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City ponders reopening parking lot debate

by DAN DILLON

While the Sandy City Council considers reopening the debate on paved parking lots, one councilor thinks that's a can of worms that would be better left alone.

"I see no purpose in throwing this wide open again," said Councilor Jim Duff of a proposed one-year moratorium on paving gravel parking lots in the downtown area.

The city reviewed the issue of paved parking lots in 1981 when it received

a request to allow a gravel parking lot adjacent to a service station. At that time it was referred to the Planning Commission for public hearing. The planning board recommended no change and the gravel lot was not allowed.

Recently, however, local ski shop owner Otto Rode circulated a petition throughout the business community. He seeks a one-year moratorium on existing businesses paving their gravel lots. The petition was signed by 143 persons.

City Manager Tom Reber thinks those are significant enough numbers to warrant council consideration.

"Regardless of the exact numbers," he told the council Monday night, "there is definitely a substantial enough number of individuals who are either in business and/or residents of the city to deserve attention by the staff, mayor and city council."

Councilor Deane Wesselink agrees. He told the council that he would like

to do some investigation of his own. He wants to determine if there is strong enough support in the business community for such action.

"Has the economy changed enough to warrant review?" he asked.

Council Tim Ward thinks the council should put the burden back on the business community for discussion, but doesn't see the matter as a question of upholding the ordinance against unpaved lots.

Ned Dyal, who wrote the petition circulated by Rode, agrees. He isn't

against the ordinance; he wants to see a one-year moratorium so existing lots can be used.

The text of the petition states that the request is for a one-year use variance for all existing parking lots used in prior years by businesses and customers who patronize them.

"If this moratorium were to be granted," Reber said in a memorandum to the council, "I feel that significantly more specific language would have to be used to make it administrable.

"Also, if the moratorium were considered for approval, the council would also need to consider how the ordinances would be administered when the one-year moratorium had elapsed."

Due to benefit from such a moratorium, according to council consensus, would be Rode's ski shop and the gravel lot just east of the Flower Garden which is controlled by Clackamas County Bank.

Council is expected to take action on the petition at its Aug. 1 meeting.

Busing plan gains OK's with schools

The Sandy Elementary School Board is willing to begin a cooperative busing plan with Sandy Union High School and Bull Run School but it has some conditions.

Friday, the board voted unanimously to enter the transportation cooperative with its two neighboring school districts if Sandy Elementary District is allowed to manage the merged system. The district also wants to retain ownership of its own school buses for a year in case the new plan doesn't work out.

While the elementary school district stands to save as much as \$40,000 in operating costs under the proposal, according to Superintendent Clark Lund, the school board wants to make certain that they retain the personnel who have worked with the district, hence the management contingency.

While the district stands to save some money, the superintendent said the district would gain little in efficiency because of the standards the district now enjoys with its transportation system.

"I can't see us sending our people down the road to work for somebody else," agreed board chairman Ron Berglund.

Under the proposal the three districts would operate 18 school buses, four routes less than they operate individually. No jobs are expected to be lost, however, because of attrition in the ranks of last year's drivers.

Still to be worked out are the details of those drivers' contracts. Acting on another motion, the school board voted to suggest using one Oregon School Boards Association negotiator, with cost borne proportionately by the three participating districts, to re-open contract talks about those details.

Lund feels the talks would not present a problem because the pay scales at the school districts are similar. The only hurdle could be one of benefits for the drivers.

SANDY HIGH SCHOOL

Sandy Union High School board members are anxious to begin negotiations with personnel en route to a cooperative busing venture with Sandy Elementary and Bull Run School districts.

SUHS board chairman Bob Boring said Monday night that the transportation study "looks very favorable."

He estimates the high school district will realize a 20 percent savings with at least similar and, in some cases, better service.

District patron Janet Albers was concerned about first through 12th graders riding the same buses, but Superintendent Roberta Hutton said this has not been a problem in other school districts and she would not expect it to be one in Sandy.

Chairman Boring said the new system could be in place by the beginning of the school year.

The board unanimously agreed to open negotiations with the classified staff—specifically, transportation personnel—to discuss the impact of the transportation study.

Woman's fantasy captures Hawaiian vacation

by HANK EMRICH
Post Correspondent

Judy Sheppard found just the right combination to win a trip to Hawaii.

After hearing on her car radio about a television show that travels around the country handing out prizes, she used newspaper coupons to garner the Hawaiian vacation.

The NBC program "Fantasy" dubbed her "the mad clipper" for her letter explaining how she had always wanted to win a trip to Hawaii. The letter was decorated with coupons clipped and pasted to the back.

Sheppard uses money saved on coupon rebates to pay for postage for any contests she enters and felt it would be a good way to attract attention to the letter.

"Whoever decides which letter to use on the show probably sees a thousand a day, so I thought it might be a good idea to do something different," she said.

Something different worked for Sheppard who was surprised to see camera crews and a large truck coming up her driveway about two weeks ago.

"I knew I had won something as soon as I saw the truck with 'Fantasy' on the side," said Sheppard. "After all, they wouldn't drive all the way here just to tell me I hadn't."

