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Community Center readied

possible. We want a good, strong foundation to build on. We hope to have it ratified by council sometime in the middle of September.

Post: Who is on the Recreation Commission?

Halvorson: There are seven altogether and they are selected from area organizations and service districts.

We have representation from Sandy Pioneer Association (Howard Berger), Sandy Senior Center (Ed Neuenfeldt), Sandy Union High School District (Ginny Brewster), Sandy Elementary District (Gary Davidson), Sandy-Area Chamber of Commerce (Virginia Callen), Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees (Tim Ward) and Sandy City Council (Bruce Cook).

Post: Has it been decided which groups in the community will have access to the center?

Halvorson: Originally, city council had in mind the senior center as a priority user of the facility when it was promoting passage of the bonds to pay for the Community Center. I think that is a major assumption in all the activities of the facility. Of course, most of the senior center activities take place during the day so there will be 5,000 square feet for public use during other times.

The senior center will be using the lower level primarily but the auditorium on the upper level will be available to them if needed for large groups or meetings. Normally, senior center activities will be restricted to the lower level.

I don't expect there will be much of a problem in getting organizations to use

the facility if they are interested and if they qualify under the manual of procedures which will be established by the Recreation Commission.

I'm sure there will be some restrictions as to what kinds of groups will be allowed. I'm not going to say at this point what they will be because the decision hasn't been made. But I expect the senior center would have first priority in the facility. Other Recreation Department activities would also have top priority. They would be scheduled by Tom Botbyl who is the building supervisor. Requests for use of the facility and collection of fees will be through his office.

Post: What groups have said they would like to use the center?

Halvorson: Besides the senior center and community recreation division of the Recreation Department, there will be the building department of the city; the Sandy Pioneer Association has asked for the back area of the auditorium upstairs for use as a museum; the Sandy-Hoodland Jaycees have met here already; the One-Way Theatre group may be using it for some of their productions this season; and a local boy scout troop has asked to use it as a meeting place.

I've also had some contact from people who want to hold church services in the facility but I would strongly recommend that we do not have church functions in the facility for a number of reasons. The primary one is that we receive federal funds to operate the place and we can't get into allowing religious activities. We have to be very careful when it comes to that.

We also have to remember that the community does have alternate facilities for rental. They include the Oddfellows Hall, the Sandy Masonic Hall and Sandy Women's Club. Those three are available for use and we don't want to infringe upon their sources of revenue.

In general, I'm taking an open attitude about use of the facility. I don't think the door has been closed to anybody as of now. It will all have to be spelled out in the operating manual.

Post: As director of both the senior center and the Recreation Department, how will you split your time between the two?

Halvorson: During the past three or four months, we have totally revised our organization of the Recreation Department. We're taking a hard look at some of the services we're trying to provide and I've revised all the job descriptions of the people in the department. Everybody will be doing a number of things under the new reorganization.

For example, I will be spending 60 percent of my time in administration of the senior center. The other 40 percent of my time is in other Recreation Department activities. Nearly all of my time now is spent in administration. I hate to say it but I am in a less people-oriented position now because of the job requirements. I don't get the opportunity as much as I used to to have the one-to-one contact with the people in the programs — which I really sorely miss sometimes. But I still feel I'm close enough where I can understand some of the everyday problems and concerns of what's going on.



The Sandy Community Center, formerly Sandy Baptist Chapel

Post: What grant funds have been acquired for the Community Center?

Halvorson: We have Earl Ostrander who works 24 hours a week in a custodial position. He is supervised by the city but his position was funded through the Oregon-Washington Farmers' Green Thumb program which is federally funded. We were able to pick up those funds through that program because the people there liked the innovative approach we were taking with the variety of programs available through the Community Center. He is a part of the staff at no cost to the city.

