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City narrows civic center applications

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The city of Vancouver has selected two proposals for a new Civic Center for further analysis. The City selected these two from a total of six proposals, which were received on Sept. 29, in response to Request for Proposals. The selected proposals are described below:
Gerding/Edlen Development Co. of Portland. Academy property (Evergreen, C St., I-5); Proposal is to construct a new building on western portion of the property; The Library could be accommodated in a separate building proposed for the eastern or northern portion of the site; The Academy building is proposed for renovation at the expense of the developer to remain a private mixed-use facility; Public space consisting of a public plaza on corner of C Street and Evergreen, as well as a "civic green" along Evergreen; Other uses include ground floor retail space in new City Hall building and possible housing/office building on site to be built by developer.
Otak/Macht, Vancouver.
Existing city hall and parking structure site plus the block to the south (12th st., Broadway, Mill Plain, C st.) The proposal is to expand and reconfigure the current City Hall facilities. The library could be accommodated on the block south of City Hall. And a covered Civic Hall over what is now 13th St. would connect the City Hall Library.
Proposals were reviewed by key City and Library staff and an Overnight Committee made up of business, neighborhood and other representatives who have been involved throughout the City's space study process. The following is a list of participants: Jewel Barton, Hewlett

Packard; Ellis Dunn, Fort Vancouver Library Dist. Board of Trustees; Steve Gregg, Downtown Redevelopment Authority; Bruce Hagensen, Downtown Redevelopment Authority; Sharon Hammer, Executive Director, Fort Vancouver Library District; Tom Jacobs, Cascade SE Neighborhood Association; Dale Kidwell, Hough Neighborhood Association; Gunars Kilpe, SHE America, retired; Jerry King, Board of Trustees, Fort Vancouver Library District; Anne McEnemy-Ogle, Shumway Neighborhood Assoc., Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance; Maureen Pedone, N. Garrison Heights Neighborhood Association; Dale Read, Jr., Board of Trustees, Fort Vancouver Library District; Margaret Smith, Esther Short Neighborhood Association; and Andy Wilk, GST Telecom.
The objective of the proposed Civic Center is to unite city services currently scattered throughout downtown into a more efficient space. It is expected that this will decrease long-term occupancy costs and improve customer service. Efforts have been made to include a space for a new main Library in this project as the current Library building is inadequate based on current use. Potential to expand the current Library building is also being studied at this time. The next phase of this process will be to analyze the two final proposals in more detail and resubmit renovations to the City Council.
Renderings of the project are available by contacting David Perlick, Management Analyst, at (360) 696-8690, or e-mail: david.perlick@ci.vancouver.wa.us. The proposals are still under competitive review and all questions regarding the proposals or process should be also be addressed to David Perlick.

City to seek court aid in downtown redevelopment

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The City of Vancouver has committed to revitalizing the downtown by encouraging mixed use, residential and retail development. As part of this effort, the Council approved the Esther Short Subarea and Redevelopment Plan. Additionally, Fehr & Peers Associates, Inc., were commissioned to develop the Downtown Vancouver Parking Program.
The parking study concluded, "Over the long-term and to accommodate anticipated major new development projects in and near downtown, new

municipal or city/private-shared parking facilities will be needed because not all the newly generated parking demand will likely be satisfied by the new development projects themselves."
In an effort to realize both the goals of the Esther Short Subarea and Redevelopment Plan, and to accommodate downtown parking demand, the City of Vancouver has made three good faith offers to purchase the property located at 501 1/2 Main Street, commonly known as the Monterey Hotel, from Rashimikumar Kashibhai Patel and Geetaben Rashimikumar Patel, the property owners. The offers received

no response from the owners.
At the April 5, 1999 Council meeting Vancouver City Council authorized the filing of a petition to request the court to assist in establishing a price and acquisition of the property both necessary through the power of eminent domain. The Washington Superior Court will determine whether the acquisition of the property is both necessary and appropriate to accommodate future parking demand in the area.
Should the court rule in favor of the City of Vancouver, the City Council has committed to assist residents of the Monterey Hotel in finding replacement housing.

Arson results in Portland homicide

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On Friday, November 19, 1999, at 11:51 P.M., the Portland Fire Bureau responded to a report of a residential fire at 4038 N. Williams Avenue. Upon arrival, firefighters found the two story home engulfed in flames. The Portland Fire Bureau estimated the loss to the structure at \$120,000 and loss of the contents at \$20,000.
The interior of the residence was in such a cluttered

condition, fire investigators felt it unsafe to investigate before daylight. Once inside, the body of a 44 year-old white male, later identified as Kenneth Avery Sharp, was found upstairs. According to the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office, Sharp, who resided at the residence, died of smoke inhalation.
Investigators from the Portland Fire Investigations Unit report someone other than the victim intentionally set the fire. Therefore, the case is being investigated as a homicide by the Portland Police Bureau Homicide Detail.

