

SENIOR CENTER: Aspen property has 'park-like feel'

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group studied the Aspen property, the former Goodwill building on Hermiston Avenue and the Ridgeway property.

He said the group voted 8-3 on the Aspen property based on its "park-like feel," the fact that it was "flat and buildable" without having to tear up any asphalt, its proximity to shopping at Wal-Mart, its accessibility and the fact that at three acres the city could build an 8,000-square-foot building with parking and still have plenty of room to add something like an indoor pool in the future.

"What carried it was expandability," he said.

During public testimony, several people agreed with the appeal of the grassy Aspen property, which isn't currently on the market but Fetter said had a "friendly seller" interested in seeing it turned into a senior center.

"We can do so much with that clean template," advisory group member Perry Hawkins said.

Others, however, argued that building a senior center downtown would help revitalize Hermiston's city center and give the community a "sense of place." Mary Corp presented a

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petition from downtown business owners asking the council to build the center downtown, where it would be visible from Highway 395.

"We could create a beautiful location and a beautiful facility that could benefit the seniors and benefit the community," Corp said.

The Community Development Block Grant being used to build the center stipulates it can only serve people over 60 for the first five years, but after that the city has an agreement with the senior center board to use it in the evening as a community center for activities for all ages.

Dennis Doherty told the council that even if the majority of the senior advisory board had voted for the Aspen property, they were only one facet of the community.

"This has now become a community asset and a community effort ... you have to have a feeling of goodwill toward it," he said.

Testimony from the Ridgeway

site failed to persuade six members of the council, however.

Councilman Doug Smith said he respected the work of the senior advisory group and believed the seniors in town were capable of making the best decision for themselves.

Clara Beas Fitzgerald said Hermiston is growing rapidly and shouldn't limit itself to focusing building up on Main Street. And Jackie Myers noted the benefits of a site that doesn't require digging up asphalt and pipes and other things that could cause environmental concerns.

"The Aspen site is made for something like this," she said.

Myers also voted in favor of a second senior center resolution, naming it the Harkenrider Center after Frank Harkenrider, who served as city councilman and mayor for more than 50 years. He retired in January.

"Whether you agree with everything Frank Harkenrider has done in his very, very long and colorful service, you cannot deny that service," she said.

Councilor Ron Hardin agreed. "It's a lot cheaper than a statue," he quipped.

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BRIEFLY

EOTEC hosts health screenings

HERMISTON — A choice of four health screenings are available at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center.

A 12-hour fast is required for all tests, which are available Tuesday from 7-9 a.m. in Room 136 at the center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. The tests available cholesterol (\$10), cardiac risk panel (\$20), health fair profile and cardiac risk (\$30) and PSA screening (\$30).

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 541-567-1800.

Gallery show features Priscilla Preus

PENDLETON — Known for her paintings featuring vibrant colors and exuberance, the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery will feature an exhibition by Priscilla Preus.

Though Preus has experience with a variety of mediums, the gallery show will highlight her paintings. Ranging from landscapes to interiors to abstract imagery, the exhibit includes new paintings as well as a retrospective of large oil paintings on canvas.

The exhibit opens Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the gallery, which is located in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Preus received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Washington. Her pieces are part of private, corporate and museum collections, including the Frye Museum in Seattle. She currently lives on the Hood Canal in Washington. She is the sister of BMCC President Cam Preus.

"I am very excited to have Priscilla's paintings featured in our gallery," Cam Preus said. "I'm so proud of her work and am such a fan, and it's really special to be able to show off her talents in our gallery and with our local community."

The show runs through Wednesday, June 3. The gallery is open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. The gallery will be closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

AARP driving class cruises into M-F

MILTON-FREEWATER — The new and enhanced driving refresher course from AARP will be offered in Milton-Freewater.

AARP Smart Driver is Friday, May 1 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blue Mountain Community College, 311 N. Columbia Street, Milton-Freewater. A break is provided for lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Although the class is geared for older drivers, all ages are welcome. Topics include defensive driving strategies, how to stay current with driving technologies and current rules of the road specific to the community.

Those planning to attend must register in advance by calling 541-938-7176.

Funds available from emergency grant

PENDLETON — Umatilla County has been awarded a federal grant of \$9,692 from the Congress for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

The money is designed to supplement emergency hunger and homeless services as designated by the Umatilla County Local Board. Under the terms of the award, local organizations chosen to receive funds must be private, voluntary nonprofits or units of government, have a viable accounting system, practice nondiscrimination and have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency services.

The local board, which includes United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties, The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, representatives from faith-based and social service agencies, and officials from the state, county and city will convene to review the applications received.

For an application, call Donna Kinnaman at 541-278-5671. The deadline is Wednesday, May 13 at noon.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818.

DOGS: 107 were licensed last year

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people don't license their animals," he said.

Last year 107 dogs were licensed in Hermiston.

The council also approved changes to the code to bring it in line with what Morgan said is already occurring. The animal shelter contracted to house strays — currently Pet Rescue — can be inspected by the city manager, and wording was changed to "may" instead of "shall" in regards to euthanizing animals left unclaimed after five days.

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SCHOOL: All kindergarten students will go to Pendleton Early Learning Center

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Garner's Sporting Goods on Court.

In contrast, Option B divides the North Hill between Sherwood and Washington at Northwest Fourth Street.

The boundary line extends southward to Dorion Avenue, with every child east of that line going to Sherwood. The rest of the flats and South Hill are within the Washington boundary.

The other significant change in Option B is including Tutuilla Road and some of the surrounding streets in the Sherwood boundary.

The boundary would extend southward until the southern point of Grecian Heights Park.

Under Option A, all of Tutuilla Road is in the McKay Creek boundary.

Both plans simplify the boundaries for district students living east of Pendleton — children living north of Interstate Highway 84 attend Washington while students living south of the highway go to McKay Creek.

The boundary options were whittled down from seven to two by a committee of elementary school parents and principals and Mid Columbia Bus Co. manager Mark Parn.

Mooney said the new school buildings for Washington and Sherwood will accommodate a larger capacity, which will negate the need to bus siblings living in the same household to different schools.

Proximity to schools and demographics were also factors in the boundary drawings.

The new boundaries will only affect first through fifth graders. Starting next year, all kindergarten students will go to school at the Pendleton Early Learning Center, formerly Hawthorne Alternative High School.

The maps can be viewed at the meetings, which include forms that ask parents which option is preferable.

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