

KITTEN: Looking for someone headed to Seattle

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phone call from Robin Harris, who lives about a mile north of the accident site.

"I have this gray cat," Harris said. "Her name is Cleo."

Harris explained she had seen a blur of motion in her hay barn and spotted the kitten scampering up into the rafters. At first, she thought the cat was wild or had been dumped, then Harris noticed the cat wore a polka-dotted collar with bright pink tags. She climbed up a stack of hay to get a closer look at the tags and found the name Cleo and a phone number. The kitten snuggled into Harris' arms.

Egan greeted the news with both exhilaration and incredulity.

"Oh, my gosh," she said to Harris. "You found her?"

The girls, she said, had been missing their animals. Molly had slept each night

since the accident with two stuffed animals she had gotten from the EMTs the day of the wreck — she'd named them both Cleo. After the call, Egan quickly shared the good news with her daughters.

"They were so excited when I told them Cleo had shown up," Egan said. "Their mouths were wide open."

Harris, who serves as a board member for the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS), is working out a way to get Cleo back to her family. Unless she can find someone who is heading to the Seattle area soon, on Saturday, PAWS board member Cindy Spiess will likely add Cleo to a group of animals she is transporting to Portland and meet the Egans somewhere for a transfer.

Harris will have a hard time saying goodbye. Cleo won her heart and was quickly upgraded from the

barn.

"She's living in the house now," Harris said.

Harris said she sees the kitten's survival as a marvel considering the cold and the coyotes.

"I don't know how she survived for two weeks with the temperatures we've had," Harris said, "and I saw two coyotes just recently."

Harris gave kudos to the Egans for placing a tag on Cleo with contact information. Even better, she said, would be a microchip that contains information that can be accessed at most veterinarians and animal shelters.

Cleo will head home soon as can be arranged. For those heading to the Seattle area and willing to transport the kitten, Harris urged them to email PAWS at pawspendleton@gmail.com.

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PENDLETON: Proposed food hub where Webb's used to be

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Bridge are used as decorative borders for the plaza.

Wood also rekindled the idea of a plaza located at the corner on Southeast Byers Avenue as it turns south and becomes Southwest First Street, incorporating a nearby parking lot.

Wood said the city originally considered the concepts in 2009, but opted for other projects like the new gate at the Round-Up Grounds and the Riverfront Plaza.

Wood said Byers' proximity to the river might be more desirable than the railroad tracks and could easily be closed off for events.

Another major project idea that's been proposed is a food hub in the space where Webb's used to be.

The land also contains a warehouse used by Barhyte Specialty Foods, but the owners said they intend to eventually vacate the

building, opening up more ground for a food hub.

CAPECO CEO Paula Hall envisioned a food hub as a structure that would include a distribution center, welcoming area and commercial kitchen that could all be utilized by CAPECO, the farmers market and a food co-op.

"We try to take care of all the wheels on the food cycle," she said

A food hub won't come cheap — Wood said the Portland food hub he visited a few weeks ago cost \$30 million to build.

Karen Wagner, the Eastern Oregon field representative for U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, said there could be federal funds to help offset the cost.

Although it went less discussed at the meeting, Wood said the committee has also looked at creating gateways to Pendleton's downtown.

For instance, a previous

downtown plan included a roundabout at the intersection of Frazer Avenue and South Main Street.

Project Exploration also solicited new ideas from the audience.

While some were in the vein of the projects the committee is already considering, there were some new ideas as well, like a downtown grocery store, an incubator for downtown businesses, equestrian trails, an indoor children's space with trampolines and artwork on the Interstate 84 overpasses.

With more than 60 ideas generated from the meeting, the committee will now have to organize and hone them into doable projects.

The committee already has the backing of several local governments and community agencies, but it will have to pull money out of state, federal and private sources to make any of these explorations into reality.



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Roaming Christmas Carolers from Riverside Jr/Sr High School and a surprise guest... The Grinch, entertained everyone while Santa visited with all the children!


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