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"If we can't raise enough overall, some things will have to be cut or we would need to get more from the SDCs (System Development Charges from the city)," Walsh said.

Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, made it clear cuts won't be made.

"The city is committed to the project being done as designed," Lawyer said. "We've committed to the completion of this project."

Walsh came to the defense of the fundraising committee and took issue with a Jan. 30 editorial in this paper.

"It's so disheartening to hear the *Keizertimes* editorial, which makes it sound like it's not being successful," an angry Walsh said. "We've raised more than \$105,000 without the city's SDCs, second most in parks history in Keizer. The only one with more was Keizer Rapids Park itself. And we're not really in full swing yet. For people to think it's not a successful campaign is ludicrous. The last big toy project (at Willamette Manor Park) raised \$1,500 in 19 months. For the twist to be anything but (this project is successful), that is frustrating. We've raised

enough to buy all the things for the project. We've had an outstanding fundraising campaign so far. We will raise the money. We have gotten several grants. People are starting to do this."

The budget for the project through January shows a total of nearly \$206,000 received, or 49 percent of costs raised to date. That includes the \$100,000 in SDCs from the city, \$80,600 in

grants, \$17,000 in component sales, \$5,671 in cash contributions and \$2,677.86 in fence picket sales, the last not exactly adding up since pickets are \$35 each.

However, the \$105,000 pointed to by Walsh includes some asterisks due to connections project leaders have with organizations. The sum includes \$30,000 from Marion County; Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson is co-chair of the fundraising committee. Keizer Rotary is giving \$25,600 to the project in the form of a grant plus \$4,400 for components; general coordinator Mark Caillier and early project supporter Clint Holland - both Rotary members - made the pitch to



Walsh

the Rotary Board of Directors last year. The Keizer Parks Foundation gave \$10,000; CBTF Marlene Quinn was an original KPF board member.

The cash contributions includes \$2,171 from Keizer Parks and \$2,500 from Walsh's law firm. Some of the components were purchased by project leaders Kim and Ron Freeman (\$1,800), Caillier (\$1,000), Quinn (\$900) and former mayor Lore Christopher (\$900).

Once those connections are taken out, figures show less than \$30,000 has been raised in two years, with \$15,000 in the form of a Oregon Community Foundation grant.

After the Feb. 3 meeting, it was pointed out to Walsh poll results in the Jan. 30 *Keizertimes* showed more than 80 percent of respondents didn't plan to contribute to the Big Toy project in any way.

"Of course they won't, because all of the coverage has been nothing but negative," said Walsh, once again raising his voice. "You've told people how bad the project is, so of course your readers are against it because you've told them to be against it. Your readers who have seen nothing but negative stories are against the project, but when we go into the schools, people are 99 percent for the project."

# SKATE,

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"That is two budget cycles from now," Lawyer said. "I don't think it is insurmountable. We need to mark that money and carry it forward. It's something we'll have to work through."

A motion to move forward and commit the \$5,000 to the project was approved unanimously by Parks Board members.

Bazan said he'll have Dreamland get the design to Lawyer.

"That was an easy \$5,000 wasn't it?" Lawyer told Bazan with a grin after the funding



KEIZERTIMES file/Craig Murphy  
A group wants to renovate Carlson Skate Park, which is located behind Keizer Civic Center.

was approved.

Afterwards, Bazan expressed confidence the necessary funds can get raised.

"We've raised a little under \$200 so far," he said. "Hope-

fully we'll get more donations. I will try my hardest to do it. I've been seeing injuries (due to the current design). A lot of people don't like the park now."

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a date change brought to the Keizer City Council last month. The city had entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for right of way services last May, calling for right of way services to be completed by the end of January and the city's obligation to be \$27,832.

The revised agreement has the city's portion now costing \$33,575.09. More noteworthy, however, is the right of way deadline being pushed back to the end of 2017.

"Though this date seems overly far in the future,

ODOT's final acquisition of the property and transfer to the city can occur well after the project is finished," the staff report read in part. "It is anticipated that the right of ways services will be complete by this date and that the project will be ready for construction."

Lawyer said there is a need to acquire property for right of way for the project, with the amendment to the agreement ensuring ODOT can transfer title of the acquired property to the city.

"Having the 2017 date ensures the agreement won't have to be amended again should there be some kind of hold up on transferring the property to the city," he said.

"The transfer of the property normally takes place after the construction is complete so the timeline is set farther out."

Lawyer said on Monday the roundabout acquisition has to be certified two weeks before the bid opening date. Sidewalks will be included in the immediate vicinity of the single-lane roundabout.

Lawyer noted this project is being handled differently than the Chemawa reconstruction.

"This is a consultants project with ODOT oversight," he said. "This is more typical of a grant-funded project. ODOT oversees the administration of the project and the acquisitions, but the actual design and construction is up to the consultant."

# CRASH,

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"The pursuing witness reported to officers the suspect vehicle was traveling in excess of 60 mph, in the 25 mph residential neighborhood, just prior to the second collision," Goodman said.

Another witness gave police a detailed description of Craddock and reported seeing him fleeing into the area of the MHS parking lot.

"A school custodian contacted an officer in the parking lot and informed him he had just confronted a subject who had broken into the concession stand near the football field," Goodman said. "The custodian gave a description of the suspect, which matched the same description as the hit-and-run driver in the first

two incidents."

The custodian told officers that when he confronted Craddock, the suspect took off running and was seen going west on MacArthur Street North.

With assistance from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Salem Police Department, KPD officers set up a perimeter in the neighborhood west of MHS and deployed a K-9 to track for the suspect. Craddock was found hiding in bushes near the intersection of Newberg Drive North and Max Court North.

Craddock was taken to the police department, where he admitted being the driver of the Camry. He was found to have a blood alcohol level of .06 percent, but refused to submit to a urine analysis test. Craddock was taken to the Marion County Correctional Facility and charged with fel-

ony failure to perform duties of a driver, reckless driving, failure to perform duties of a driver (for the property damage), driving under the influence of intoxicants, burglary and refusing the urine test. The total bail was \$35,650.

Kuhns said on Tuesday the Camry was not registered in Craddock's name.

"But we don't have any information to indicate it was stolen," Kuhns said.

In terms of damaged property, Kuhns said it starts with the Camry.

"If the vehicle was insured we - or the owner of the damaged pedestrian signal and the owner of the residence - will make a claim against the insurance," Kuhns said. "If there was no insurance on the vehicle we will have to wait as this matter works its way through the criminal justice system. When and if the suspect is found guilty the District Attorney will ask the court to require restitution be paid to all of the victims if the damages have not otherwise been paid for."

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