

Medical center in the offing for Hoodland area

by JOHN KLINE

A long awaited plan to establish a primary care medical facility for the Hoodland area got off the ground Tuesday night.

Representatives from Providence Medical Center in Portland gave assurances to a gathering of approximately 60 Hoodland residents at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that they would work jointly with persons interested in the project toward establishment of a permanent medical center.

The facility would alleviate what is regarded as a critical need for medical

services for residents in the area and persons coming off the mountain in need of emergency treatment.

Providence administrator William Connelly said he and a group of resident doctors at the Center have studied the idea of establishing a medical facility in Hoodland and are ready to commit themselves and the resources of the Providence complex toward getting the project underway "as soon as possible."

The idea for establishing a medical center in Hoodland has been in the works for a long while. Connelly was approached with the idea of involving Providence in the establishment of the

Hoodland facility by members of the Hoodland Chamber less than a month ago.

The facility would include emergency services plus at least one full time physician for family medical services. Plans for the facility and identification of the medical needs for people on the mountain will be worked out by a joint committee of 10 persons: five from the Hoodland area and five from the Providence Center staff.

Chamber president Lowell Njust said he and Chamber executive secretary Gus Turner are accepting names of people interested in serving on the committee. The names should be

submitted to them by Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Connelly and three doctors affiliated with the Providence Center gave their views on how the groundwork could be laid for the Hoodland facility. Presenting views on various aspects of the proposal were Dr. Dale Reynolds, a general practitioner, Dr. Gary Rothenburger, a surgeon, and Dr. David Gilbert, internal medicine specialist.

A near unanimous show of hands from the people in attendance gave the contingent from Providence assurance that people in Hoodland are supportive of the medical facility.

Dr. Rothenburger said that from indications he has seen the area could support from two to three full time physicians.

"The crux of the problem is you need physicians who can take care of a wide range of ailments, a general practitioner who can treat colds, sore throats and the like."

Dr. Gilbert said that what is needed is a primary care center that could serve elderly patients as well as children.

"The kinds of doctors we may be looking for are interns with 3-4 years experience who are looking for a long-term place to establish a practice."

He added that with the Providence

Center serving as a back-up facility, the resident physician would have a team of specialists to consult with.

Dr. Reynolds, a leading health care planner in Oregon, said a number of problems would have to be addressed before the facility could be built. Among them are the amount of space needed, what types of equipment would be required and how the financing of the facility would be handled.

A definite timetable was not established for completion of the facility but the doctors said they would like to be ready to open the facility by June or July of next year.

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New DMV office moves a step closer for Sandy-area residents

by MARK FLOYD

Sandy residents may not have to travel to Gresham to pick up their driver's licenses next year following the State Transportation Committee's approval of a request by DMV Administrator Harold L. Grover for seven new field offices, including one in Sandy.

The final obstacle facing DMV officials is authorization of the Legislative Emergency Board to spend the \$571,000 allocated for the new offices. The Board, comprised of members of the state House and

Senate, will convene Oct. 12-13.

Funding for the project will come from the DMV, according to the assistant public information officer Dave Davis.

"The money comes from increased user fees from private insurance companies and non-law enforcement government agencies," he said. "It doesn't cost a lot to set up and operate the buildings, they're not going to be mammoth things."

Davis estimated that the DMV will receive \$2 million in revenue for the current biennium from the new billing

rates.

Of that amount, \$571,000 will be used to build offices in Sandy, Florence, Lincoln City, Cedar Hills, Stayton, Madras and Heppner.

The remaining money will be used for relocating or remodeling offices in Albany, Tillamook, Astoria, Burns, The Dalles, McMinnville, east Eugene, Bend, Medford and Grants Pass.

It is hoped that the new offices will take some of the strain off existing DMV divisions. The Gresham and Beaverton branches are overcrowded and DMV officials are confident that the proposed Sandy and Cedar Hills offices will take off some of the strain.

