

Sewer plan, 'no growth' irks Boring area folks

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staff reporter

BORING—Plans for formation of a sewer district here along with a limited growth policy came under fire Tuesday from residents who said the project is too ambitious to be financed by downtown businesses.

"You're not facing up to the fact that we're looking at an expensive operation that will be borne by the downtown Boring area with no hope of other businesses coming in to help," one man told state officials at a meeting of the Boring Action Neighborhood Group.

Department of Environmental Quality personnel in February inspected commercial and residential sewer systems in the Boring area and found that a health hazard exists in the downtown, where many systems are dumping raw sewage into the north fork of Deep Creek.

Bob Gilbert, Northwest Regional director for the DEQ, and Charlie Gray, who headed the state agency's probe, answered questions from BANG members and other residents.

"The downtown area has been identified as a problem," Gray said. "Some of the (sewer) failings are running raw sewage into the north fork of Deep Creek."

"People will be notified by Clackamas County of violations. We (DEQ) are of the feeling that since the systems are distributing raw sewage into Deep Creek, they should have to put in holding tanks."

However, Gray said holding tanks are a short-term solution to the problem and that the DEQ has recommended that a county service district be formed.

A proposed county study would look into the economic feasibility of forming the service district.

"The county tells us that they don't have the money to conduct a study," Gray said, "but they will look deeply into their pockets."

An additional problem arises, Gray said, because the Columbia Region Association of Governments has designated Boring rural.

"There is a problem that CRAG has designated Boring a rural area and

rural areas cannot be served by sewers (except) to eliminate an existing health hazard.

"If CRAG allows the sewer district, it would only be on the basis of no-growth or limited growth. The area is designated as rural and it must maintain its rural integrity," Gray said.

Persons agreed the sewage problem must be resolved but criticized the plan because of the limited or no growth policy, saying there is not enough of a

financial base in Boring to pay for the district.

Residents also said Boring is rural suburban and questioned how that differs from the rural designation. "We've been working on planning for seven years and we've always been suburban rural," Paul Federici, BANG member, said.

"Now you say we're just rural and I'd like to know who the hell the authority is on that."

Both Gilbert and Gray emphasized that they are not in the planning business and that questions about the area's designation should be directed to CRAG or Clackamas County officials.

Nonetheless, criticisms centered on the regional planning agency. "I don't see where CRAG can come in now and tell us we're rural," Ken Stone said. "CRAG is a sore spot for me. I don't even think it should be there. If they're going to do this, they're going to have one hell of a fight."

"Either there's going to be more businesses in Boring—which I think is inevitable—or CRAG should verify if our plans are null and void," another woman said.

Others questioned what would be done if the county took a "do-nothing" posture on the DEQ recommendation for the area.

"There are statutes, but we'd rather not use them," Gilbert said. "We'd rather do studies and show it's logical and reasonable to do it (go with the service district)."

Bob Laws said the meeting with DEQ officials was a waste of time. "We didn't accomplish anything tonight except to miss 30 minutes of the Blazer game. This has been a wasted trip."

Lloyd Hinkhouse, BANG president, said the group would try to get county and CRAG officials to a meeting in the future when plans are more concrete on the needs for the area.

Gray said problems were caused by a lack of knowledge of sewer systems when many of the buildings were constructed, by soil conditions and by overuse of drainfields in the area.

About 65 persons attended Tuesday's meeting.



BOB GILBERT (seated), Northwest Regional manager for the DEQ, and Charlie Gray, assistant manager, answered questions about a proposed sewer district for the Boring area.

Blazers postpone meeting

Blazermania has led to the postponement of a meeting of a citizens advisory committee working on the revision of Sandy's Comprehensive Plan.

City administrative assistant Susan Greer said the meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. instead of the previously scheduled April 26 to allow Sandy residents to watch a National Basketball Association playoff game with the Seattle Super-Sonics.

At next week's meeting the committee is scheduled to finish drafting objectives for the comprehensive plan, along with working on an implementation program Ben Salisbury is the committee chairman.

Greer said the meeting will probably be the last before the first draft of land use plan is drawn up. She said the group is "just a little bit behind" in reaching its goal of revising the city's plan by the end of June. The city council will review goals and objectives recommended by the citizens advisory committee prior to final adoption of the comprehensive plan.

The citizens advisory

committee tentatively adopted 15 planning goals during its March 15 meeting, and discussed objectives for the first nine goals at its April 16 session.

The goals adopted by the citizens advisory committee were designed to follow goals and guidelines required by the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Sandy's goals include:

Goal 1: Citizen Involvement. To maintain a citizen involvement program that offers citizens of Sandy within the urban growth boundary an opportunity for involvement in all phases of the planning process on an ongoing basis.

Goal 2: Land Use Planning. To maintain an ongoing land use planning program which will reflect current and future needs for clear, equitable and visionary programs and policies.

