

Despite numerous complaints

Commission approves annexations

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy Planning Commission last Wednesday got the ball rolling toward annexations at two sites despite objections from neighbors and competing developers. The annexations must be OK'd by the city council at its January meeting and by the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission before the city grows by 12 acres.

Despite several objections, the commission gave its stamp of approval to an 8.6-acre annexation request by Duncan Brinkley and Elma Tuuri, on the north side of Dubarko Court, immediately east of the Sagewood subdivision. The site has been mentioned as a possible location for a Farmers Home Administration housing project. Wednesday competing developers asked the commission not to add more acreage to the city

until the undeveloped acreage in the city is utilized. If the annexation is approved, it will be zoned for high-density residential use. Commission member Ben Salisbury agreed during discussion, "We've got 60 acres in here now and nobody's using it. That's what bothers me." Commission chairman Bill Sundin, however, noted the comprehensive plan which predicts growth in

that area. "It looks to me like the man has read the comprehensive plan and said, 'I'm next.'" The commission approved the annexation 3-2. Salisbury, Sundin and Dick Harrison cast the affirmative votes. Commission members Marian James and Gus DePaape dissented. The planning commission also voted to annex 3.5 acres at Knollwood Estates, on the south side of Tickle Creek.

Les and Pat Brown, owners and developers of the property, plan to use the site for a recreational area. In addition the commission agreed to allow replatting of the planned unit development to add six lots on Dubarko Road and redesign the open space along Tickle Creek. Neighbors to the project objected that the new open space would be a "marsh" for much of the year, continuity between urban Sandy and the rural life along SE 370th Avenue would be disrupted by replatting and easy access to their property would be made available by the redesigned open space.

In making its approval, the planning stipulated that the sewer line must be constructed to serve the project's final phase by Aug. 30, 1983. Approval vote was unanimous.

Future of Sandy River gorge eyed

Coordination between agencies and private citizens is needed to protect the Sandy River Gorge. That's one of several recommendations in a draft report, prepared by the state Parks and Recreation Division, that will be the subject of a public meeting tonight, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Troutdale City Council Chambers, 104 SE Kibling. The study, proposed by the 1981 Oregon Legislature, will be put in final form for presentation to the 1983 session after the public has studied the draft and made recommendations. The study determined the appearance of the area,

which stretches 18.4 miles from the Columbia River to the Bull Run River, has changed little in the past decade. The draft report makes a number of recommendations: •That better coordination between agencies and citizens be accomplished via establishment of a Sandy Gorge Council or Consortium. It was the conclusion of those making the study that the body of laws protecting the gorge are sufficient if all agencies and citizens comply with them. It was felt a council or consortium could help instill a spirit of cooperation or cohesiveness. •A possible extension of

the State Scenic Waterway boundary should be considered. •The current and future management of Dodge Park should be carefully considered, and an educational program emphasizing river safety and litter

control should be implemented there. •Early completion of the Sandy River Trail is suggested. More than 40 agencies currently possess some legal jurisdiction within the Sandy River Gorge.

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