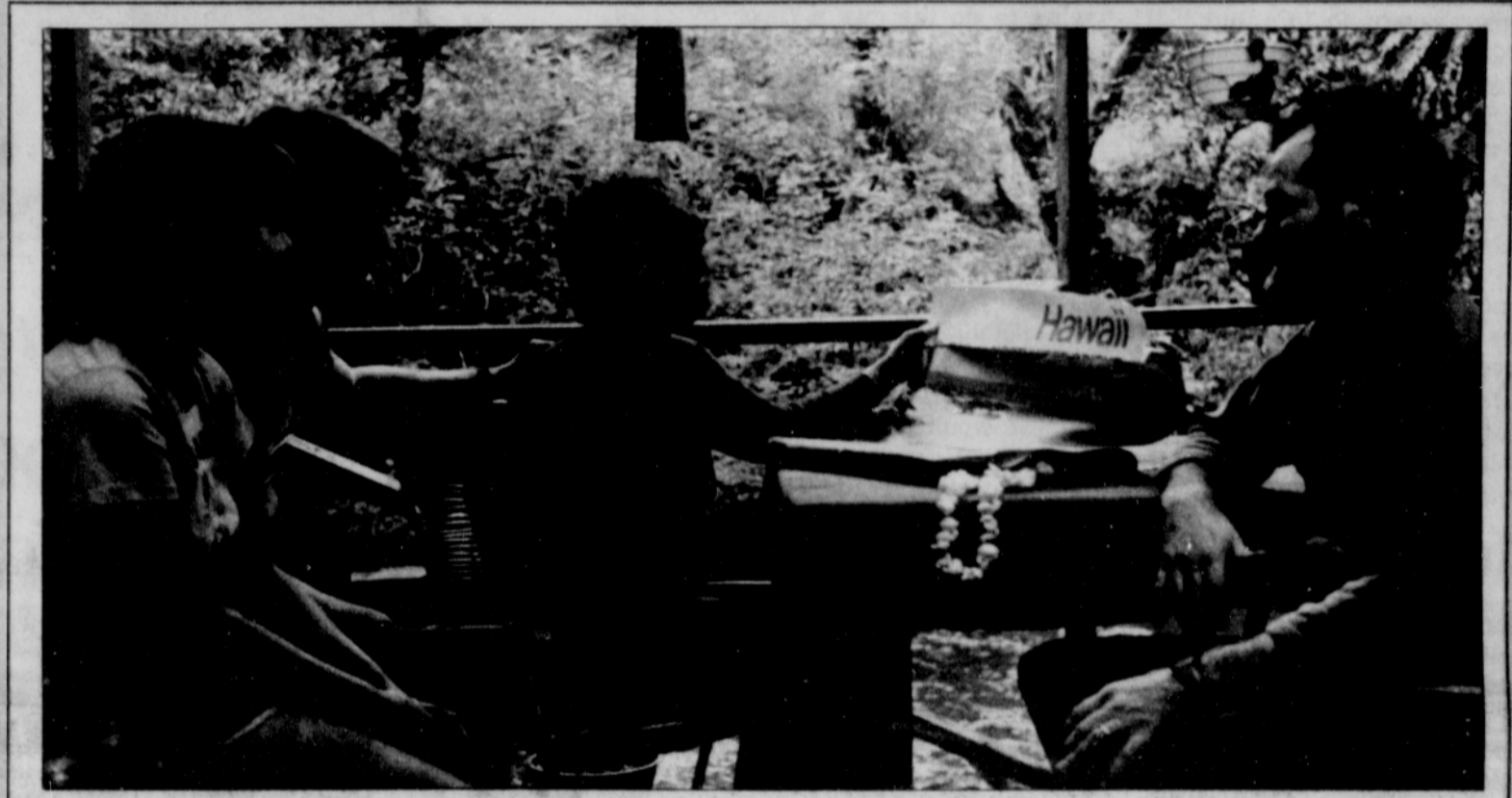
Sheppard's husband Pete knew the crew was due to arrive that day, having been contacted earlier in the week. He says he was surprised that she won, although she enters a lot of contests.

"I remembered her telling me about entering this one because it was a little more outrageous than the usual," he said.

It would have been more outrageous if she had asked for her original fantasy.

"I wanted them to get (magician) David Hemmings to make me disappear while riding an elephant."

Judy said she decided to go for something "a little more realistic" and after dismissing the elephant



Lisa, Mike, Judy and Pete Sheppard share a laugh as they plan a "fantasy vacation" to Hawaii that Judy won through a national television program.

ride, thought she should go for something easy. She considered wheels for her son Mike's bicycle as something she might try for but decided a trip to Hawaii wouldn't be too farfetched.

Mike is a bike racer with Olympic aspirations who himself has won trips to Colorado, Arizona, and Wisconsin to compete.

Daughter Lisa has also had her share of traveling. She spent two months in New Zealand last year as part of the Lion's Club Youth Exchange program. She also is part of an FFA team which won a trip to Kansas City to compete in national events there.

