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Palma Ciega appraisal complicated

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

As it turns out, getting an appraisal on Palma Ciega Park isn't that simple. Earlier this year, members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board proposed to see what the value of the park was. The park is on the Willamette River but for the most part isn't developed and would be hard to develop on.

Keizer resident Gary Blake, who lives near the park, immediately took the process to mean the city was trying to sell the property and quickly voiced strenuous objections. While selling the property was one possibility, Parks Board members emphasized no decisions had been made, with solid numbers needed before any decision could be made.

The issue was forwarded to the Keizer City Council, with councilors directing staff to get an appraisal done.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson gave an update on the process during the Dec. 7 council meeting. There was more discussion during the following night's Parks Board meeting.

Johnson said staff determined the configuration of the property, including the location of the river wall and

power lines coming over the river, make the property difficult to sell. It was figured there would be at most two small buildable lots, which could be classified as riverfront lots.

The situation got thornier when an appraiser found an old plat showed the park was dedicated to the public years ago and wasn't outright owned by the city.

"Since this changes the issue, I requested that the appraiser postpone further appraisal work," Johnson said. "We received the deed from Marion County, but Marion County never got the deed to it."

Johnson recalled the situation being similar to what happened many years ago with Fernwood Park, which was behind the Schoolhouse Square. After the old Keizer School was moved from that location to its current location next to the Keizer Civic Center, it was determined the Schoolhouse Square location was not suitable for a park.

"In that situation, the neighboring property owners agreed with the vacation process and then the city sold the property to the adjoining property owners for relatively nominal amounts," Johnson said.

Johnson said the staff rec-

ommendation was to keep the Palma Ciega Park property as park ground and noted council had three options: leave the property as a park, make the property sellable as home sites or sell the property to adjoining property owners.

Leaving the park as a park could either entail leaving it as is or modifying the park. Making the property useable as home sites would require several steps, all of which could be objected to by neighboring property owners. Selling the property to adjoining property owners would be more likely to work if those property owners were interested.

"That last one would only work if all the neighbors buy in," Johnson said.

Mayor Cathy Clark had a suggestion for Parks Board members.

"I would like to encourage the Parks Board to work with folks who live around there, to go ahead and form a working group, to determine what they would like to see happen," Clark said. "Maybe they can use matching grant money if they put something together for that."

City Manager Chris Eppley suggested coming up with a plan of action.

"The first step is to get a plan," he said. "Opening a dia-

logue (with the neighbors) is important."

Councilors unanimously voted to terminate the idea of getting an appraisal for the park.

The issue was brought up again at the Dec. 8 Parks Board meeting.

"The West Keizer Neighborhood Association had said they were working with residents who want to keep it a park," councilor Marlene Parsons told Parks Board members. "Our suggestion is for you to go back to those guys and see what they want to do. It's a conversation to have with the neighbors. Invite them to a meeting and ask what they want to see."

Parks Board member Richard Walsh asked if the land could be leased for community gardens.

"You could," said Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer. "That would be an interesting concept."

David Loudon, chair of the Parks Board, liked the idea of bringing in the WKNA members.

"They dipped their foot into the pool and continue with a full swim," Loudon said.

Loudon indicated he would call WKNA chair Rhonda Rich with an update on the issue.

Today in History

The Mayflower, carrying 120 passengers, docked at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts and those on board prepared to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony. — December 18, 1620

Food 4 Thought

"Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Month Ahead

Through Saturday, December 26

Miracle of Christmas Lights Display in Keizer's Gubser neighborhood. Runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Donation drop off site, benefiting Marion Polk Food Share, is partway through route on Mistwood Drive.

Friday, December 18

Santa Claus and his assistants at Marion County Fire District No. 1 deliver candy canes to Clear Lake residents, 6 to 9 p.m.

Sing We Now of Christmas presented by the McNary High School Choirs. Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Reserved seating \$10. Buy tickets at mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com

Saturday, December 19

Candy Cane Day. Santa travels around Keizer with the Keizer Fire District delivering candy canes. Listen for the sirens on his approach.

France School of Dance performance, 2 p.m., North Salem High School, 765 14th St. N.E. Admission is either three cans of food or a \$3 cash donation; all proceeds benefit the Keizer Community Food Bank.

5K Jingle Dash along cart routes of McNary Golf Club, 3:30 p.m. Race begins at Courthouse Fitness Center, 117 McNary Estates Drive. Adults \$25 in advance or \$30 day of; youth ages 5-12 \$12 in advance or \$15 day of. www.keizerchamber.com.

Annual Christmas bird count by Salem Audubon Society. This is one of the society's major events and relies on volunteers from the community to help count. Contact Keizer count leader Rich Ford at 503-510-9583 to participate from your background or one of the trips with other volunteers.

Saturday, December 19 – Wednesday, December 23

"Magic at the Mill" at Mission Mill Museum. 5:30 to 8 p.m. 1313 Mill Street SE in Salem. Adults and seniors \$6, children 6 to 12 \$4. 4 and under free. Free admission to members. www.willametteheritage.org.

Saturday, December 20

Festival Chorale Oregon presents *Sing We Now of Christmas* at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. 4 p.m. The Chorale's eighth holiday celebration will feature singers in Victorian costume, sing-along and a special story for children. Tickets are \$10, children under 12 are free. festivalchoraleoregon.org.

Tea with Mrs. Claus at Salem's Riverfront Carousel. Sitings at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Teas, snacks and stories with Santa's wife. Free carousel ride and goodies. \$20 per person, children under 3 are free if on adult's lap. Reservation only. Call 503-540-0374.

