

Patriot Hall: Classes will be moved to Towler Hall during construction

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During construction, the college will disperse physical education and other classes into Towler Hall, while moving the weight room and archives into Alder Hall.

Valuing students

"Going into Towler or Columbia Hall, they feel valued," Galizio said to the dignitaries gathered Saturday in the Patriot Hall Gym for the groundbreaking. "They get to see these beautiful buildings where they're improving their chances for an education."

"They come in here, and I don't think they get that same kind of feeling," Galizio added, pointing out the wood-paneled walls, exposed utility lines and generally well-worn appearance of Patriot Hall. "That's going to change in about a year."

The new Patriot Hall will be state-of-the-art, replacing the old building while preserving some of the exterior walls and a plaque commemorating veterans. The plaque will be placed next to the third-floor entrance along Lexington Avenue. The renovation will increase the square footage to 30,000 square feet from the current 22,000 square feet, a quarter of which the college deems unfit for academic space and closes off to students.

The main improvement will be a two-story-tall gym on the first floor, with full-length basketball courts and collapsible stadium seating for 480 people. Looking over the north and south sides of the gym from the second floor will be cardiovascular and weight-training areas.

The first floor will include lab space for a new Emergen-



Rendering courtesy of Clatsop Community College

The new Patriot Hall gym will span all three stories of the building, including basketball courts and collapsible seating at the bottom, cardio and other weight equipment on the second floor and a running track ringing the top.

cy Medical Technician program the college hopes to add with the building, along with an exercise physiology degree and substance abuse counseling certificate programs.

Surviving an earthquake

A state seismic report from 2007 gave Towler and Patriot halls a 100 percent chance of collapse in a major earthquake. Parts of Patriot Hall's foundation stick up out of the ground, as the ground underneath has settled over the decades.

The college has tried several times to move its campus elsewhere, with voters turning down bond measures in excess of \$20 million in 2002, 2006 and 2007. It ultimately broke ground on the Jerome Campus Redevelopment Project during its 50th birthday in

2008, with \$22 million gathered from the Oregon Legislature and other outside investors, and a bond measure on that year's November ballot for another \$5 million.

The first phase was construction of Columbia Hall in 2008. The second was the redevelopment of Towler Hall in 2010.

Half of the \$16 million Patriot Hall project is being funded by state bonds set aside for the college by the Oregon Legislature in 2013. In the November general election, 58 percent of voters approved up to \$8.2 million in local bonds as a match.

Energy efficiency

On the roof of Patriot Hall, solar panels and turbine ventilators heat water for the building, before it is pumped to the mechanical room below

to provide hot water. SRG architect Kent Duffy said a similar system provides 70 percent of the water needs for a 90,000-square-foot student housing building in Eugene. Patriot Hall could be heated by water, he added, and backed up by a gas system.

The building will rely largely on ambient light, with high-efficiency LED lighting throughout. SRG plans on redeveloping many of the windows on the west side of the building, with new glass windows along the walkway between Columbia and Towler halls and shafts that allow passers-by on the third level of the building to look down into classrooms. Some windows near the bottom will be replaced by operable glazed dampers that can ventilate the building in the summer and insulate it during the winter.



Photo courtesy of the Clatsop County Historical Society
Noel Weber said he wants to restore the YMCA building, built in 1914 at 12th and Exchange streets, to its historic glory.

Old YMCA: Building will include teaching workshops

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For visiting artists, the building will include a screen printing shop; mold-making and model facility; ceramics studio; wood shop; a Risograph high-speed digital printing system; a letterpress; and audio/video production space.

The building will include teaching workshops he said will bring artists from around the country to Astoria.

"We plan to start remodeling around the end of the year," he said.

Weber said he wants to restore the 11,500-square-foot building, built in 1914, to its historic glory. He added the project will likely take about two years.

"We will not be restoring the pool," he said, adding it was floored over in the 1980s. "We don't want the maintenance. We will, on the other hand, be keeping the basketball court."



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Noel Weber, who runs Classic Design Studio in Boise, Idaho, purchased the former YMCA building in May from James K. Russell and will turn it into a creative design agency and art center.

Bridge Vista: It prohibits new condos, hotels over the water

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But Nemlowill, like Mayor Arline LaMear had suggested earlier this month, said the Riverfront Vision Plan had broad public input when it was approved in 2009 and questioned whether the residents who had spoken so strongly against Bridge Vista represented the full range of opinion in the city.

