

Economic development director sought

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The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce is backing its pro-business philosophy by plunking down \$30,000 to help hire an economic development director for East County.

Chamber leaders have verbally supported plans by the East

Multnomah County Economic Development Commission to hire someone to coordinate efforts to attract new business and industry to East County. Now, the chamber has pledged \$2,500 a month toward the salary of the director.

"The chamber offer breathes new life into the commission's plans,"

said Diane Jones, staff coordinator for the commission and acting Gresham City Manager. "This makes hiring a director more likely."

The chamber also plans to provide office space and secretarial support for the director and will handle payroll chores.

Frits van Gent, chamber executive

vice president, said the economic development commission must come up with another \$10,000 for the position.

Two years ago the commission was formed to begin attracting new firms to the area. It includes two representatives each from Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village, and one representative each

from the chamber and Mt. Hood Community College.

The four cities have pledged a combined contribution of \$10,000 toward hiring a director, said Jones. But the money must be confirmed through the cities' budget process.

"It is very important that the cities make their contribution," van Gent said.

Earlier, the commission announced a draft budget that called for a director's salary of between \$25,000 and \$35,000 a year. The chamber pledge of \$30,000 would have to be supported with other funds if the higher salary is used.

The chamber previously had an economic development position, but when Paul Opray resigned in 1984, van Gent left the position vacant.

Selecting and hiring a director is up to the commission. Under the

chamber proposal, the commission — not the chamber — will supervise the director.

That means the commission must draft a job description and work program, Jones said. The target starting date is July 1.

The commission's marketing plan calls for writing and sending publications to prospective industries that are looking for expansion sites. The job may also involve some travel to meet with potential new firms for East County. However, the main focus would be to respond to inquiries about available land and services.

One stipulation of the chamber's proposal is that the director can't be used for fund raising.

Jones isn't sure if the emphasis would be on economic development or marketing, but both types of backgrounds would be considered when selecting a director, she said.

Hospital drive pays \$300,000

Carl Perkins, D.M.D. and president of the Mount Hood Medical Center Foundation, presented a \$300,000 check last week to hospital president Joseph J. Henery to offset construction costs.

The foundation, a non-profit organization affiliated with the hospital, coordinated fund-raising ef-

forts among hospital staff and in the community to help build the new facility at 24800 S.E. Stark St.

Patients were transferred to the new hospital in November, but the foundation waited until construction was finished before delivering its pledged contribution.

Foundation money helped Metropolitan Hospitals Inc. to finance the four-story building. The facility has 107 beds, including an acute care ward, a 10-bed intensive and coronary care unit, and a 25-bed in-patient Alcoholism Treatment Center.

Mount Hood Medical Center also

has selected Ron Haglund as director for its Alcoholism Treatment program.

Haglund has studied toward a masters degree in social work. He has more than 15 years of experience with chemical abuse programs.

From May 1978 until February 1984, he served as program director for the Minnesota Indian Primary

Residential Treatment Center in Sawyer, Minn.

He replaces Bob Hatch who ran the program for about four years.

Besides the in-patient program, Mount Hood Medical Center also operates an out-patient Alcoholism Treatment facility at 18601 E. Burnside St., which Haglund also will supervise.

Police seize heroin

Gresham police and Multnomah County detectives arrested four people and seized quantities of heroine and cocaine Monday night.

Two search warrants were served simultaneously; one in Gresham at 3246 N.E. 17th St., Apartment H-16 at the Mount Hood Village apartments; and at 13400 S.E. Stark St. in East County.

Arrested at the Gresham apartment were Miguel Angel Macias-Torres, 22, and Aneros Erasmo Flores, 23, both of the Gresham address.

Arrested at the East County apartment were: Efrain Torres Macias, 22, of the Gresham address; and Antonio Casteneda Avelar, 23, of the Stark Street address.

Police seized a quantity of drugs that they suspect is cocaine and heroine, said Bob Peterson, Gresham detective. Police would not specify the amount of drugs confiscated. Officers also seized money and suspected records of narcotics transactions, he said.

Two agents from the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service were called in to assist the arresting officers in communications with the suspects. The federal agents are holding the four men without bail pending an immigration investigation. Narcotics charges are pending.

"Heroine is a continuing problem in Gresham and East County," Peterson said. Police are seeing a lot of activity in "brown" heroine, which is a Mexican variety.

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OREGON LOTTERY

Oregon lottery symbol recognizes luck involved with the game.

Lottery symbol unveiled

A symbol for the Oregon lottery that stresses luck and chance — not skill — has been unveiled by the lottery commission.

The logo — a single hand held up with two crossed fingers — will be used on outdoor boards, transit advertising, point of purchase signs and all print and broadcast media.

"The Oregon lottery marketing symbol reflects the spirit of fun which will characterize all lottery marketing materials and activities," said Sue Burton, director of marketing for the lottery. "It also clearly establishes that lottery games are a matter of chance and luck, and not skill."