Monday, December 21

Holiday Lights Walk through Gubser neighborhood, free. Meet at 6 p.m. at corner of 14th Avenue and Marigold Street; bring donation for Marion-Polk Food Share. www.justwalksaalem.com or 503-373-3760.

Tuesday, December 22

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Salem Tuba Holiday performs at Elsinore Theatre. Noon. Tickets are \$5 for any seat, visit www.elsinoretheatre.com to purchase.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

All government offices closed.

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EARLY DEADLINE: Submissions for the next two upcoming editions of *Keizertimes* (Dec. 25 & Jan. 1) need to be received no later than Monday at noon of the same week.

Paddle wheel could be with flood sign

By CRAIG MURPHY
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A big wheel could be flooded with history.

Members of the Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC) have proposed combining a project they've been working on for a while with a piece of history.

KPIC members have been spending recent months putting together a sign with information about significant floods in Keizer's history. As envisioned, the sign would be put up at Keizer Rapids Park, in view of the Willamette River.

Then there's the second part: Jerry Nuttbrock has a paddle wheel from the historic Sternwheeler Jean, which was built in 1938 and stayed in service on the Willamette River until 1957.

KPIC members in November discussed the idea of partnering with Nuttbrock to create an outdoor museum of sorts, which would include the paddle wheel as well as the flood history signage. KPIC co-chair Sherrie Gottfried brought the idea up at the Dec. 8 Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, since it was recommended KPIC get formal permission from the Parks Board to place the museum in

the park.

"This is something we'd like to do," Gottfried said. "We would like to partner up with Jerry, maybe do something besides history. He is very excited about this opportunity."

Gottfried said she first needed formal permission for placement of the project and will then come back to the Parks Board later – likely by March – to ask for funding via the board's matching grant program.

"It will be a combined education with history," Gottfried said. "We want to partner with Jerry and do it all at once. It would be beneficial to have the sternwheeler and flood history together."

Several Parks Board members had trouble picturing what Gottfried was describing.

"We don't see what's on your mind," Donna Bradley said.

Gottfried said the sign would be similar to the Marie Dorian kiosk at the Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park in Keizer Station.

"The paddle wheel will be a separate piece of that portion," Gottfried said.

That didn't necessarily lessen the confusion.

"So you're bringing the

paddle wheel into the park?" Parks Board chair David Loudon asked.

Gottfried said that is indeed the case, with the paddle wheel being in the same area as the two-sided flood sign.

After a motion was approved for the sign, a new motion was made to allow placement of the paddle wheel.

"I don't think you're there yet," Public Works director Bill Lawyer said. "You don't have a place, a sign, nothing but the concept. Approving the placement is premature, but you can approve the concept. I know Jerry has a sternwheeler. These things are huge. Place one of these paddle wheels in a park isn't something we'll just do, because it's so big. I want to make sure you understand the scope of this."

Parks Board member Richard Walsh pointed out some work may need to be done on the wheel.

"As I understand it there's the possibility to construct the wheel a bit," Walsh said. "It was chopped off so it's not a full wheel. They would have to add new material, or do it with the way they are."

Walsh noted other communities with such displays have done concrete stands.

Keizer Parks director Rob-

ert Johnson noted Nuttbrock just happens to be handy with concrete.

"These concepts have been batted around forever," Walsh told Gottfried about the paddle wheel being placed at KRP. "For you to step up and do this is awesome. Thank you so much."

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO
Utility fee cut by city council
Sewer and stormwater fees were cut back at a Keizer City Council meeting last month. Councilors voted to cut back the rates to 5 percent.

10 YEARS AGO
Heroin ring stretched from Keizer to Ft. Smith, Ark.
A three-month investigation led to 23 arrests as a heroin trafficking ring that led from a doorstep in Keizer to Fort Smith, Arkansas, was shut down.

15 YEARS AGO
McNary owners, developer make peace over road
McNary Estates residents hammered out an agreement about use of the community's streets with lawyers for Monterey Development just hours before a controversial housing plan was due for a Keizer City Council hearing.

20 YEARS AGO
Council says no to apartments in north Keizer
Backing up unhappy neighbors, the Keizer City Council turned thumbs down on a controversial apartment project on Wheatland Road.

sudoku

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local weather

Thu 52/45 12/17
Cloudy and windy with periods of rain. High 52F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 100%. Rainfall near an inch. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.

Fri 48/38 12/18
Showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 46/41 12/19
Afternoon showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 40s.

Sun 45/40 12/20
Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 40s.

Mon 50/46 12/21
Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)
Fri 4:00, Sat 12:50, 2:40, Sun 12:00, 2:20, 4:10

Goosebumps (PG) Fri 4:15, Sat 12:00, 2:05, Sun 12:15

Secret In Their Eyes (PG-13)
Fri 6:20, Sat 4:10, 7:15, 8:55, Sun 8:45

The Intern (PG-13)
Fri 5:50, 8:10, Sat 7:00, 9:15, Sun 6:00, 8:10

The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)
Fri 9:00, Sat 5:05

Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13)
Fri 4:10, 8:30, Sat 4:30, 6:25, Sun 6:20

Pan (PG) Sat 2:55, Sun 2:00, 4:40

Woodlawn (PG)
Fri 6:40, Sat 12:20, Sun 11:40

The Visit (PG-13) Sat 9:20, Sun 8:50

Burnt (R) Sun 6:50

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