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Home Repair Fair

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Holy Redeemer School
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Housing & Community Services Department Updates Oregon's Affordable Housing Strategy

The Housing and Community Services Department (HCS) has completed a draft of the FY 1993 Annual Update of Oregon's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 requires every state to update and evaluate its housing plan annually to remain eligible for federal housing funds.

Based on public comment and analysis, Oregon's five-year strategy developed in 1991 describes regional priorities for populations with the most serious needs and appropriate affordable housing activities. It addressed areas of public policy, program enhancement and development, financing, special needs housing, technical assistance, and regulatory reform. The plan calls for greater coordination of programs and resources, requires further analyses of unmet needs, and ad-

resses the gap in affordable housing for special needs groups.

The draft FY 93 CHAS Update refines the five-year strategy to comply with new federal rules on CHAS preparation that were issued early in September. Priorities remain substantially unchanged; however, the format in which they are presented has been modified to emphasize the populations and activities with the highest priority. Discussion is provided for each population to be served, including information on resources to be invested, geographic distribution, and service delivery and management. The new rules also add sections on Fair Housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and Public Housing Initiatives.

HCS will accept public comment on the draft FY 1993 CHAS Update through November 19, 1992. Copies are available for review throughout

Oregon at selected public libraries, Community Action Agencies, Community Development Corporation (CDC) grant recipients, Council of Government (COG) offices, public housing authorities, and local congressional offices. Public hearings to receive oral comment will be held in Bend on Oct. 29 and in Salem on Nov. 5. Additional hearings will be scheduled for LaGrande, Roseburg, Astoria, and Seaside. Your comments will help make the CHAS an effective and useful tool.

A final version of the FY 1993 CHAS Update will be published in late November following the comment period. For more information about the CHAS process, the draft document, or the public hearings, interested parties should contact David B. Foster, HCS Community Housing Planner, at (503) 378-5959.

City And Oregon Arena Corporation Reach Development Agreement

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of the shuttle system, which will be financed entirely by OAC, will include service to 4,500-5,000 parking spaces in the Lloyd District.

OAC will pay the City 10% of its revenue from the public plaza derived from advertising, rent and net vendor revenues.

The agreements reached today are part of a lengthy public that began in May 1991 when a 15-member Arena Task Force of elected officials and private citizens was named by the Portland City Council and Metro Council to evaluate OAC's initial proposal and recommend public goals and objectives. The Task Force articulated those public goals and objectives in its July 1991 Report. After a detailed review in September and October 1991 by the Task Force, including public hearings, the City, Metro and OAC agreed on an overall framework to guide the negotiations. That stage of the process culminated in a Memorandum of Understanding on November 13, 1991. Still to be completed is the final execution, or closing, on all agreements, including City approval of 50% construction drawings and a guaranteed maximum price for the public improvements.

Additional agreements remaining to be negotiated will cover management of the City-owned parking facilities; the Plaza Lease; an agreement with the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association for joint marketing of the Arena, coliseum and convention Center; an agreement with Tri-Met covering modifications to the current Coliseum Transit Center; ongoing Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions; and approval of the Transportation Management Plan.

The Development Agreement will be executed immediately following City Council approval. The other agreements will be executed at closing, expected by February 1993. Immediately following closing, utility work associated with the project is expected to commence.

The City projects it will receive in excess of \$2.9 million in user fees annu-

ally, \$800,000 in parking income and approximately \$100,000 in other lease revenue directly from the project, which it will use to finance the public elements in the project. In addition, OAC has projected that the City will receive in excess of \$2 million annually (first-year estimate) in added property tax revenues, \$450,000 in added hotel taxes and \$250,000 in added business and utility taxes.

Mayor J.E. Bud Clark said of the agreements: "This is a significant milestone. We still have a major challenge to make sure the remaining documents and exhibits are completed and the final cost estimates are on target. But these agreements represent a remarkable achievement. The city's negotiating team, led by Larry Dully of the Portland Development Commission, has successfully threaded its way through a series of very difficult issues over the past year and a half to get here."

"This is not going to be just an Arena, it's going to be a major contribution to the revitalization of Portland's east side. It's model of public/private cooperation that other cities dream about but never quite pull off. We appreciate Paul Allen's responsiveness to the City's broader objectives. OAC has done this right and I think the citizens of Portland will be pleased with the result. This is a great day for all Portlanders who want to see this City continue to grow and prosper in a way that enhances its livability."

