

Sandy receives optimistic prognosis

by DAN DILLON

The city of Sandy is "Ready to meet the challenge of the 1980s."

That was the word from Mayor Ruth Loundree Saturday as she, and seven community leaders, gathered for a town meeting to profile Sandy's past, present and future.

The optimism was based on a solid commercial outlook, a strong sense of community pride and the foundation being established in local schools.

"There is considerably more positive than there is negative," according to Dick Busby, president of the Independent Bank of Sandy. He cited an active, progressive city management that can allow the city to "selectively" encourage the business types it wishes to attract.

Because of the availability of utilities and water in Industrial Park, the city has attracted industries that are nonpolluting and

economically sound.

However, he cautioned, outside economic pressures affect local business interests, as in the case of recently-departed Timberline Trailers. Because of the fuel crunch, that firm was forced to consolidate its entire operation in Forest Grove.

The outlook is brightened by two new firms currently taking steps for relocation in Sandy. Busby said the two would employ approximately 175 persons in unskilled and semiskilled positions within 18 months.

A new \$3.5 million shopping center gained conceptual approval at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Filling the positions those new ventures create should be the responsibility of Sandy. Creation of new jobs lends to community stability by retaining the self-produced work force.

"For too long Sandy has been saying to its high school graduates, 'Gee, it's been

nice knowing you. Now get out of town,'" said Dale Nicholls, a local realtor. He challenged the community with "moral obligation" to provide employment opportunities for local high school graduates.

That obligation, coupled with maintaining the style of living Sandy residents have become accustomed to, falls on the city management. Nicholls credited that government with "a desire to create a balanced growth pattern" through the "essential but aggravating" system of constant planning.

The planning process will establish a "balanced community" that is an entity apart from the Portland metropolitan area, according to City Manager Roger Jordan. The growth pattern will also encourage balanced industrial, commercial and residential growth.

The desires of the community will be listened to and

heeded, he said. If the city council accepts his recommendation, the city will actively market the Sandy area to prospective industrial tenants. That will continue the balanced growth and insure an environmental quality that is livable.

It will also create the jobs to retain the Sandy work force.

Dr. Jack Peters, superintendent of Sandy High School District, cited the career education program established at the school as evidence that the district is willing to train to meet Sandy's needs.

To further that preparation, Clark Lund, superintendent of Sandy Elementary School District, called for increased communication between the two school districts. He said, "The district is striving to keep pace, maybe even get a little ahead in the game."

That curriculum development should be tied in with the development the high school experiences to assure an even transition from one program to the next.

"We can be awfully clever and plan everything just right," said the Rt. Rev. Matthew P. Bigliardi, Episcopal bishop of Oregon. "Let's don't lose our hearts in the process."

Maintaining the heart of the community is a task of human services.

Through programs like Sandy Community School and Silver Threads, Judy Sheppard, who has been associated with both, said, "The cost is very, very low when you consider the benefits."

Bigliardi concurred, "Without human resources, no community can be health-giving. Somebody has to reach out and touch so you know you're alive."



Photo by Mark Floyd

Alpine Ambulance and Sandy Fire District personnel administer emergency first aid to Eddie Lohms after he was struck by a vehicle last Thursday as he walked in front of Orchard Crest Nursing Home. Despite the emergency care, Lohms died later that day at Gresham Community Hospital. Clackamas County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident.

Park grant request okayed

The Sandy City Council has approved application for a \$6,000 park improvement grant.

The money is targeted for improvements in Meinig Park and development of the Tupper Park property.

Under the state grant program for assistance to improve city parks, the funds would have to be matched by the city with an equal amount. In-kind labor will be used for the city's share.

Improvements to Meinig Park will include a basketball standard, a wooden sign on Meinig Avenue, two horseshoe pits and a cargo net for the play area.

Also included in the grant application is money to match the funds raised by

the Lynn Ellis Memorial Fund. This fund is targeted for improvements to the Bird Cage Theater.

The second portion of the grant would be used to begin the development at the Tupper Park site. With Tupper Road scheduled for improvements and a growing residential area to the south, city staff recommended to the council that the area would be ideal for an open play area.

The improvements would be initiated in the southeast corner of the area because the city has not yet made up its mind on whether or not to sell the property. That corner is an old mill pond, however, and improvements would be limited to that area until a decision on the sale is

finalized.

Improvements at the park would include installation of 100 feet of 36-inch pipe to drain what is left of the mill pond. The area would then be filled with dirt from the Tupper Road improvement project and would be seeded with grass.

The grant requires the city to complete part of the park as a finished project. That is why only a portion of the marshy area will have drainage pipe installed.

That would still leave money to fill, excavate and seed the project so it would be "completed" in the state's eyes. Thus, the proposed plan will be to complete the park in a series of two or three usable sections.

Thefts keep police busy

James Ennis, of Boring, reported the theft of clothing from the Chalet Coin-Op laundromat last Monday. The clothes were valued at \$59.

Sandy police received a report of a theft from the Sandy Public Works Department Tuesday, Oct. 9. Tools, an amber yellow light for the top of a truck and radio speakers were reported missing. The incident is under investigation.

Sandy police responded to an automobile-pedestrian accident at the corner of Beers Avenue and Proctor Boulevard last Tuesday evening. James Hinton, of Sandy, was struck by a

vehicle, driven by Nathan Long, 16, of Sandy. The incident is under investigation.

Scott Hornbeck reported the theft of a 10-speed bicycle from Barker Court. The bike is valued at \$150.

Darrell Cameron reported the theft of his automobile last Wednesday from the intersection of Bluff and Kelso Roads. The missing vehicle is a 1966 Volkswagen.

Marty Lee Fairbrother, of Sandy, was charged with careless driving as a result of an accident in which the car he was driving rolled on North Bluff Road. The accident occurred at approximately 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Dale Lane, a Pleasant Street resident in Sandy, reported the theft of his 1970 Mercury four-door station wagon last Thursday at approximately midnight. The vehicle was recovered by Sandy police at 6:45 a.m. one-quarter mile north of Highway 26 on Ten Eyck Road.

Jason Steele reported theft of his bicycle, valued at \$75, from Pioneer Boulevard. The theft occurred Friday, Oct. 12.

Wayne Koch reported the theft of speakers and a receiver from Park Street. The merchandise was valued at \$139.

City okays sewer extension

At a special Wednesday night meeting, last week the Sandy City Council okayed a bid that will bring sewer service to the proposed Halo subdivision.

City Manager Roger Jordan called the special

meeting to consider the sewer extension because the contractor who submitted the low bid was operating in the area. Les Brown, whose bid the council accepted, told

city officials he was in the

process of completing one project and would soon remove his equipment.

To avoid the delay in installation that would have occurred with the equipment removal, council okayed the bid that will bring 600 feet of long 12-inch pipe from the subdivision on South Bluff Road to a connection where an eight-inch pipe will serve Gerland Court.

Councilman Don Blair expressed concern that the eight-inch pipe would suffice with anticipated growth in the area. Dennis Peoples, public works director, said the engineering for the area assured the adequacy of the eight-inch pipe.

The project will be paid for by the city's sewer improvement fund and system development charges from the area. It will cost approximately \$10,000 in materials and labor.

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