"It's too bad that it was adopted so long ago, because it seems like people have forgotten what the people said when it was adopted," she said. "And so I think the people did speak with the Riverfront Vision Plan."

Under Bridge Vista, new development over the river near the bridge and just west of Second Street can be no higher than the riverbank.

Projects over the river in other portions of Uniontown can have buildings up to 35 feet high and 150 feet wide with 40-foot corridors in between to preserve views. On shore, new buildings can be up to 45 feet high with setbacks to offset the profile.

Bridge Vista prohibits new condominiums, hotels, bars and restaurants, and fuel terminals over the water. A pedestrian-friendly zone and broader commercial uses will be allowed along the shore.

Earlier this month, the council had discussed an amendment to Bridge Vista to ensure no variances would be granted to building height restrictions over the river. But city staff discovered that a prohibition against variances was already part of the draft.

Councilor Cindy Price, who had preferred greater development restrictions, said she supports Bridge Vista because it takes "a great big step towards what I think everyone wants."

The City Council voted 3-2 against a motion by Price to direct the Planning Commission to review expanded protections for three areas in Uniontown.

Price and Herzig voted for the motion, while LaMear, Nemlowill and Councilor Russ Warr voted against the move.

In other business Monday:

• Mayor LaMear presented Justin Power with the Dr. Edward Harvey award for historic preservation for Power's renovation of the historic Thompson House on 38th Street in Uppertown.

• The City Council accepted the city's designation as an Oregon Heritage All-Star Community. The Oregon Heritage Commission recognizes cities that broadly preserve local heritage.

• Acting as the Astoria Development Commission, councilors approved a \$150,000 loan to developer Paul Caruana for exterior improvements to the Astor Hotel.

Caruana, who, with a business partner, had previously received a \$346,000 loan for exterior repairs, would have to repay the loan within seven years.

Built in 1924, the hotel has had a troubled past and is being used mostly for low-income housing.

"It hasn't looked like what I'm going to make it look like since the '20s," Caruana said of the restoration.

Caruana, who is purchasing the Astor Hotel outright, will have to keep a minimum of 50 percent of the units in affordable

housing through the life of the loan.

The Astoria Development Commission approved the loan

in a 4-1 vote. Herzig voted "no" because he did not want to see the number of affordable units potentially decline.

Pot: Lawmakers plan to tackle early sales and recreational pot taxes in separate bills

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Ferrioli threw his support behind a proposal by the League of Oregon Cities to allow elected officials in cities and counties that voted against Measure 91 to pass bans on medical and recreational pot businesses. Under the compromise proposal, elected officials in cities and counties where voters approved Measure 91 could also vote to pass bans, but those would be referred to the voters.

Both provisions were included in the bill that passed out of the House-Senate committee Monday evening.

House Bill 3400 will receive its first full vote in the Oregon House.

Meanwhile, lawmakers on the committee will continue to work on some of the proposals that were left out of House Bill 3400. That includes a proposal by Ferrioli, with support from Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, to allow medical marijuana

dispensaries to temporarily sell pot to recreational customers until the launch of the recreational pot retail system sometime in 2016. Under Measure 91, adults age 21 and older can legally grow and possess limited amounts of pot and cannabis products starting July 1.

Lawmakers plan to tackle early sales and recreational pot taxes in separate bills, and took public testimony on the taxation bill on Monday evening. House Bill 2041 would replace the weight-based excise tax the state would charge growers under Measure 91 with a sales tax on the drug.

Several lawmakers on the committee said after the vote Monday that the Legislature will likely work for years to shape Oregon's new legal pot system.

"You can ask the question, how can you be called on to legislate a culture change?" said Rep. Carl Wilson, R-Grants Pass. "We'll be working on this forever."

The co-chairs of the com-

mittee, Rep. Ann Linger, D-Lake Oswego, and Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, thanked other lawmakers, members of the marijuana industry and medical marijuana advocates for their hard work on the legislation.

Still, not everyone was happy with the bill. Rep. Peter Buckley, D-Ashland, said he voted out of courtesy to move House Bill 3400 to the House floor for a vote, but he remained frustrated by the process by which the committee drafted the bill.

"It's been dysfunctional in many respects," Buckley said, adding that he was dismayed at the move by a special Senate committee last month to push through its own bill to regulate medical marijuana. Most of that bill was folded into House Bill 3400. "I think the public has been shut out of this process to a great extent," Buckley said.

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