Robert Ridgley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Northwest Natural Gas, who served as chairman of the Arena Task Force, agreed: "These agreements more than meet the goals, objectives and original principles laid down more than a year ago by the Arena Task Force. The commitment to this region by Paul Allen and the Portland Trail Blazers that these agreements represent will give the Portland metropolitan area a world-class venue for basketball, hockey, major entertainment events and large conventions that can provide the Portland area with a power-

ful economic boost.

"This project means more visitors, more jobs and more investments here that can lighten for everyone the burden of taxes needed to pay for vital public services. And it maximizes the public's existing investment in the Oregon convention Center and the Coliseum, and outdated facility that without the blazers and these agreements would have become a major drain on the taxpayers. The new complex will enhance our ability to attract large national and regional conventions which, in turn, will attract the notice around the country that helps spur economic development. We have here a win-win proposition for everyone involved."

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, who was a member of the Arena Task Force, said: "It's important to stress that what we're really constructing here is a unique partnership in which everybody comes out a winner. OAC will get to put up a state-of-the-art Arena for the Trail Blazers on a convenient, centrally-located site so the team can make the most of its franchise. The City will be able to finance public improvements on the site from direct revenues generated by the project. In addition, the City will get in excess of \$2 million a year in added property tax revenues to pay for vital services throughout the community, and the City will share ticket revenues and other income generated by the project to pay for City capital costs. The region as a whole will get a big shot in the arm, in terms of new economic activity and jobs. And not least, Blazers fans will get an iron-clad commitment that the team will be playing in Portland for at least 20 years. I endorse these agreements and will urge my colleagues on City Council to do the same."

The public may comment by appearing at City Council on October 29th, at 3:00 p.m. when the proposed agreements will be considered, or by writing the Portland Development Commission or Portland City Council members.

Workshop to Address African-American Diversity

"Preparing for Diversity: Working with African-American Clients" is the title of a workshop to assist clinicians of all ethnic backgrounds in understanding the variety characterizing African-Americans. Co-sponsored by the Multnomah County Office of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and the Pacific University Psychological Service Center, the workshop will be held Tuesday, November 3 from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the Multnomah County Southeast Health Clinic - 3653 SE 34th in Portland.

The workshop is designed for psychologist, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, other mental health workers, administrators, and students. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about African American social values, norms, and behaviors; the diversity within the African-American population; establishing rapport and credibility with African-American clients; and recent research and literature focusing on African-American issues.

Keynote speaker during the workshop will be James L. Mason, Research Manager of the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University and doctoral candidate in the School of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. He has conducted numerous workshops and has provided consultation regarding the development of culturally appropriate mental health and related human services.

Continuing education certification will be available for workshop participants. Cost for the workshop is as follows: Students-\$10 if registered by October 27 and \$15 after October 27; Professionals-\$40 if registered by October 27 and \$45 after October 27. Special rates are available for providers and staff of Multnomah County and Pacific University. For registration and more information, please call the Pacific University Psychological Service Center, 220-0390.

November Is National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month and One Church, One Child is inviting you to do your part to help African American children who wait to be adopted. Come to the One Church, One Child Open House on Saturday, November 14th from 1-4 pm in the meeting annex at 5736 N. Albina.

Come by and look at our photo book and videos of children. One Church, One Child representatives and adoptive parents will be available to answer your questions.

There are no fees, training is offered, and financial assistance is available. Call the office today: 285-7634.

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Lee Owen Stone: A Cooperative Pre-School Program

Pre-school education has proven to be a very important aspect of healthy child development. Headstart has far and away demonstrated its impact of helping a variety of youngsters get a jump-start on their educational careers. This becomes obvious if you consider that working parents maintain an income, manage a household, and also find the time and the methods to inspire their child toward positive academic careers. Unfortunately many programs are costly, not close to the child's home, or simply is unavailable because of the limited public resources. Strangely enough, right here in inner Northeast Portland there exists a small pre-school program that tries to enroll a culturally and socially diverse student body. Believe it or not, this program is diagonal from the renowned and newly remodeled Matt Dishman Recreational Facility.

