

Subdivision proposal denied

Approval of a 24.62 acre subdivision in the northeast corner of the City of Sandy was denied by the Sandy Planning Commission Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Commission member Ron Norquist motioned that the proposal be refused after six concerned area residents stood up at the meeting and expressed opposition to the plan. The question of usability of open space that was designated as park area and a concern for too much density under present zoning were reasons cited for the denial.

According to Jane McGarvin, planning commission secretary, residents presented a petition signed by 42 people who opposed the plan proposed by developer Jeff Ehlen. About 50 people

showed up to last Wednesday's meeting.

Plans were for 108 dwelling units at an estimated cost of approximately \$3 million. The area is currently zoned R-1, single family residential. Under the plan proposed by Ehlen the area would have to undergo a zone change to R-II zoning.

An eight to nine acre park given to the city under the plan raised doubts among residents and commission members about the feasibility of its development because of steep sloping terrain.

Commission member Stan Wright voiced concern that the park would not be suitable for younger children in the area and that the plan made no provision for them.

Area residents only showed opposition to

the multiple dwelling structures but agreed that the idea of single family residences was more appealing.

In other business the commission granted a conditional use to Gary Poston for building a duplex on Bluff Road.

A minor petition request for four acres owned by Robert Rolph was tabled until further information was received by the commission. The property proposed for the minor petition is located on Sandy Heights Road.

A nine duplex lot subdivision proposal made by Bill Trimble Construction on Sandy Heights Road was also held until the next meeting for further information and some revision of the plan.

The commission adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Sandy Cinema sets Nov. 8 closure

The days of 69 cent movies may soon be gone for good.

The Sandy Cinema will close permanently on Nov. 8, according to owner W. E. "Bill" Davis.

Davis said the closure was "due to the increasing cost of films for the Sandy

area" and cited an "apparent state of apathy in general toward the theatre on the part of the community."

The theatre, located at 38935 Proctor Blvd., was previously known as the Sunset Theatre and had a history of financial problems under previous ownerships.

Davis had gained attention for the theatre by offering an admission ticket for 69 cents. He also owns the Broadway Cinema in Estacada.

"I wish I could continue for the few that do appreciate the shows," he said.



Disaster!

A VICTIM is removed from the scene of a fire at 230 NE 9th St. Saturday to be taken to Gresham Community Hospital. The drill, staged by the Gresham Fire Department, involved a real fire and "injured persons." For related story and pictures see inside.

(Photo by Don Ryan)

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Leading 'em home

HOMECOMING QUEEN Shauna Antis leads Sandy High School's Homecoming parade through downtown Sandy

last Friday. For results of the Homecoming game and other sporting activities, see pages 10 and 11.

Sandy High board reviews programs, ROTC, trees

Like the fellow who spoke before Lincoln at Gettysburg, so will most of the speakers at Monday's Sandy Union High School Board meeting soon fade from memory.

The most important words—and the briefest—were spoken by Sandy Education Association representative Stan Bowman, who read to the board a letter indicating the teachers' ratification of a final contract proposal.

The board is expected to follow suit at a special meeting Friday and the subsequent contract signing will end almost a year of negotiations.

Contract talks had stalled last week over the issue of contract retroactivity but the problem was resolved when the teachers agreed not to file grievances over contract language on any matter prior to Sept. 26 in exchange for retroactive salary pay to July 1.

Bowman said that the teacher's acceptance of the contract was near-unanimous with just two dissenting votes concerning presentation, not content in the contract.

In a curriculum matter, vice-principal Dr. Diane Cuchens asked the board to consider adding a Junior Marine ROTC program to the current course offerings.

Dr. Cuchens said that she had contacted several schools that now have the programs, including Snohomish High in Washington and Campbell High School in California, and had been told that the program was "extremely successful."

Dr. Cuchens said that she believed "the program has real merit in terms of leadership and self-concept development."

Lt. Col. Larry Solter, USMC, made a brief presentation to the board regarding the ROTC program.

Solter said that the program has five main goals: to develop informed and responsible citizens, to strengthen character, to foster self-discipline, to promote understanding of national security and to develop respect for authority in a democracy.