Vancouver Briefs

Note Training Time Change

Vancouver Police Services receives life-saving technology
Vancouver Police Services has a new life-saving technology available to its officers and civilian staff to use in the case of a cardiac emergency. Automatic External Defibrillators, or AED's were donated to Vancouver Police Services by Mr. Dirk Wellbrock from Hewlett Packard, who donated two used AED's and a Trainer AED; Ms. Paula Derr from Providence St. Vincent's Foundation, who donated two new state of the art AED's; and Ms. Roxy Barnes from Vancouver Fire Services, who donated seven used AED's. total value of these donations is over \$41,000.
Vancouver Police Services will invite all personnel to attend training on how to use AED's and to become certified to use them in an emergency. The AED has been recognized by the American Heart Association as being a crucial step in timely heart resuscitation. With the implementation of Community Oriented Policing and the opening up

of police precincts to the public, having these units available could some day make a difference in saving someone's life.

City extends deadline for applications on new Youth Council

The City of Vancouver will extend the deadline for applications to its new Youth Council until Friday, Dec. 10. The Youth Council will serve as a citizen advisory body to the City Council. Council members work in a voluntary capacity to help identify issues important to youth and to bring attention to areas where youth would like to see policy changes. It will also assist in the development of the city's new Youth Voice program.
Applicants must live within the city limits, be 14-19 years of age, and be able to attend two three-hour meetings per month, a Youth Council Meeting and a Leadership Training Workshop.
For applications, contact Peggy Furno in the City Manager's Office at

City Hall, 210 E. 13th St., P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668, call (360) 696-8484 or FAX (360) 696-8049.

City invites applications for Vancouver Housing Authority Board

The City of Vancouver is seeking applications to fill a vacancy on the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) Board of Directors.
The six-member board establishes policy for the operation of various assisted low-income rental housing programs and low-income housing rehabilitation programs. Members are appointed by the mayor for terms up to five years.
Regular meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at the VHA office, 2500 Main St. Occasionally special meetings and work sessions are called.
For an application, contact Peggy Furno, Vancouver City Hall, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668, or call 696-8484. Application deadline is Thursday, Dec. 23.

Police news briefs

Baby dies, father indicted on new charges

On November 11, 1999, Emergency Fire and Medical responded to 1700 N.E. 162 Avenue, Apartment G-2, Gresham, on a call of a six-week-old baby, which was not breathing. At the time, the baby, Mikayla Hill, Female, DOB September 22, 1999, was being watched by her father Michael Lamar Hill, 25 years old.
The baby was transported to Oregon Health Science University, Doernbecher Hospital, where she was listed in critical condition. An investigation by Portland Police detective Sergeant Kelly F. Scott and Gresham Detective Mike McGowan of the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team resulted in the father's arrest on November 12, 1999, for Assault in the Second Degree.
On November 14, 1999, Mikayla Hill died as a result of other injuries. The Multnomah County Medical Office conducted an autopsy which determined the baby died of head injuries from being shaken or having been shaken with impact. As a result, the father, Michael Lamar Hill, has been indicted on one count of Felony Murder, no bail, and one count Manslaughter First Degree, bail \$250,000. Hill remains lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center.

Vehicle involved in death investigation located, body found at scene

On Thursday, November 18, 1999, investigators initiated an investigation into the death of Marilyn Montoya-Monterroso, 32 years old, who resided at 10224 S.E. Boise Street. The deceased lived in the basement of her parent's residence with her husband, Elvar Montoya-Monterroso, 30 years old. Investigators were attempting to locate the husband and a 1993 Ford Tempo, Oregon license plate 096-APW, which the husband was believed to be operating.
Later this morning at approximately 10:30 A.M., a female motorist driving on Webber Road, which is approximately 4 miles east of Sandy, off Highway 26, came across a vehicle which was incinerated and still smoldering. While the motorist was turning around, she observed a body. The motorist immediately called 911, and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.
The incinerated vehicle has been identified as the 1993 Ford Tempo, which was being searched for by Portland Police Investigators. The Body found at the scene

generally matches the description of Elvar Montoya-Monterroso, however, a positive identification of the body and cause of death have yet to be determined.
An autopsy of the deceased is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 1999, by the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office. Investigators from Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and Portland Police Bureau are continuing the investigation.

Solicitation to commit murder/arrest

On November 18, 1999, at approximately 11:45 P.M., uniform officers and investigators arrested 30-year-old Sarah Aline Ater, 30 years, on one count of Attempted Aggravated Murder, and one count of solicitation to Commit Murder. Bail was set at \$10,000,000 on each count.
Ater's arrest occurred after she met with an undercover detective in a parking lot located at S.E. Grand and Clay Street to discuss arrangements of the planned crime, an arrest team, in marked patrol units then entered the parking lot in an attempt to block her avenue of escape. However, Ater was able to maneuver her vehicle around the police cars and out of the parking lot. A short pursuit ensued, and culminated at N.E. Sandy Blvd. and N.E. 50th Avenue where Ater was taken into custody without incident.
According to Benton County officials, Ater had been arrested on July 11, 1999, on thirteen charges including Solicitation to Commit Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Murder, First Degree Arson, and tampering With a Witness. Ater's bail at that time was \$350,000 and she reportedly posted ten percent and was released from custody. The intended victim in both the Portland and Benton County cases is Ater's ex-boyfriend.

Narcotics search executed

On the afternoon of Nov. 19, 1999, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office executed a narcotics-related Search Warrant at 27260 SE Carl, a residence in unincorporated East Multnomah County.
During the execution of the warrant, four (4) persons were taken into custody and a Methamphetamine Laboratory was discovered in a mobile home on the property. Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies and HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) experts are currently securing a second search warrant and attempting to dismantle the lab.

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