

PENDLETON

Public testimony stalls decision on river land

East Oregonian

At a Pendleton Planning Commission meeting in January, only one person registered her opposition to the city's move to divide a parcel near the Umatilla River's north bank for potential housing development.

Five months after the planning commission agreed to divide the property, the movement to keep the 0.58-acre parcel south of Northwest Seventh Street undeveloped is much more substantial.

Seven people testified against river development at a special Pendleton Development Commission meeting Tuesday, with more than a dozen additional people in the audience, spurring several council members to say it was one of the most well-attended commission meetings they've experienced.



Tall grass and wild flowers grow in an open area of the north bank of the Umatilla River in Pendleton.

One by one, the group told the commission, which is comprised of the Pendleton City Council, that a housing development would hurt wildlife habitat, increase water runoff by creating more impervious surface, decrease the livability and go against

the grain of previous urban renewal plans.

"The north side of the river parkway is suffering death from a thousand cuts," Pendleton resident Paul Daniello said. "The habitat is being removed in pieces."

Daniello described the

pro-preservation group as "an amorphous aggregate of people" who wanted two things — to reverse the process that would lead to the development of the parcel and to form a working group with the commission that would lead to the preservation of the land.

Rather than immediately make a decision on the group's request, the commission unanimously voted to request more information from staff on the land's development capability and whether the city or the urban renewal district owns it, as they are technically different entities.

Once members receive more information on those issues, the commission could make a decision at its next meeting.

The next development commission meeting is scheduled for June 20.

UO again seeks tuition increase of 10.6 percent

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon will again ask a state commission to approve a double-digit tuition increase.

Two weeks ago, the state Higher Education Coordination Commission rejected the university's request to increase tuition by 10.6 percent for in-state residents. The commission meets Thursday in Salem, and the UO proposal is back on the agenda, *The Register-Guard* reports.

"This action has thrown UO's budget into tremendous uncertainty that must be resolved in as swift a manner as possible," university officials wrote Monday in a letter to the commission, requesting reconsideration of the same proposal.

The letter was signed by UO President Michael Schill and Charles Lillis, chairman of the university's

Board of Trustees.

Since 2013, Oregon law has required commission approval for any increase of more than 5 percent to in-state tuition at the state's seven public universities.

After the initial rejection, commission spokeswoman Endi Hartigan said concerns about the lack of student involvement in tuition-setting played a role in the decision.

Schill and Lillis addressed the issue in the letter, pointing out that a group of students, faculty and staff held seven meetings and the university put information about the proposal online.

"Forums were advertised on social media, through campus messaging, on the tuition website, and via student groups to reach the broadest possible audience," the letter states.

HERMISTON

Eight students dive into research projects

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN East Oregonian

Eight Hermiston High School students this year got a taste of what it's like to really dive into research, and they shared their findings Tuesday at the school's first annual Research Night.

At the event, the students spoke on a variety of topics, presenting their research questions, how they went about answering them, and their recommendations in light of their findings.

The topics were all relevant to student learning in some way. Isabel Bartley presented

on the ways that music affects academic performance — a subject that's familiar to her.

"I'm a musician," she said. She said she became interested in the subject because music is often one of the first things to get cut from schools, but wanted to find out whether it has a positive impact on learning for students.

"It does," she said. "It's definitely most effective with younger students."

Haylie Rahm did her research on what time school should start based on how much sleep teenagers need.

"I actually started

researching this because of Daylight Savings time," Rahm said. "I read something about how it affects workers, and went from there."

Rahm found that as children become teens, they feel sleepy later, but also need more sleep and are not alert until later in the morning — making it more effective if school starts around 9.

The students were all part of the Oregon Teacher Pathway program, a new program at Hermiston High School this year.

The eight students and projects were as follows:

Isabel Bartley — How

music affects academic performance; Paola Carmona — How technology affects student performance in schools; Alexis Mercado — How GPA requirements affect student athletes; Hayden Meyers — How extracurricular activities affect academic achievement; Haylie Rahm — What time school should start based on how much sleep teenagers need; Morgan Wilson — How standardized testing affects academic achievement; Varsha Mishra — Is homework an effective learning tool; Paige Baunach — The educational benefits of homeschooling

Lawmakers ask feds to review progress of Hanford cleanup

SPOKANE, Wash. — Members of Congress are asking the federal government to review the progress of years of cleanup work at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, in light of the partial collapse of a tunnel containing radioactive wastes earlier this month.

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., says lawmakers sent a letter Wednesday to the Government Accountability Office asking for the review. Hanford for decades

made plutonium for nuclear weapons, and the government has spent some \$19 billion cleaning up the resulting wastes. The work is expected to last until 2060 and cost another \$100 billion.

The bipartisan group of lawmakers, most from the Northwest, wrote that they were alarmed by the recent tunnel collapse and were concerned that future events could put the safety of workers, the public, and environment at risk.

House votes to join effort to elect president by popular vote

By PARIS ACHEN Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Oregon House of Representatives voted 34-to-23 Wednesday to join a group of states that want to elect the U.S. president by the national popular vote.

Under the Constitution, the nation's president and vice president are the only officials selected through the

Electoral College process. Candidates are awarded votes equal to the number of senators and representatives from the states they carry. Under the bill, Oregon's electors would be awarded to the winner of the national popular vote, regardless of who wins the state.

"House Bill 2927 ensures every vote in every state will matter," said Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, D-Portland.

The House has voted three times since 2009 to join the National Popular Vote compact. Each time, Senate President Peter Courtney blocked the legislation in that chamber.

Courtney has said he would support the effort this year only if the decision were referred to voters.

