

New map to aid CPO with zoning changes

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Hampered by numerous meetings and trying to make sense out of the Clackamas County planning staff's proposed rezoning of the Hoodland area, the Mt. Hood Corridor Citizen Planning Organization made some definite decisions on how to inform residents of the proposed changes

that will affect the area.

Chairperson John McMahan told the small audience of residents and property owners who turned out to the CPO's April 24 meeting that people are now feeling helpless in dealing with the county.

McMahan said that the local planning issues are becoming so complex that people are having a difficult time trying to keep on top of them.

Neil Sullivan of Welches agreed and said that it is the county's own planning staff that is responsible for creating this feeling among people.

Sullivan said at the informational meetings held by the county that every time a property owner speaks out with a complaint concerning the rezoning of their land they are instructed to deal with it outside of the meeting.

This, said Sullivan, makes people feel they will have to fight the county without the help of the CPO.

"It is not one-on-one since people have the same problem," said Sullivan. "It's the same old story of divide and conquer. And so far that's

owners, and yet many are either trying to battle the county alone or are not yet aware that their land is being affected.

Blaming the planning staff's map as being part of the problem, Sullivan said people couldn't find property on the map without the use of a magnifying glass.

Dave Enna, who lives in the Lolo Pass area near Zigzag, said he is concerned because the county is proposing to rezone his property to one house per forty acres instead of the one per five acres allowed by the 1976 Mt. Hood Community Plan.

Sullivan said the planning staff is now considering amending their proposed zoning to allow one house on 20 acres, but, he added "if you have 35 acres you couldn't divide it into two 20-acre sites."

Wes Post of Mountain Country Realty, who lives on Lolo Pass and how they've 'tap danced' around us."

Sullivan said that the proposed zoning changes in the area creates similar problems for a lot of property

who will be affected by the proposed zoning, said some of the problems are being caused because the county is incorporating a lot of the planning ideas of the flatlands into the area.

Post also said the county is listening to too many people "off the mountain" who know very little about the area.

"They drive by at 50 miles per hour and say 'just look at all the pretty trees,'" said Post.

A motion was passed for the CPO to redraw the map that shows the various sub-areas of the organization. This is expected to be helpful in notifying persons whose property will be affected by the zoning changes, as well as assisting in such areas as electing representatives.

To assist in understanding the problems created by rezoning Post and Sullivan were appointed to study the situation and make contact with property owners who have complaints.

McMahan also requested that concerned residents contact their sub-area representatives.

Carnival in Boring was tops

The Boring carnival Saturday topped all previous years, grossing \$3,600 as hundreds attended.

Ida Cannon, carnival chairman, attributed the success to "The Boring Story," a monthly newsletter distributed to parents and businesses in the community.

Also, she said, "a lot of the other schools have discontinued their carnivals."

Connie Reynolds, PTA president, said planning for the carnival began a year ago with the selection of Cannon as chairman.

The money collected will be used to purchase something the school needs.



Photo by Gwen Bogh

Heather Atkinson, a kindergarten student at Boring, is in the process of receiving a painted face from Jan Speciale, a second grade teacher. The Boring carnival was considered a success by those involved.

Four charged after overpass incident

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Four persons were arrested by the Oregon State Police earlier this month for throwing snowballs off the Multapor overpass near Government Camp, some of which shattered the windshield of a vehicle being driven by an off-duty policeman.

The incident occurred on April 3 at 10:50 p.m. Off-duty OSP Sergeant Dan E. Wolf was driving eastbound on U.S. Highway 26 on packed snow and ice.

In the car with him was his wife and three kids, and his 80-year-old

grandmother, who was sitting in the right front seat.

According to Trooper John Rizzo, investigating officer, a large piece of ice was thrown off the overpass and struck the front windshield of Wolf's car. He said Wolf was able to stop without involving other vehicles on the road.

Rizzo said an investigation resulted in the arrest of three adults and one juvenile the following day.

Three 20 year olds from California, who were on a ski vacation, were arrested for mischief in the third degree and are to appear in

Clackamas County court on the charge. Rizzo said that they were not lodged in jail.

Cited were Robert Scott Morfeld of Clayton, Calif., and Bradley Steven Rosten and Steven Alan Harrer, both of Concord, California.

A male juvenile staying at the Golden Pole condominiums near Multapor was reportedly responsible for striking the vehicle. He was taken to juvenile court and cited for first degree criminal mischief and reckless endangerment. He was later released to the custody of his parents.

Rizzo said this overpass has been a problem consistently during the winter months, with persons trying to hit moving vehicles with snowballs.

This incident, however, resulted in the first arrest this year.

The problem with vehicles being struck, said Rizzo, goes beyond the possibility of breaking out windshields. He said that during times of poor road conditions, after being struck, drivers slam on the brakes, and "become a projectile. You never know where they are going."

"We are going to arrest persons engaged in such activities every time we can," said Rizzo.

Sewer service issue sparks discussion

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Two issues involving the Hoodland Service District were addressed by the Mt. Hood Corridor Citizens Planning Organization at an April 24 meeting, sparking discussions of community needs versus developmental needs.

The first issue dealt with the annexation of a piece of commercial property owned by Bob and Margaret Thurman on Greenwood Drive near the junction of U.S. Highway 26 and Arrahanna Road.

One portion of the property is within the service district while the other is not. The parcels of land are divided by a sewer easement where a pipe from the new treatment facility crosses through and discharges

"treated" water into the Sandy River.

The Thurmans are seeking annexation into the service district as one parcel is already within the boundaries. They were requesting an endorsement by the CPO on the proposed annexation.

Carol Smith asked why the CPO has to make a decision on the annexation when the state Land Conservation and Development Commission told Clackamas County in December that the service district could not be expanded.

CPO Chairperson John McMahan said the Thurmans had been instructed by the county to approach the CPO since the annexation would have to be included into the revisions of the area's community plan.

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