

Rural plan states goal exceptions

A rural plan information meeting will be held next Wednesday night at Sandy Union High School.

The 7:30 p.m. session is one of a series planned by the Clackamas County Planning Department to explain two alternative plan map amendments that have been prepared by county planners to redefine locations for non-urban uses.

Ardis Stevenson, Oregon State University Extension agent for the county, said the county intends to take exceptions to LCDC's agriculture and forest goals for at least 78 specific parcels which total about 50 square miles.

She said the parcels are proposed to be identified as rural because the land

is no longer available for farm or forest use.

Stevenson, who coordinates the county's citizen involvement program, said the process of taking exceptions to Land Conservation and Development Commission goals assures citizens an opportunity to participate in resolving conflicts between state and land use goals and competing local needs or values.

Two alternative plan map amendments have been prepared by county planners to redefine locations for non-urban land uses. Maps are based on state requirements which were set after the present plan was adopted and also on information developed in the aborted rural zoning project, Stevenson

said. Locations also are tied to criteria and definitions which are part of the proposed amendment package.

Map Alternative "A" identifies as rural 65 sites representing 48 square miles and 55 square miles of industrial and commercial land.

Alternative "B" adds additional rural sites for a total of 103 (56 square miles). The 1974 Comprehensive Plan map for the same project area shows 72 square miles of rural land.

Reasons for the numerical differences is that Map "A" uses a very strict interpretation of what land is already committed to uses other than agriculture or forestry, according to Stevenson.



Budget proposal criticized

Proposed cuts in the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department budget came under fire Tuesday during the first session of hearings on the proposed county budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Approximately 50 citizens showed up for the hearing, the majority of whom supported Sheriff John Renfro's plea that the county not cut the sheriff department's budget.

Renfro appeared before the budget committee made up of two commissioners and three citizens to defend his department's proposed \$6.2 million budget. The county's total budget is for \$37 million.

The county budget officer's proposal, however, has rejected Renfro's request for four new deputies, four additional detectives, one lieutenant, plus 15

additional personnel.

Other programs which would suffer cuts under the proposal include senior transportation and information and referral services and mental health programs. Metzler Park would be shut down.

Sandy resident Ginny Brewster addressed the budget committee and objected to the proposed budget cut. She said that she believed there were other areas of the county budget that could be cut and other departments which were laden with bureaucracy.

On Tuesday, May 2, public hearings will be held for the sections of the proposed budget dealing with corrections, clerk, circuit court, district court, data processing, financial administration and the district attorney's office. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

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Zone change hearing due

The Sandy City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed zone change request for the Cory-McNeel property off Langensand Road at its Monday night meeting.

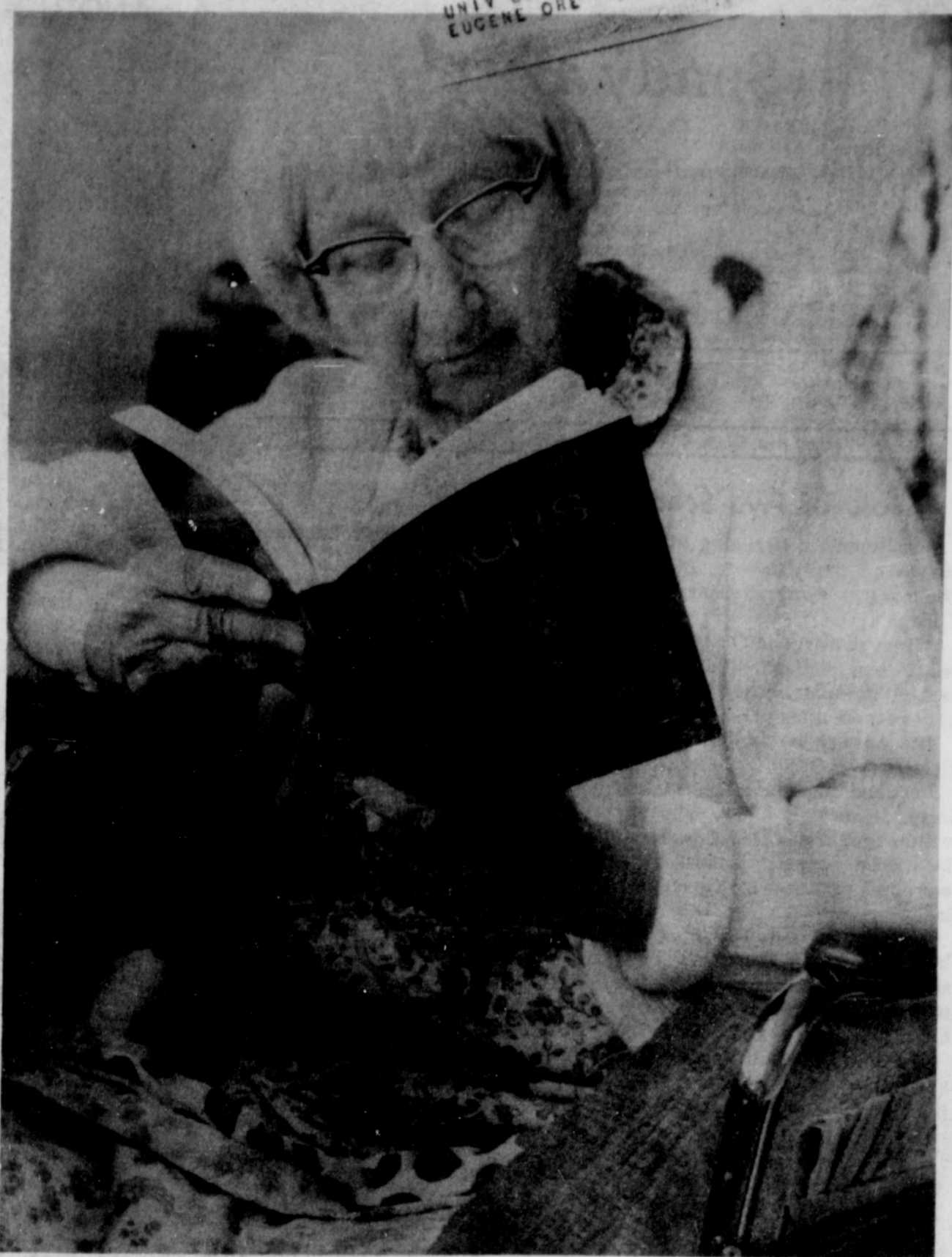
The Sandy Planning Commission has recommended that the council approve a zone change from single family

