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Weekend

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No bites

Issac Esquiro, 2, spent a warm Sunday afternoon at Indian Park recently "fishing" with no hook or bait. It did not surprise anyone in his family that he didn't catch dinner for them. Isaac and his extended family were celebrating Mother's Day on the Metolius River. Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

Housing woes aired at Gen. Council

City-type housing and rents came under fire at last night's General Council meeting where a handful of people were gathered to discuss the June 5 referendum items.

Most favored the Deschutes Domestic Water project and urged voters to get to the polls on June 5. But there were deep concerns about the direction of housing on the reservation. People expressed a desire for rural housing, "not West Hills-type homes with nearby neighbors."

"We don't like to live like city people," Millie Colwash told the Council. Bernice Mitchell warned the group, "We've lost a lot of our culture by living on top of each other. Sometimes people are crawling the walls because we're so close to one another."

She feels it is better for families and children in rural areas and that parents can keep better track of their kids in a rural environment. With city-type housing, such as West Hills,

children are too often taught by their peers instead of the parents and grandparents, she noted.

"Now, there is a chance for people to live in rural areas on the reservation," she said. "We jumped for Simnasho (for their water project) and now it's time to think about this area. We need our water and the proposed building projects," she concluded.

Prunie Williams said there are some very disturbing aspects about housing on the reservation. "Some of the things are very detrimental to Indian people," she said. She referred to the financial pressure of renting and urged people to "look at what's behind the scenes" at those houses.

Matilda Mitchell said she was glad to see that the new houses being planned at Simna-

sho are going to be bigger. She also advocates owning your own home and living in the country. She cited the recent rash of deaths among younger people as an example of what can happen when parents don't know where their children are or what they are doing.

Following numerous negative comments about rental housing, Enterprise Manager Ed Manion reported that there are three housing projects planned this year which will not be rental. "People will be more able to be involved with their own home," he noted.

Council Chairman Gene Greene said that water and homes go hand-in-hand. "People live where the water is," he stated simply. "I just wish more of our younger people were here."

509-J, COCC Budgets approved on first try

Jefferson County voters approved the \$2,870,553 509-J tax levy Tuesday with 634 "yes" votes and 499 "no" votes overall. Warm Springs voters had 54 "yes" and 8 "no" votes.

"We're just really glad to have the budget pass the first time," said 509-J School District Superintendent Darrell Wright. "Now we can go ahead with planning next year and won't have to spend all summer working on it (the budget). It's a really good feeling," he said.

Approved county-wide was \$95,982 for Mt. View Hospital. Overall voting was 963 "yes"

votes, to 691 "no" votes. In Warm Springs it was 57 "yes" to 8 "no" votes.

Although Jefferson County voters didn't pass the \$2.08 million tax levy for COCC, it passed when Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes counties tallied all votes. Jefferson county voters had 868 "yes" votes to 872 "no" votes. Warm Springs voters had 58 "yes" and 7 "no" votes.

Don Aiken was elected to serve on the 509-J school board with 684 votes. Kay Sample was second with 297 votes and Brenda Davis had 146 votes.

Tribal voters okay Pelton hydro project

by Sandy Rangila

Tribal members voted to approve the funding for construction of a powerhouse at the Pelton Reregulating Dam by a margin of 83 percent at the May 15 Referendum election. The vote during the exceptionally good turnout was 383 "yes" and 73 "no".

"This is an amazing testimony to the far-sightedness of the tribal members," commented Administrative Branch Manager Doug McClelland. Project engineer Jerry Dibble said in a phone interview following the election, "This is a really good project. I think they (tribal members) will be pleased over the years."

A press release issued by the Tribal Council stated, "The Tribal Council is very pleased that this project can now go forward. The results of the election once again display our tribal members' foresight and concern for the future of the Tribes."

The release continued, "This project will not only benefit the Tribes but will provide badly needed energy for the Northwest while protecting the environment and fish runs of the Deschutes River."

Now that the tribal membership has approved the project, a number of steps are being taken which will be completed over the next ten months. The first step will be the immediate submission of the application for an FERC license. The application will be completed this week, according to Dibble, and will be in the hands of federal energy officials by next week.

Another step is the interviewing of turbine manufacturers to determine which outfit should be considered to build the turbine and engine. "We have already interviewed one American manufacturer," said Dibble. An Austrian firm, "one of the best in the world", will be interviewed next week, and a Japanese outfit the following week, he said. He also noted that a firm from Finland has indicated a desire to be considered.

Dibble said that negotiation for the power sales contract is underway. The power sales con-

tract is what provides the revenue, he explained. "It underwrites the financing."

"We must also retain a financial consultant and bond counsel to help begin to move ahead on the financial programs," said Dibble. "The financial consultant will assist the Tribe with financing of the total package to maximize the return," explained McClelland.

Also being drawn up is an engineering contract for the preparation of detailed design and preparation of specifications needed for contract bid documents to be used for advertising for bids on the dam and powerhouse work.

Negotiations with interested landowners are continuing. "We need to enter into agreement for use of the land we'll need for transmission line right-of-way and for temporary use of land near the dam during construction," Dibble explained.

All of the above listed activities are going on concurrently, Dibble noted. "We would like to have everything ready by the time the FERC license is issued, which should be in about ten months," he said. "We'll do all we can to keep on that schedule" since inflation will cost the Tribes about \$175,000 for every month of delay.

Asked what role PGE will play in the pre-construction and construction stages of the project, Dibble said that PGE will review the design drawings and will either okay them or indicate needed changes. The project has to be approved by PGE since the original 1955 agreement between them and the tribes provides the right to install a powerhouse — but with their approval.

PGE will fully cooperate with the Tribes, said Dibble. "During a series of meetings they have been extremely helpful and cooperative," he said. PGE will also probably have an observer here during the construction phase.

Dibble noted that monthly progress reports will be made to the Tribal Council. Spilyay Tymoo will keep close tabs on the progress of the project and report regularly to the people.

Weather

MAY	HI	LOW
10	69	35
11	76	38
12	82	44
13	82	45
14	86	50
15	84	57
16	75	54
17	80	43
18	77	48
19	80	43
20	89	43
21	91	52
22	93	56
23	80	58

VOTE
June 5
Tribal Referendum
Deschutes Domestic Water
Housing Projects
TEEN CENTER
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.