easy access to handicapped people.

Halvorson said that final plans have not been made.

The council also discussed a proposed clear vision ordinance which would ease traffic problems on blind corners. The ordinance would require that buildings be placed 15 feet from the corner of an in-

tersection. Joe Cejka, a Sandy businessman and president of SAM, told the council that the proposal was "generally a good idea."

But Cejka pointed out that the one way traffic through Sandy would not necessitate a clear vision rule being applied at every corner.

Councilman Vern Richards suggested that the city engineer be advised of the vision problems at corners so he can make a recommendation. Councilman Olin Bignal suggested that the police also study the problem and make recommendations concerning parking, truck loading and traffic.

The council turned down a request by Clackamas County to put a shop on city property near the Sandy Public Works yard. The county requested a 50 year lease on the property and is seeking federal funds to build a shop on the property.

The council requested that some additions be made to the lease agreement before it is again considered by the council.

Councilman Bignal submitted a request to the council to proclaim November Family Unity Month which was unanimously approved by the council.

The council also designated Saturday, Nov. 6, as Good Will's Good Turn Day. Girl Scouts will be participating in the activities of that day.

After regular business was considered by the council, the council went into an executive session.

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Sagging enrollment added to MHCC financial problems

Mt. Hood Community College's money problems may be compounded by sagging enrollment.

Not only has the college been forced to trim \$700,000 from its 1976-77 budget due to levy failures, but another \$552,000 may be cut if present enrollment trends continue.

State funds allocated for the current school year are based on an enrollment of 6,652 full-time equivalent students. However, fall quarter enrollment has reached only 5,800 compared to 6,100 at the same time last year.

Even with addition of 350 summer term students, the district will fall far short of the state figure. This could cause an estimated loss of \$327,000 in state reimbursements and \$194,000 in tuition.

If enrollment continues to fall behind predictions, the college would cut back on part-time faculty, reduce contingency funds, and further reduce cash carry-over.

The MHCC board last Wednesday approved reductions in the 1976-77 budget to funds available after voters refused to approve additional taxes.

Included in the cuts were a 50 per cent reduction in all repair and replacement accounts, complete elimination of capital outlay, reduction of contract services and supplies and materials, and reduction in contingency funds.

In addition, the district has been advised by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission that an extra \$50,000 will be available from prior year levy collections. Another \$20,000 is expected from an increase in sales and miscellaneous receipts.

These figure, when added together, total \$689,762 and allow the district to operate within funds available.

Dr. Stephen Nicholson, college president, said questions had been raised by taxpayers asking how the district could

continue to operate when sufficient funds were not approved by voters.

"Actually," Nicholson said, "the budget levy represented something like 6 or 7 per cent of our total budget. It means that we'll just have to pull in our belts all along the line. We still can offer a first-rate program for the people of our district, albeit on a slightly reduced level."

Mt. Hood's decline in enrollment apparently is part of a nationwide trend. Nicholson said West Coast community colleges report a 7 or 8 per cent drop in enrollment this fall compared to annual increases of 10 to 15 per cent in the past.

Part of the decline can be attributed to economic reasons, part to a decline in veteran enrollment, part of it to a variety of other reasons. But Mt. Hood's decline apparently is part of the pattern.

This fall, out of 1450 MHCC class sections, 250 did not fill and courses had to be cancelled.

Rep. Paul Walden unconvinced Straub will support amendments

Both Paul Walden and Ken Jernstedt addressed the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce on Monday night and Walden came to Sandy to make an appearance before the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

Jernstedt, is the Republican candidate running for re-election to the State Senate from District 28. He is running against Independent Lee Brittenham and Democrat Donnell Smith.

Incumbent Paul Walden is facing Wayne Fawbush in his bid for re-election to the State House of Representatives in District 56.

Walden told the Sandy Chamber of Commerce that he is concerned with the effect that urban legislators are having in the state legislature and expressed concern about the encroachment of the urban influence in suburban areas.