The program, open to both male and

female students on all grade levels, would require each participant to take 96 hours of instruction in such subjects as drill, fitness, marksmanship and leadership training.

The course would be taught by retired Marine officers chosen by the board from a list of candidates. The Marines would pay for three-fourths of the instructor's salary, Solter said.

The school would be required to provide office space, drill space, a gunnery range (or borrow an existing facility) and a storage area. While 100 youngsters are required to maintain the program, Solter said that the school would have two years to meet that goal.

In return, the Marines would provide all course materials and uniforms as well as the bulk of the instructor's salaries.

Solter emphasized that the Jr. MROTC was "not a recruiting program," and that surveys showed that only 18 percent of the participants nationwide went on to serve in the military. "Most of them didn't even go in the Marines," he said with a smile.

Solter noted that due to a change in the Marines' registration procedures the district would be required to reach a decision on the Jr. MROTC by Oct. 15 in order to participate during the 1978-79 school year. However, he said that the application could be withdrawn at a later date.

"The program has merit and appears good," said Supt. Jack Peters. "Every youngster ought to have the opportunity to have some military discipline in high school."

Board member Earl Meier saw it differently. "I don't think I care to make a military program available," he said. "Our curriculum now is to the point there are so many electives there aren't enough hours in a day for the kids to get what they need."

Dr. Cuchens said that "the kids would decide the need by their participation." She said that she was preparing a survey to determine student interest in the program and she hoped to have it out to the

students by the end of this week.

Wednesday principal Bill MacFarlane told the Post the board was going to delay releasing the survey until more research could be done on the ROTC program.

Continuing the board's examination of a state evaluation of the high school released earlier this year, Social Studies department head Cliff O'Harrow discussed the report's analysis of his personal finance, social studies and career awareness programs.

O'Harrow said the report was generally favorable to his department, especially in the career awareness and personal finance sections. The report praised the department for the achievement of a workable solution for career education requirements. The use of a wide variety of materials and the attempts to meet state goals in the personal finance field were also commended.

But, O'Harrow admitted that the social studies department "kind of got ripped." The report was critical of the lack of coordination during the recent changeover from an elective to a requirement-oriented curriculum.

It also stated that some students in the program had negative attitudes towards social studies and that the program was deficient in psychology, ethnic and economics courses.

O'Harrow said that they were "working on" solutions to the deficiencies cited in the report but added that some courses offered in the past, such as economics, had not been maintained due to lack of student interest.

In defense of the social studies program, Principal William MacFarlane pointed out that the author of the report took a more liberal viewpoint than the Sandy administrators do and that the report was written from a philosophical, not educational, viewpoint.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor Les Geren next made a report to the board on the status of the school's forest research lab, located on a 78-acre tract of land on Coalman Road.

The tract, part brushland and part timber, is being developed into a forestry lab by FFA members, who are re-planting parts of the tract with commercial timber with the goal of creating a full management plan for the site.

Geren reported that to raise money they had harvested approximately \$6000 in timber on the site and sold it to Vanport Lumber Co.

Unfortunately, later examination showed that Vanport already owned the slice of land harvested and that Vanport had in fact bought the timber they already owned. "There was some friction there," Geren deadpanned as the board dissolved into laughter.

Geren hastily added that the conflict had been resolved and that a buffer of uncut timber was being left around the FFA site to prevent a recurrence of that event.

In other business the board voted to guarantee that all Redland students currently attending Sandy High on a tuition basis would be allowed to graduate.

The Redland district does not have a high school and there is some question as to where Redland students will attend high school in the future due to the fact Sandy High is already virtually full.

Peters said that the board's move to keep the current Redland students would give those youngsters some continuity to their education.

The board also approved a budget calendar for the 1977-78 year, moved to add a part-time library aide to the current staff and accepted a district insurance policy as presented by board insurance agent George Morgan.



Home of the Dahlias

THIS LITTLE flower stand on Highway 26 is a familiar sight to Hoodland commuters. For the inside story on the stand and the unique woman behind it, see page one, section two.