Goal 3: Agricultural Lands. To preserve agricultural lands within the ultimate urban growth boundary of the city of Sandy as a current and future development resource.

Goal 4: Forest Lands. To

catalog and retain forest lands as future urban development resources.

Goal 5: Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources. To increase open space within the urban growth boundary of the city and to highlight Sandy's historic role in the development of the Willamette Valley through the preservation of historic sites.

Goal 6: Air, Water and Land Resources. To maintain and where feasible enhance the air, water and land resources quality in the community.

Goal 7: Areas Subject to Natural Disasters and Hazards. To attempt to educate the people to make informed decisions in ways that can avoid areas subject to natural disasters and hazards.

Goal 8: Recreation Needs. To develop recreation areas, facilities and services designed to involve the citizens of Sandy, regardless of their age, sex, abilities or interests.

Goal 9: Economy. To diversify the economic base of the city of Sandy in order to minimize dependence upon any single industry or commercial entity.

Goal 10: Housing. To increase the supply of

housing to allow for population growth in Sandy and to encourage innovation in construction, funding, regulation and siting of housing in order to provide safe, helpful, aesthetic and energy efficient housing.

Goal 11: Public Facilities and Services. To establish an orderly system for the extension and maintenance of public services based upon demonstrated need for residential, commercial or industrial development. Environmental and aesthetic concerns will be a major component of need.

Goal 12: Transportation. To minimize vehicular impact on the city and to integrate Sandy's transportation system with the transportation planning and development system within the region and state.

Goal 13: Energy Conservation. To conserve energy and to develop energy sources when feasible.

Goal 14: Urbanization. To maintain Sandy's identity as a community separate and distinct from the Portland Metropolitan area, and to provide for an orderly and timely growth of urban lands.

Goal 15: Human Services. To provide access to a wide range of human services.

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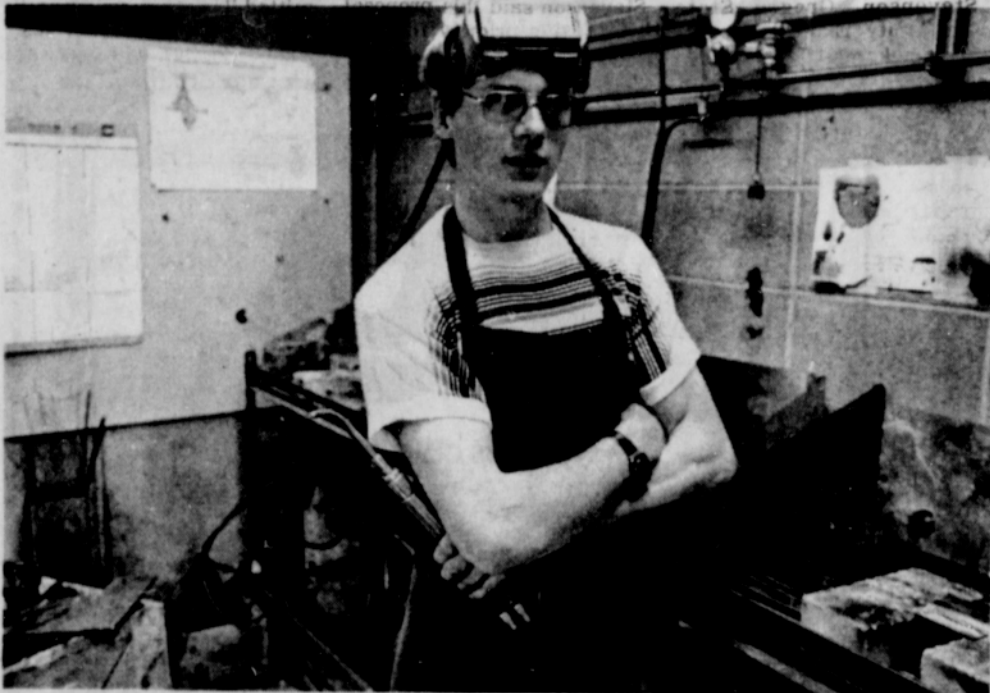
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901; Team Series, Jennie		5. Sharon's Pantry	
Welches Antiques, 2,624.		6. Smith Motors	
		7. Decker's	
		8. Sandy Fire Dept	

Final Standings		Individual game: Roy	
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		Team game: Clackamas Co.	
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		Sharon's Pantry, 2,824.	
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Recreation areas open April 22

The majority of Portland General Electric Company's recreation areas will open April 22, according to a company spokesman.

Promontory Park on the Clackamas River will open April 21 and Timothy Lake on the Skyline Trail off Highway 26 will open when snow conditions allow, said James H. Goggin, manager of Portland General Electric Company's community relations department.

Facilities for fishing and overnight camping are available at both Promontory Park and Timothy Lake. Reservations for Promontory may be made by calling 226-8503 Monday through Friday. Timothy Lake Campgrounds operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

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