However, no one is quite sure what kind of effect the expansion might have.

"It's a wait and see thing," said Sid Ruvensky, manager of the Gresham office. "But there's a lot of people up the mountain that wouldn't have to come this far."

"We also get a lot of people from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation who stop here when they come into Portland to do their shopping," he added.

"We're sure hoping it will help," Ruvensky said. "I think it will, but it's hard to predict how much."

The proposed offices are part of a program to improve services and directly related to an opinion from the Attorney General's office suggesting that the DMV charge more to private agencies for information on non-criminal offenses, according to DMV public information officer Venita Howard.

If the Legislative Emergency Board authorizes the spending of the money, DMV officials say they hope to have the buildings ready for use in January.

It is not known where the DMV will be located in Sandy, but the City is more than ready to accept the new office, according to Mayor Melvin Haneberg said. "We've had a lot of complaints about people having to go to Gresham or Portland for the DMV."

"We would welcome that sort of service here."



Vic Atiyeh: "Voices are not being heard"

Staff photo

'The peoples choice'

Atiyeh lines up behind '6'

by JOHN KLINE

Republican gubernatorial candidate Vic Atiyeh reaffirmed his stance in favor of ballot Measure 6 here Tuesday as "the people's choice" for property tax relief in the state.

He came down hard against his opponent, Gov. Bob Straub, for what he termed a lack of leadership and for aligning himself with Measure 11 which the Legislature adopted in special session two weeks ago.

Atiyeh made his remarks one week to the hour in which Straub addressed the same Sandy area Chamber of Commerce audience the previous week. Straub gave a hearty endorsement to Measure 11 last Tuesday but Atiyeh lambasted the plan as "a shallow attempt to hoodwink the people of Oregon."

Atiyeh's speech dealt primarily with the issue of property tax relief. He said the issue points up a striking difference between himself and his opponent.

Atiyeh acknowledged "flaws" in Measure 6 as it now is written but said they could be "cleaned up" in the next session of the Legislature. He suggested the final plan be sent before the voters for approval sometime in February.

Atiyeh proposed a redrafting of Measure 6 in the Legislature special session but the plan was defeated by a 30-30 vote in the House and 17-11 in the Senate.

"I know Measure 6 has its flaws," he told an estimated crowd of 100 Tuesday at T.J.s. "But it's the plan of the taxpayers."

"There were over 200,000 people who signed the petition to have it placed on the ballot," he said. "Those voices are not being heard by the present governor."

Atiyeh said if Measure 6 is passed and receives more votes than Measure 11, he would propose that assessed valuation of property be kept at 1977 or '78 levels instead of having them rolled back to 1975 levels as is called for now

with Measure 6.

He also proposes to do away with the 2 percent per year increase in assessed valuation and allow property values to be raised by a consumer price index figure established by the Legislature.

Atiyeh pointed out that Measure 6 places an upward limit (1.5 percent) on the amount of taxes that can be levied against a property owner. He said Measure 11 offers no guarantee on the amount of taxes that can be levied.

"Measure 11 calls for the state to pay half of all property taxes," he said. "But who is the state? It's you and me."

We'll pay half locally and pay the other half in income taxes. We're being bribed with our own money."

When asked whether schools would be affected if Measure 6 goes into effect, Atiyeh said he did not believe they would but added "it's time for all of us to tighten our belts."

Atiyeh also stated that he has been a backer of property tax relief legislation for several years. He said Straub jumped on the tax relief bandwagon only after the issue made headlines in the state after passage of California's Proposition 13.

Kent announces for mayor

John W. Kent, owner of The Theatre in Sandy, announced his decision to file as the sixth candidate for the office of mayor of Sandy in the Nov. 7 election. Nov. 7 election.

Kent, 37, said in a prepared announcement that he is running on a platform of bringing "Christian honesty to city government through one simple rule: do to others as you would want them to do to you."