Walden said he originally wasn't for the repeal of SB100. But now he says he is not convinced that the governor will go along with amendments to the controversial bill which created the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

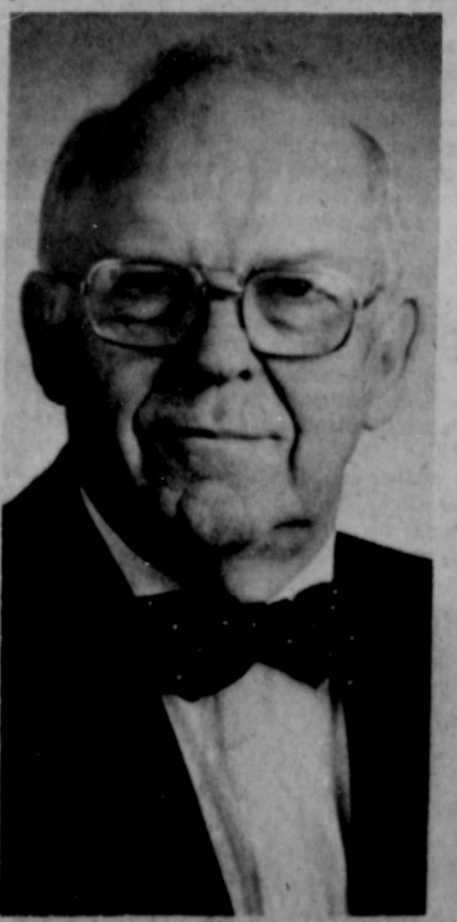
"If I could be sure that the governor could go along with the amendments, then I'd say vote against it (the repeal)."

Walden told the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce that he worked in the House to fight Department of Environmental Quality in requiring people in the Sandy-Hoodland area to drive to Portland for an annual emission test. Residents of District 56 are exempt from taking the emission test.

Walden said he wasn't anti-environmentalist in his stand, but added that there has to be a balance between the environment, industry and jobs.

Walden told the Sandy Chamber that he is one of the few legislators who represents the business community. He is president and general manager of radio station KIHJ in Hood River.

He told the Chamber that he believes that Oregon's Unemployment Compensation costs too much and that the



Rep. Paul Walden

welfare system needs revamping. "It's a disgrace because there's not enough incentive to get people back to work."

In the House, Walden is a senior member of the revenue committee. Walden said he was one of the authors of the homeowner and renter property tax refund program and is presently fighting to have the state surplus returned directly to taxpayers in a one-shot refund.

Walden denied opponent Fawbush's charge that the refund would be fiscally "irresponsible."

"If there's some money left, let's give the taxpayers a rebate."

Walden said one possible way of distributing the rebate would be to use it as a tax credit against the income of an individual.

Walden attacked Fawbush's plan to shift school support to the existing state income tax which is based on the ability to pay.

According to Walden, such a proposal would double the income tax load. Walden said that the total of school budgets in the state are almost equal that of the state general fund.

Walden said that he expected the state legislature to increase basic school support to 33 per cent in its next session. He also said that pushing for new tax bases for school districts is hard because most people don't understand tax bases.

Among voters "there is as much concern about the products schools are turning out as the property tax load," added Walden.

Walden said he has consistently fought tax increases and wasteful government spending. He told The Post he is in favor of abolishing the Oregon Inheritance and Gift Tax.

"This causes more litigation in Oregon than any other tax that Oregonians pay," he said.

Walden also has proposed that college students who go to Oregon schools take a tax deduction for their tuition.

"Property tax payers are spending 80 per cent of their property tax money for primary and secondary schools which is tax deductible," Walden said.

"Why shouldn't tuition be tax deductible?"

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Chamber slates candidate's forum Tuesday

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a candidate's fair for the four Sandy City Council candidates.

There are three city council positions up for grabs in the November election. Those running for the spots include Joseph Ackers and Bruce Cook, and incumbents Warren Decker and Jim Duff. Mayor Melvin Haneberg will run unopposed in his bid for re-election to the mayor's post.

The public is invited to attend the forum.



Ullman appears in Sandy

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REP. AL ULLMAN was in Sandy on Tuesday and spoke at the Sandy Senior Center during the Loaves and Fishes luncheon. Ullman pledged to support the proposed Sandy Community Center and told the seniors that the social security program "will be around as long as the country is around." Here, Ullman raps with Sandy resident Alice Wills and Sandy Mayor Melvin Haneberg. Next week, the Post will feature an interview with Ullman in its pre-election issue. Ullman, who has served in Congress since 1957 is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. (Post photo)