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Construction sites approved

Two Conditional Use Permits were granted by the Land Use Planning Committee at Public Hearings held December 16. The Tribal Group Home and the proposed Juvenile Detention Facility can now go ahead with their respective construction plans.

Permit approval for the Detention Home was given on the condition that Sid Miller be provided with a place to live before construction begins next June. The Tribally-owned home currently occupied by Sid would have to be removed to accommodate the new facility. Relocation funds were not provided in the LEAA construction grant so alternative means of compensation are being looked into.

Other concerns raised about the detention facility were parking, traffic access, and the creation of an attractive home environment. Dick Montee, Juvenile Justice Director, addressed each of these concerns to the satisfaction of those in attendance.

In addition, written comments and opinions had been solicited by the Realty Office

from several key people and agencies, including: Ray Rangila, Tribal Planner; Elmer Quinn, Fire and Safety Officer; Rudy Clements, Municipal Manager; the Acting Superintendent; the PHS; Sid Miller; and Ralph Minnick, whose property might one day be affected. Positive responses were received from all but two who didn't respond at all.

The construction grant is for \$200,000, 3/4 of which is LEAA and 1/4 Tribal. The facility will be Tribally owned and operated, with programmatic funds expected to come from both the BIA and the Tribe.

Once an architect is retained, Montee predicts it will be another 90-120 days before drawings are completed. Another month will be needed for awarding a construction contract, after which ground can be broken. Construction is expected to take 90-120 days.

Parking was also a concern in relation to the proposed addition to the Tribal Group Home. A greater number of employees in the building would necessitate increased parking facilities. The area be-

hind the Boys' Dorm is being considered and interdepartmental cooperation being sought.

A water line along the north side of the existing Group Home would have to be relocated before the addition could be constructed. This was seen by Plant Manager Jack Fiala as no particular problem.

These two conditions, as well as Fire and Safety and handicap standards, must be met in order for the Conditional Use Permit to be effective.

Justification for the Group Home addition was offered by Larry Calica, Director of Family and Children's Services. Four needs would be satisfied by the extra office space:

1. Reception,
2. Clerical and Records,
3. Interviewing, and
4. Work Stations for the residence staff.

The shape of the addition could be modified if it was determined that the building came too close to the street, said Sal Sahme of the Health Services branch.

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is providing the construction grant for this addition. With a 10 percent Tribal match, the available funds come to \$41,160. This is just part of a larger grant that has been funneled through the Eastern Oregon Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center. Since coordination with two other grant recipients is necessary, it is not certain when construction will begin.



THIS DELICATE scene was discovered among the log decks at WSFPI where water from the sprinklers and sub-freezing temperatures created this icy beauty. The artistic sculpture-like ice formations seem to herald the coming of winter.

Tribal Council Meets With Committee Chairmen

In an effort to clarify the question of authority and limitations given to various committees and to improve communication among committee chairmen and the Tribal Council, an informal meeting was held in the Council Room at Kah-Nee-Ta, Tuesday, December 14th.

According to Tribal Council Chariman, Zane Jackson, the idea of the meeting was to exchange ideas between committee chairmen and the Council at the request of Roger Suppah and Nelson Wallulatum.

Apparently there is concern because committees feel somewhat in the dark as to what their authorities are. Also, the Council feels they need to have a better knowledge of what the committees are doing to eliminate overlapping and wasted effort.

Not only is there overlapping of authority, it was pointed out, but there are undefined gray areas which are left uncovered because of committee uncertainty as to where their

authority stops and because of lack of communication with other committees and the Tribal Council.

Discussion of committee responsibilities followed. The committees, under the Tribal Council, are given certain authority to carry out programs within the guidelines set up under the constitution. The committees are set up to do the "legwork" for the Tribal Council.

But it was agreed that broad definitions and broad terminology is a problem. It was suggested that committee chairmen go back and review their duties, ordinances and resolutions, and determine their problem areas. Then they should set up a specific date to meet with the Tribal Council to work out those difficulties.

Orin Johnson stated that he would like to see things continue in better form. "Committees' business has grown, responsibilities have grown, and we're all learning with good thoughts to help all our people."

PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Shopping Center Location

The Tribal Council has called a public meeting regarding site selection for the proposed Warm Springs shopping center. The public meeting slated for Monday, January 24, was set up during the Council's December 13th meeting.

Both the Tribal Council and the Land Use Planning Committee wish to gain the input of tribal members on this important matter, as the location of the shopping center will greatly affect its success, according to a market and feasibility study conducted for the tribes.

Study hall encourages students to help each other

A new concept is being tried in the study hall program at the Community Center this year. The weeknight study halls, engineered by Satch Miller and Mike Clements, will be largely staffed by high school students.

This experiment partly results from the lack of adult response to the open tutoring positions, but is more importantly viewed as a challenging innovation, according to Mike.

Six to ten young people have been hired already and they, along with adult monitor Bill Bagley, will be getting the program underway this week. The youths were selected on the basis of their academic proficiency and have been pre-

pared for their jobs in meetings with Satch and Mike and visits to the schools.

Satch and Mike feel that one of the biggest barriers to the success of past study halls has been poor communication between tutors and students. They hope that this barrier will be overcome in a peer instruction situation. Student aides might be more outgoing and able to reach those who need help, says Satch.

There could be problems, admit Satch and Mike, and an evaluation after the first two weeks should give an indication of whether the concept will work. Personal animosities might interfere with student to

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