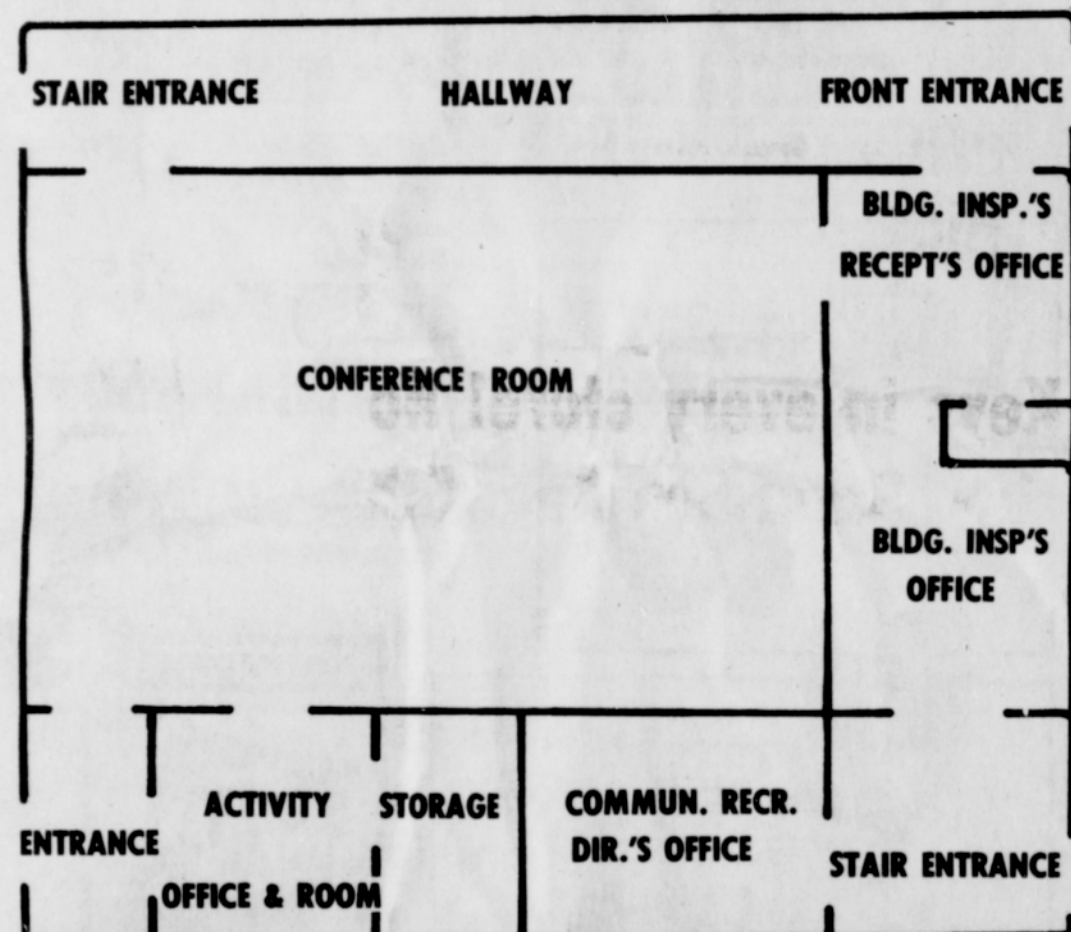
We also have a \$9,500 grant which Sue Greer at city hall and I helped develop from the Community Fund block grant for the parking lot at the Community Center. And we'll be looking for other similar funds for the center for such things as a new roof and possibly an elevator for the building because it is a hazardous incline going up and down.

I spend a lot of my time — and I'll probably spend even more — doing grant writing for the Recreation Department as well as for other functions of the city if need be. Presently we have applications for two grants

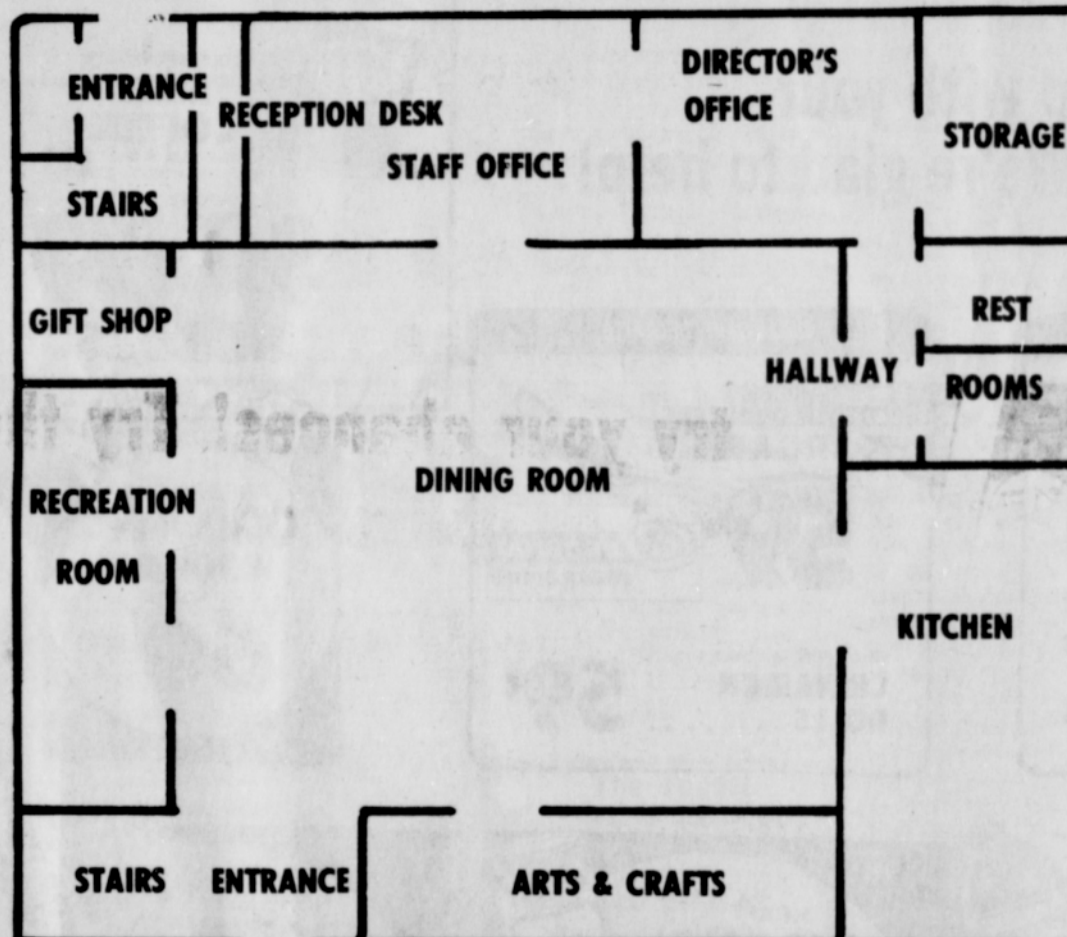
from private foundations. One has been deferred until September which means we're still under consideration: that is the Oregon Community Foundation which has a number of public and private grant sources to pay for furnishings for the Community Center.