residential (R-1) to higher density residential (R-3) for the 18.43 acres of land.

Several residents of the area appeared at the planning commission meeting and protested the zone change recommendation, citing increased traffic flow onto Highway 26 and objections to the higher density housing.

The council will also discuss a proposed contract between the state and city to install a traffic light at the intersection of Wolf Street and Ten Eyck Road, and a revised engineer's report on the proposed Tickle Creek Local Improvement District.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the public hearing slated for 8 p.m.



BLAZER FAN Helen Spulak of St. Jude's Home jumps into an advance copy of Trail Blazer coach Jack

Ramsay's new book, "The Coach's Art."

(Post photo)

At 84 she plots 'red hot and rolling' Blazer fan club

Blazermania is alive and well at St. Jude's Home in Sandy.

The exuberant support comes from Helen Spulak, 84, who never misses a Blazer game or a play.

She's got the low-down on every player, and some low comments for the officials, too.

But the comments aren't whimpered in any low voice.

"That's terrible! Did you see that call?" she screams, pointing to the television screen eight feet from her wheelchair.

She laughed when the rent-a-car ad at halftime showed a man dashing through hallways.

"I think that's one of those officials trying to get out of there before they get

him," she chirped.

Helen said she hoped to get a "red-hot and rolling Blazer fan club" started at St. Jude's.

She's not the only resident who follows the team, but probably the most devoted.

It all started when she took an apartment in Estacada a few years ago and got hooked on following the team on radio and on the tube.

When she hurt her hip and moved to St. Jude's, the love affair continued.

Hearing of the white-haired lady's passion for them, the Blazers have even sent her a game ticket and a team roster signed by every member on the team.

She framed the ticket and put it in her

room.

"Basketball is a game of skill," she said.

"I used to watch football in my apartment, but that game's too violent."

No, she's never played basketball, nor had much personal exposure to the game.

She just likes what she sees.

"Seattle's had a team now for 13 years, so they shouldn't get all the breaks," she said of the ref's calls and player injuries plaguing the Blazers.

Helen in her younger days worked as a reporter for the newspaper in Canby, although she never covered basketball as one of her assignments.

Sheriff makes plea for leads in murder

Clackamas County Sheriff John Renfro is once again making a plea for public assistance in the investigation of the murder of Margie Fernet, a 15-year-old Sandy High School sophomore.

Miss Fernet was brutally murdered near her home in the Roslyn Lake area on Jan. 24. She was killed as she walked through the McKinnon airstrip on her way home from her school bus stop.

A spokesman for the sheriff's department said a reward fund established after the murder has now reached over \$2,500. The reward, which is being handled through an account at the Clackamas County Bank in Sandy, will be paid to anyone who can provide information that will result in the identification of the responsible party.

Jerry Greene, public information

officer for the sheriff's department, said two of the county's "best" homicide detectives, Loren Peterson and Pat Reed, are currently working on the case.

"If they can't solve it, I don't know who can," he said. "They're very good at what they do."

The problem, he added, comes to evidence.

"Zilch. Still nothing."

Greene said it isn't uncommon for a murder to be unsolved.

"There's an awful lot of unsolved murders. We're just unfortunate to have one here."

Renfro has asked that anyone who has any information that might be of value in the case call his office at 655-8542.

Multorpor request goes before county

Clackamas County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposed Multorpor Meadows subdivision on Monday, May 8.

Developers have asked for approval for a 16-lot subdivision on 4.7 acres in the recreational-residential zone, and a waiver of a section of the county ordinance.

The ordinance reads that "all such roads that are to be developed as

private roads shall be deemed to be minor roads within the subdivision and may not constitute the total length of roads within the subdivision. Further, the connecting road within the subdivision to the adjacent county road shall also be a county road."

The property is located on the south side of Highway 26 in Government Camp.

The meeting will be held in room 2, in the Clackamas County Courthouse.



Good fishin'

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT... especially on opening day of trout season. Fishers by the score lined the banks of the Clackamas River and tributaries Saturday despite intermittent rain which fell most of the day. Here a young angler tries his luck on a secluded portion of the river. For more pictures of opening day activities, see page 12.

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