"I would be open to amending the bill and sending the question to the

ballot," Courtney said. "If you believe in the popular vote, then let the popular vote decide the issue."

The popular vote campaign took on new life after President Donald Trump won election by the Electoral College while losing the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by almost 3 million.

"Oregon deserves a voice in who becomes president," Keny-Guyer said.

Corrections

The May 23 story "Macaroni and Hope" misstated the number of people served by Stanfield's food bank. It is 120 to 180 families, not individuals, who are served, translating to 400 to 550 people per month. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	Pleasant and warmer	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
67° 44° 76° 50° 84° 54° 87° 56° 91° 61°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
73° 45° 83° 49° 90° 54° 93° 57° 96° 56°

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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	63°	47°
Normals	75°	49°
Records	93° (1928)	34° (1920)

PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00" Month to date 0.93" Normal month to date 1.01" Year to date 9.14" Last year to date 5.54" Normal year to date 6.12"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	69°	50°
Normals	75°	49°
Records	97° (1928)	35° (2010)

PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00" Month to date 0.43" Normal month to date 0.87" Year to date 6.31" Last year to date 4.23" Normal year to date 4.86"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:35 a.m.
Moonset today	8:28 p.m.

New First Full Last
May 25 June 1 June 9 June 17

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	65	48	pc	71	51	s
Baker City	60	36	pc	70	35	pc
Bend	68	38	pc	73	43	pc
Brookings	62	47	pc	60	49	pc
Burns	62	36	pc	70	36	pc
Enterprise	57	38	pc	67	38	pc
Eugene	71	45	pc	81	49	s
Heppner	66	42	pc	75	46	pc
Hermiston	73	45	pc	83	49	pc
John Day	64	41	pc	72	43	sh
Klamath Falls	73	39	pc	75	40	pc
La Grande	62	42	pc	71	43	pc
Meacham	59	38	pc	70	40	pc
Medford	81	49	pc	87	54	pc
Newport	59	47	pc	65	50	s
North Bend	61	49	pc	68	50	pc
Ontario	70	49	pc	77	48	pc
Pasco	72	46	pc	83	49	pc
Pendleton	67	44	pc	76	50	pc
Portland	75	53	pc	84	57	s
Redmond	70	37	pc	77	40	pc
Salem	74	49	pc	83	52	s
Spokane	65	47	pc	73	52	pc
Ukiah	59	36	pc	70	39	pc
Vancouver	73	51	pc	82	54	s
Walla Walla	69	50	pc	78	56	pc
Yakima	75	48	pc	84	51	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	85	56	s	89	60	s
Hong Kong	84	75	c	84	76	sh
Jerusalem	78	55	pc	76	57	s
London	77	57	s	77	62	s
Mexico City	80	56	pc	83	55	pc
Moscow	64	48	sh	64	46	pc
Paris	80	58	s	81	61	s
Rome	77	57	pc	78	57	s
Seoul	76	54	s	74	55	s
Sydney	68	53	s	67	55	s
Tokyo	75	68	r	73	67	r

WINDS (in mph)

Boardman	Today	Friday
Boardman	NW 4-8	NW 3-6
Pendleton	N 4-8	NW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Rain will concentrate in the Northeast today. Storms will dot the Chesapeake Bay region and southern Florida. Spotty showers and cool winds will sweep from the northern Rockies to the northern Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 110° in Needles, Calif. Low 25° in Angel Fire, N.M.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	87	54	s	85	53	s
Atlanta	72	57	sh	84	66	s
Atlanta City	68	61	t	74	60	sh
Baltimore	75	56	t	77	57	pc
Billing	60	42	pc	65	46	pc
Birmingham	74	58	s	86	67	s
Boise	68	47	pc	71	48	pc
Boston	57	52	r	58	52	r
Charleston, SC	77	60	sh	85	67	s
Chicago, WV	63	56	t	76	61	pc
Chicago	69	51	pc	72	54	t
Cleveland	68	55	sh	69	56	pc
Dallas	92	75	s	97	77	pc
Denver	77	45	t	66	46	t
Detroit	65	54	r	72	56	pc
El Paso	96	72	s	94	67	s
Fairbanks	52	35	c	54	31	c
Fargo	70	50	pc	72	47	c
Honolulu	85	70	sh	84	70	pc
Houston	91	73	pc	92	77	pc
Indianapolis	68	54	sh	79	63	pc
Jacksonville	81	56	pc	88	62	c
Kansas City	77	59	pc	82	61	c
Las Vegas	97	69	s	89	67	s
Little Rock	80	65	s	88	73	pc
Los Angeles	68	59	c	68	56	sh
Louisville	71	58	sh	84	70	pc
Memphis	77	65	s	88	74	pc
Miami	89	77	t	90	78	t
Millwaukee	64	51	pc	64	53	t
Minneapolis	72	58	pc	76	56	c
Nashville	74	56	pc	86	71	pc
New Orleans	83	68	s	88	73	s
New York City	63	58	r	73	59	sh
Oklahoma City	86	65	s	88	65	pc
Omaha	78	59	pc	80	55	c
Philadelphia	72	60	t	77	58	pc
St. Louis	100	72	r	94	69	s
Portland, ME	59	49	r	55	47	r
Providence	60	54	r	61	52	sh
Raleigh	73	58	t	82	62	s
Rapid City	69	42	pc	66	42	pc
Reno	79	49	pc	76	50	s
Sacramento	76	51	pc	76	50	s
St. Paul	77	62	pc	85	67	t
Salt Lake City	68	52	pc	70	49	pc
San Diego	68	61	c	69	61	sh
San Francisco	68	55	c			