There are a lot of things we need which we may be able to get through non-city funds. There are a lot of things we're working on. Some of them are fairly small, in the \$500 or \$1,000 category. But in a small town such as ours, they can add up and be very helpful to the operations of the center.

Community Center, first floor



Community Center, second floor



Board maintains decision

The Sandy Union High School Board has voted to uphold its previous decision not to renew the teaching contract of Language Arts teacher David Apple for the coming school year.

The 5-0 decision was a reaffirmation of a vote taken in the spring not to renew the contract. However, Apple hired an attorney and requested that the decision be reconsidered.

A contingent of approximately 40 persons turned out at the board's hearing two weeks ago in support of Apple.

However, the board voted in another special session two days later to not renew the contract. According to board members, the decision was based on Apple's personal file and on recommendations from his department heads, Dennis Crow and Barbara Cuchens that the contract not be renewed.

Also not returning to the high school this year will be chorale director Don Tucker. Tucker asked that he be relieved of his contract to take a position with Clackamas County.

Suspects charged

Sandy police investigated two incidents of shoplifting this week, both at Sharon's Food King.

The first report came at 1 p.m. on July 29. A total of \$6.42 worth of meat was reported stolen. Police arrested and transported Debbie Martinez, 27, who listed no address. The suspect is scheduled to appear in district court.

The second shoplifting incident occurred at 3 p.m. on July 29. The merchandise was listed as one pair of sunglasses, valued at \$6. Mark Duane Dilling, 25, was cited to appear for a charge of theft.

On July 30, police took into custody a runaway girl. The 14-year-old Eagle Creek resident was transported to juvenile detention.

Struder named

Carolyn Struder, a Portland home economist, has joined the Clackamas County staff of the Oregon State University Extension Service for the next year on a half-time basis.

TAX LEVY REDUCTION

Last January, the Sandy Elementary Teachers Association appealed to you for support in passing the bond issue to alleviate our overcrowded conditions. As a result of your support, the future of our schools looks bright. During teacher-board negotiations, we negotiated for a cost of living pay increase. Our salary increase was negotiated within the initially proposed budget. The teacher's association strongly recommends the Board's budget. It includes money for an increase in enrollment, an able and gifted program, three new teachers, basic building repairs, the continuation of programs, and two new buses to meet new state safety requirements. All this at a \$26,000 decrease from last year's operating cost. We think that a yes vote on Aug. 8 is a positive step in supporting the district's efforts to plan with the communities best interests in mind. For your information, the 1977-78 tax rate for all local education was \$17.24 per 1000 TCV and the estimated 1978-79 tax rate is \$16.49 per 1000 TCV. Please vote yes on Aug. 8.

HELP WANTED

The teachers of the Sandy Elementary District would like to thank you for your support in passing the bond issue in January. We now ask your help again in passing the school budget on Aug. 8. The passing of this levy would help the continuing joint efforts by the Board, administration, and teachers to provide top quality education in our district.

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City budget gets trimmed

building department positions from the budget.

Both motions failed by 7-3 votes. Councilman Warren Decker joined Richards and Rathke in eliminating the administrative planner's position, of which nearly all funds for the position come from the federal government through CETA.

Councilman George Burg voted (along with Richards and Cook) to eliminate the newly appointed second worker in the building department.

Also defeated Monday night was a proposal by Cook to reverse a previous council decision to pay City Manager Paul Helton one month's severance pay when he leaves in September. Richards seconded the motion.

But Bignall, Duff and Mayor Haneburg lashed out at the proposal arguing that to rescind a previous vote because not all of the members of council were present the first time around would damage the credibility of the body.

"I think you're destroying what this council is all about by making this move," Bignall stated. "We made that decision while there was a quorum and I think we should stick by it."

Decker voted in the minority with Richards and Cook.