

JUST THINKING



I don't know how other people felt after the public hearing for a spot zone change request by KRAM Corp. Monday evening, but I was very pleasantly surprised.

When I first entered the city hall there was an, almost tangible air of tension. As the hearing opened and the evidence was entered, it seemed more and more hopeless since only the material from the boundary board and the traffic study could be discussed and/or questioned.

Watching the faces of those around me, I could see that, even with the last ditch effort by Ed Balla, to introduce other evidence into the session, most felt it was a losing battle.

Then councilman Bud Atkins asked the question all were eager to have put before the table. "What about public need?"

The atmosphere was electric has the audience listened to the attorney's remarks on this all-important subject.

Mayor Holce voiced his objections to allowing the zone change and the room seemed to wait.

Then councilman Jim Johnson made the motion that

the request be denied with Miller seconding it. (I*

think it was Mr. Miller although I was too far back to see for certain) and the motion was passed by a 4-0 voice vote--but not before the council presented their reasons for denying the change and I felt that one was particularly revealing.

Ed Miller said, "I didn't realize there was so much opposition to it."

I think that was very likely the basic reason that the conditional use permit was okayed. People that sit on a city council hear opposition every time they are at the council table--and sadly, after a time, it must become difficult to tell the difference be-

tween heartfelt opposition and the "flash-in-the-pan" type which will be forgotten the next time the council meets. It isn't always easy to know just what to do in some cases. I'm glad Mr. Miller had the intestinal fortitude to admit that he didn't know. No one can be expected to be perfect, and I, while not personally involved in the matter except as a concerned person, felt that Miller and the entire council had acted well. They had acted for the majority.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Contrary to popular belief, LCDC is not the nucleus of land use planning. Land use planning started before LCDC, (SB100) or even SB10.

Land use planning started with ORS Chapter 215 and Chapter 190. These two chapters gave the counties all land use planning powers and intergovernmental authorities usually associated with the terrors of LCDC.

ORS 190:210 states: "The executive department is to maintain liaison with local governments providing services to state agencies."

ORS 190:220 states: "State to pay share of cost of intergovernmental and planning studies."

Therefore the Governor appointed a Land Conservation Development Commission, (LCDC), to help maintain this liaison with local governments.

The repeal of this commission through Ballot Measure No. 10 does not repeal county planning nor metropolitan planning nor the statutes enabling the metropolitan area to create the many service districts which formulate the framework of the comprehensive plan.

Many county and metropolitan authorities cry, "Repeal LCDC, let us do our own planning without state control. Who are they fooling? Through 190:210 they had state control before the Governors' Land Conservation Development Commission.

As long as there is land use planning,

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would we as citizens want to be at the mercy of metropolitan and county officials without state controls?

Passage of Ballot

Measure No. 10 is not a strike against land use planning. Rather we should be starting an initiative repealing the original land use planning laws.

Without these laws there would not be the need nor the financial drain of the executive department to maintain liaison, nor the need for the LCDC commission to aid the executive department in maintaining this liaison.

Sincerely

Marge Stafford
Warren, Oregon

He's got to face a gunfight
once more
to live up to his legend
once more
TO WIN JUST ONE MORE TIME.



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