The program is housed in the medium-sized but St. Phillips Episcopal Church at the corner of Knott St. and Cleveland Ave. The program is called the Lee Owen Stone Cooperative Pre-School and is run by a private parent membership who: set policy, assist in the classroom, help with fundraising, serve on boards, and serve in other

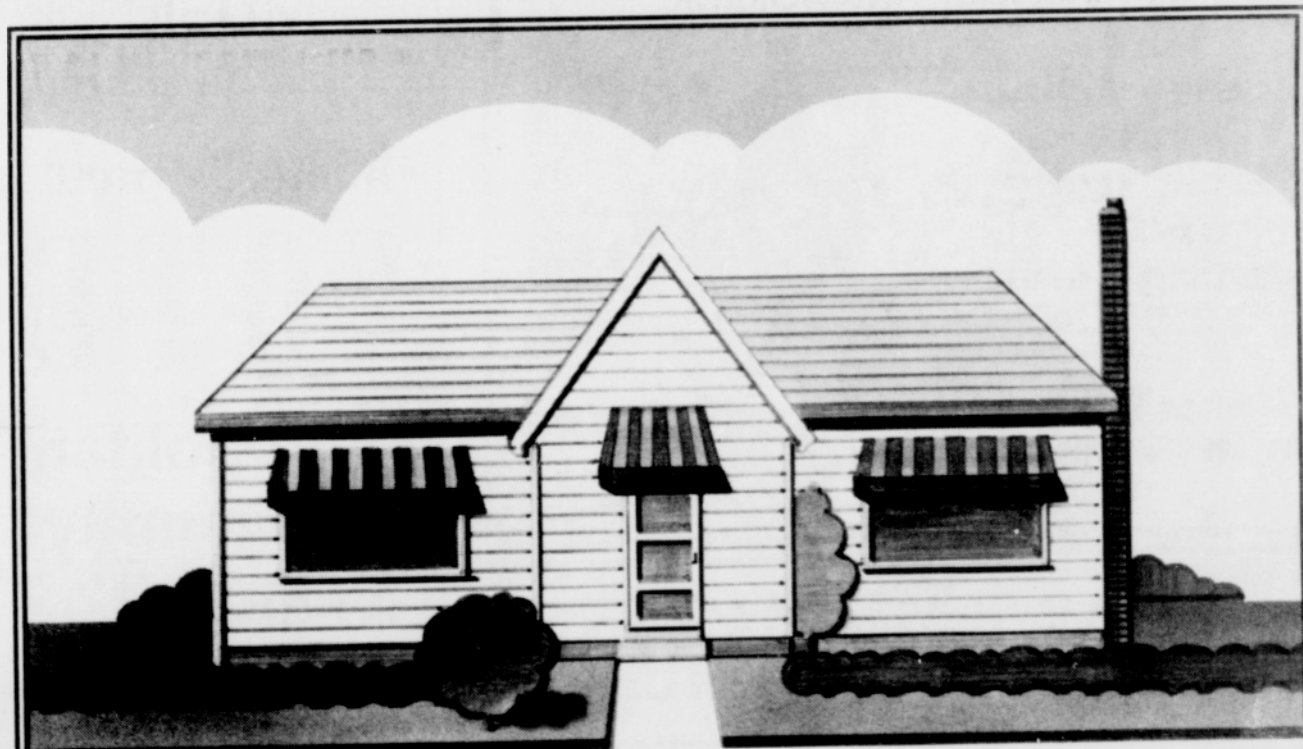
capacities. There is always a parent in the classroom and often parents becomes friends on field trips and various school activities. The school has a tradition of attracting students from various cultural backgrounds and from different parts of the metro area.

But pre-school education is a limited resource as mentioned earlier. And even Lee Owen Stone parents must pay tuition, however, this tuition is kept reasonable as a result of parent participation and the generosity of the host church. Partial scholarships are available so that children from modest household income can attend. Thus, although limited, some children who might benefit from this type of pre-school environment are able to attend.

Lee Owen Stone has also proven invaluable for parents who work part or on flex-time and those who attend school and needs a part-time permanent arrangement. The classroom is creatively laid out with areas designated for books and reading, climbing, art, dramatic play, and there are also manipulative toys for developing fine motor skills. Preparation for school is a primary activity at the school. There are field trips that may familiarize urban youth with

the rural areas or which may help children learn bus routes and the City.

This pre-school program is a sleeper program that exists on the spirit of parent and community involvement. It is supported by many local businesses who offer services needed by the program or that donate items for its annual auction. As a model, this type of program can be supported in other parts of the community and with limited government support could be replicated throughout the greater Portland community. Inner Northeast Portland has one more program that chugs along in obscurity while greater headline are paid to the crimes or other social ills in this economically and socially stressed community. The sad part of the story is that the program has only a limited number of openings and parents are urged to get on the waiting lists quick or by good fortune, obtain one of the rare slots. Fortunately the few who are admitted, with the proven dedication of both the St. Phillips Episcopal Church leadership, Lee Owen Stone staff and parents, business and individual donors this little-known program will continue to represent the community well.



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