When grandparents gave Lisa a trip to Hawaii this year, Judy's desire to win a Hawaiian trip intensified.

"All I got when I graduated was

a silly suitcase," she joked.

Luck seems to run in the Sheppard family. When asked if he had won anything in the past, Pete could at first only recall that he hadn't, although "I get half of her trip anyway."

It turns out that Pete, an independent computer programmer, had won one other prize more than 20 years ago.

"He won me in a raffle," says Judy.

Pete had been stationed in Tacoma during his Army stint, and attended a USO dance where each soldier was given a number and allowed to pick one of several prizes if his number was called.

"When they called number eight, I chose one little package that nobody else seemed to want," said Pete.

The box contained a certificate good for a dinner date with any girl at the dance. Pete chose Judy, who says she had been avoiding him all evening.

Although she instructed her roommate to tell Pete she was ill the night of their date, he sent flowers ahead of him. The inscription on the card was not terribly romantic, reading simply "by the way what is your last name", but it changed Judy's mind.

Pete proposed that evening and even though she took 10 months to accept, eight is still her favorite number.

Oregon is not a favorite of the camera crew assigned to film the segment with the Sheppards, however.

"It rained the whole week they were in the state, justifying every

preconceived notion they had," said Pete.

The crew spent more than 20 hours in the rain with umbrellas filming the segment, according to the Sheppards.

Pete said it was interesting to watch them film Judy's response to questions, and after they had asked all the questions, repeat the procedure just to film the emcee asking the questions.

The camera crew had a great deal of trouble backing out from the narrow driveway and had to spend even more time in the rain guiding their large truck.

Judy said that the crew was extremely nice but appeared to be all "very tanned Californians with fantasies of being any place where it isn't raining."

New wetlands proposal adds fuel to old fire

by HANK EMRICH
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Although still in the "information gathering" stage, Clackamas County's proposed revisions for a 23-acre protected wetlands area bordering Hoodland Shopping Center is already drawing fire from several directions.

Opponents of the plan spoke up at an informational meeting last Thursday at Hoodland Women's Club where planning division staff member Mike Clyburn presented the plan.

Originally the planning division had designated 58 acres as wetlands,

but decided the boundaries were not clear enough to meet LCDC approval.

The resulting reduction to 23 acres has met criticism as both too much and too little.

The more vocal protests came from those opposing the wetlands designation.

"There was testimony at the meeting that a wetlands area does not exist at all," said Clyburn.

Clyburn said the area was obviously a wetlands area and the county's boundaries were much smaller than estimates made by other organizations.

Clyburn said a study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which the county expects documentation on this week, is expected suggest an 80-acre site.

"However, their definition of a wetlands does not coincide with the county's definition," said Clyburn.

A private ecologist's study has also been given to the county which indicates an area of approximately 85 acres, according to Clyburn.

At the meeting, the audience expressed concerns about the possibility of increased sewer assessments if development is banned on the property.

Clyburn feels the impact would not be that great upon the sewer district.

"Only one property owner (in the 23 acre site) is within the assessment district," he said.

According to Clyburn, there are eight property owners within the proposed 23-acre wetlands.

Steve Taylor, general manager of Rippling River Resort, expressed concerns about the overall economic effect any ban on development may have, both on the sewer district and in the area as a whole.

Clyburn said designation as a wetland would not automatically halt all building.

"Basically the county's policy is to protect wetlands, but there are options," he said.

"We could allow development as planned, prohibit development entirely or allow restricted development."

"Once there is a boundary it doesn't just stop there."

"We are still receiving information and there are more hearings scheduled."

The planning division's recommendations will be heard at a public hearing at the Women's Club on Salmon River Road Monday August 1st at 7:30 p.m.

City plots path to successful new fiscal year

by DAN DILLON

With a map to guide him through his second year with the city of Sandy Tom Reber is certain he can be a more effective city manager.

During an evaluation period earlier this year, Reber asked the Sandy City Council to help him plot his course of action for the coming year. Monday night those suggestions, along with his own, were made public. At the Aug. 1 council meeting,

they will be prioritized, but Reber already has some ideas about importance.

"Probably our number one objective for 1984" is completion of the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan and arriving at a position where the city can act on short-term and long-term improvements.

Work on that is already underway with the recent development of a scope of work to complete the plan. The city is also actively combatting

infiltration into the sewer system which has hampered the facility's ability to operate at maximum capacity and raised questions about the number of residences an business it can accommodate.

Reber also wants to actively encourage basic employment in the city with the objective of attracting 50 new jobs by the end of the coming year.

He plans to seek basic employment, rather promoting a business

that may be in competition with one already paying taxes.

Reber hopes to develop a means to finance a 10-year plan for improvements to all streets within the city to current standards. He cautions, however, that there are a few streets that it is not physically or economically practical to reconstruct to city standards.

Other goals include:
● Developing an effective citizen

involvement program.

● Developing a parks and open space acquisition and development program.

● Enhancing cooperation and mutual support between Sandy's local governments.

● Developing alternatives and pursuing the chosen alternative to alleviate the instability of the annual A ballot.

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