

Commission deadlocked on EFU zoning

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The Clackamas County Planning Commission, hopelessly deadlocked on the question of exclusive farm use

(EFU) zoning in the Boring-Kelso area, sent that portion of the proposal to the county commissioners without recommendation Monday. The planning commission gave blanket approval to the

remainder of the Boring area zoning proposal as presented by the Boring Action Neighborhood Group (BANG) and commission staff. The EFU-20 blanketed about 3,100 acres in the Boring-Kelso area and was recommended by the planning commission staff in its work with BANG.

BANG, however, recommended the area be zoned farm forest-10 acres (FF-10) and is adamant in its opposition to the EFU zoning.

Harley Cissna, BANG member, testified before the planning commission that BANG unanimously opposed the EFU zoning at its Sept. 21 meeting. He said BANG will not endorse the comprehensive plan with the area zoned EFU, adding that 20 acres is unrealistic as a farming unit.

Although there were other areas that BANG members and the planning commission staff disagreed on in the written proposal, BANG members were willing to endorse the proposal except for the EFU zoning.

"We're trying to get you people (planning commissioners) to agree on some kind of plan," BANG President Ken Stone said. "We would approve the whole plan except the EFU. We just want a proposal approved so we can begin submitting amendments."

The commission did approve the zoning proposal except for the area zoned EFU. In order to recommend a zoning change to the county commissioners, it is

necessary for five of the six planning commission members to endorse or vote against the change.

When it became obvious that the commissioners could not muster the necessary five votes, Commissioner Una Schmidt introduced the motion to send the proposal to the county commission with no recommendation on the EFU zoning.

She also had moved for approval of the entire zoning proposal — including the EFU zoned area. When this failed, Schmidt moved to rezone the EFU area FF-10, but this also failed on a 4-2 vote.

Commissioner Peter McDonald said it would be a "dereliction of our duty" to support an FF-10 zone change and go against the county's comprehensive plan.

The area currently is zoned rural agricultural one acre and single family residential, with some areas unzoned, but the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan changes the area to EFU. The comprehensive plan would take precedent over the zoning in the area.

Some commissioners were troubled by the proposed change of an industrially zoned area to rural agricultural. Neil Arnston, who owns a family business in the area currently zoned light industrial, said the rezoning to RA-1 would create an economic hardship on his business.

Both BANG members and the planning commission staff, however, recommend that the

zoning change be effected because of the proximity of the Boring Grade School and the danger to children if there were an increase in industrial traffic.

Arnston said he has planned future development in the area based on the light industrial zoning. The commissioners, however, recommended the change to RA-1.

Dave Poesse, planning commission staff member who has been working with BANG on the zoning proposal, said in a telephone interview after the meeting that it is unusual to downgrade industrially zoned areas.

"The problem is the school and the highway past the school," Poesse said. "Obviously, Arnston bought the property in good faith. The question is whether we recognize a mistake and try to correct it, or do we continue to let it exist?"

Poesse said Arnston's property was originally zoned RA-1 in 1967, but that it was changed to light industrial in 1968 by the Clackamas County Commission. He said the planning staff had recommended against the zone change because of the area's proximity to the school and the lack of sanitary sewers in the area.

The Clackamas County Commission will consider the BANG zoning proposal at 10 a.m. Nov. 22 in the county courthouse in Oregon City.

Hospital offers class

Gresham Community Hospital will offer a multi-media first aid course. The course will include two four-hour classes Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 27.

Both classes will run from 6 to 10 p.m. in the hospital, NE Fifth and Beach Streets.

Because the course will include the student's participation in learning such first

aid procedures as splinting and artificial respiration techniques, enrollment is limited to 12. Students are advised to wear casual clothing.

Upon completion of the two

classes, participants will receive a multi-media first aid card from the American Red Cross.

To register for the course, phone the hospital at 667-1122, extension 273.



DAVE POESSE, planning commission staff member who worked with BANG members on their zoning proposal, goes over area affected by the proposal with members of the planning commission in Oregon City Monday night.

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Crackdown on signs costs \$600 in maintenance

It cost Clackamas County about \$600 to clean up more than 115 illegally posted campaign signs, according to Don Broadword, chief of maintenance for the county.

The signs were removed last week from the county's right-of-way where they were illegally placed, Broadword said.

There were 119 signs collected by the county last week, and county commission incumbent Republican Tom Telford led the list of offenders with 85 illegally posted signs.

The \$600 estimate involved the hours it took county workers to pick up the signs,

Broadword said. He said the candidates will not be asked to reimburse the county because of the difficulty in determining who posted the signs.

"It may not always be the candidate who puts up the sign," Broadword said.

The county crackdown did not get all the illegally posted signs in the county, although Broadword said it helps discourage candidates from posting their signs on the county right-of-way.

"We try to discourage candidates," he said. "We do a pretty good job until one

candidate finally goes out and plasters the right-of-way and others call in and report the rascal."

Broadword said the problem snowballs when one candidate posts signs on the right-of-way because others usually follow suit.

"This is a real problem for us," Broadword said. "I picked up another sign this morning on the way to work."

The county had warned candidates that any political signs left in the right-of-way would be removed.

Ten other candidates' signs were confiscated by the county. They included; Ted Achilles, state legislative District 27, nine signs; Ralph Groener, Clackamas County Commission Position 3, four; John Rentro, Clackamas County Sheriff candidate, four; Les Balsiger, state legislative District 27, four; Roger Rook, Clackamas County District Attorney, three; Ed Lindquist,

state legislative District 26; Glenn Whallon, state legislative District 25, two each; Norma Paulus, secretary of state, two; and Kirk Braun, state legislative District 26, one.

Broadword said the signs can be picked up at the Public Works Department shop. Signs not retrieved will be destroyed after the Nov. 2 election.

Boring man tapped to chair Oregon dairy commission

Earl Meier, partner in Meier Dairy of Boring, has been elected chairman of the Oregon Dairy Products Commission (ODPC).

He succeeds Donald Scott of Gaston, who was elected vice-chairman. Both men will serve one-year terms.

Sid Huwaldt, secretary-manager of the Farmers Co-op Creamery of McMinnville, was elected secretary-treasurer of the ODPC. He is the commission's processor representative.

Meier and Scott also were elected to serve on the COW Board, representing the ODPC in tri-state advertising programs in California, Oregon and Washington.

In the dairy business for more than three decades, Meier is in partnership with his brother, Larry. His two sons, Curt and Ken and his wife, Trudy, also take an active role in management of the 350-acre operation. The Meiers have 250 head of dairy stock with about half of those currently in production.

The Meier Dairy is the major producer-distributor of Grade

A raw milk in the Portland metropolitan area. The Meiers have placed 95 acres of their farm in field corn for silage, 60 acres in alfalfa and 40 acres in red clover as a seed crop.

Meier is past president and is currently a director of the Oregon Dairyman's Association. He has been a member of the Sandy High School Board for the past decade and its chairman for three terms. He also has been chairman of the Boring Rural Fire District No. 59 for a number of years.

Scott is owner of a 100-cow dairy and horse operation near Forest Grove and also is partner in S & S Farms of Washington County.

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Earl Meier



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Terminally ill program topic

Health care for terminally ill patients will receive attention Tuesday, Oct. 26 when Dr. Cicely Saunders, the founder of hospice care, will head a program at the Memorial Coliseum.

The Pastoral Services Department of Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center will sponsor the day-long event.

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