Kent worked in lumber and building material sales 10 years before coming to Sandy to operate The Theater. He is

an associate member of the Sandy-Hoodland and the Gresham Jaycees. He lived in Gresham eight years before moving to Sandy earlier this year.

Kent joins councilmen Jim Duff and Bruce Cook as well as Dick Harrison, Ruth Loundree and Dennis Wolf in the race for the mayor's office.

Duff, Cook and Harrison are the only candidates who have submitted petitions with the required 20 signatures to the City Recorder's office. Deadline for filing is Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

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School bid openings set for 2 p.m. Tuesday

Sandy Elementary superintendent Clark Lund will meet with architects of the new Kelso school at 2 p.m. next Tuesday to open construction bids on the project.

The bid opening will be held at the office of Broome, Oringdolph, O'Toole, Rudolf and Associates in Portland, architects for the school.

Lund received approval on the

drawing and specifications from the state Department of Education last month. DOE architectural consultant W.G. Wilnot said in his letter of approval that "the architectural work presented is exemplary of the highest standards of the profession."

The school board will meet in special session Sept. 26 to consider the bids and award a contract.

Reynolds trial goes to the jury

by JOHN DEAN

OREGON CITY — Prosecuting and defense attorneys delivered concluding arguments yesterday in the trial of Jake Clarence Reynolds, 27, charged with robbery and aggravated felony murder in the shooting death of Kermit Carney of Portland in Irene's Tavern June 10.

Deputy District Attorney Steve Maurer, the prosecuting attorney for the state, claimed a "chain of circumstances" linked Reynolds with the shooting.

But defense attorneys Richard Crist and John Lowe in their responses said much of the circumstantial evidence was contradictory.

Circuit Court Judge Dale Jacobs is presiding at the trial. The jury is now in seclusion.

In the scenario Maurer drew for the jury, Reynolds and Jerry Lane Nored, who is also accused in the shooting, had been in the tavern several hours earlier. The defense did not contest this assertion.

Maurer told the jury that Reynolds took on a look of disgust when a barmaid at the tavern informed him he couldn't collect on the games he had

won on a pinball machine.

Reynolds then asked tavern owner Lorraine Urnaut what time the bar closed and left with Nored, Maurer said.

Urnaut and Barbara Holder, a friend of Carney, testified they saw Reynolds and Nored leave the tavern in an orange van.

Maurer then drew links between Reynolds and Nored and the masked robbers who held up the tavern at 1:30 a.m.

Holder testified that Reynolds' voice in the tavern was the same as that of the robber who shot Carney.

Another witness, Charles Smith, had testified that the voices were different, but said all other characteristics between the masked robbers and Reynolds and Nored were identical, Maurer said.

When state and local police arrested Reynolds at his home later that morning, they found an M-1 rifle under his bed, the same model used in the shooting.

Sgt. George Matsuda of the Oregon State Police crime laboratory ran tests that showed Reynolds' rifle was the one used in the shooting, Maurer said.

Matsuda had testified that when he shot a test bullet with the rifle, the marks left by the barrel of the rifle on

the bullet matched those of a bullet found in a wall of the tavern after the shooting.

Maurer said police also found a mask with two eyeholes on Reynolds' property which fit the description of witnesses.

Maurer recounted testimony by state policeman Fred Huffman, chief investigating officer, that Reynolds told him, "I know I did it...Well, if I did it, I must have did it while I was drunk."

But defense attorney Crist pointed out several alleged discrepancies in the testimony linking Reynolds to the robbery.

Crist said the robber thought to be Reynolds wore black, shiny boots and dark blue pants, while those who had seen Reynolds in the tavern testified he wore brown boots and white pants.

Crist said the "reasonable explanation" why Reynolds asked Urnaut what time the bar closed was that he wanted to return to play off some of the games he had won. "It doesn't necessarily mean he was going to come back and rob the tavern," Crist said.

Crist said the "masks" introduced as evidence against Reynolds were merely a handkerchief-sized piece of cloth with two holes cut in it. "The state,

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