

Commissary project for business development

Another interesting aspect of the Commissary project: The goal is to make the oldest building on the reservation the most energy efficient building on the reservation. The solar panels and other energy efficient components will be part of the overall remodel of the Commissary.

The building dates back to the late nineteenth century, decades before construction of the boarding school buildings that now house Education and Behavioral Health.

The Commissary business incubator is a project of the Warm Springs Community Action Team. The plan is to move the building from its current location behind the Post Office to a site just off the highway on campus. The move could happen in June, said Chris Watson, Community Action Team director.

For the project so far the team has raised more than \$900,000 from 13 different funding sources. This should be enough for the Commissary part of the project, Mr. Watson said.

Other aspects will include the landscaping, an outside pavilion, a communal



Architects' rendition of the future Commissary small business incubator (above); and the existing structure (below left), and the site design plan (below right).

kitchen, and food carts located around the Commissary.

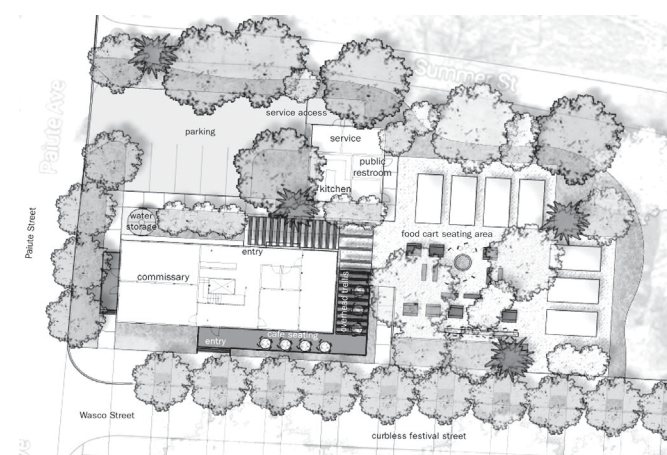
A café, a shop for the Tananawit artists coop, and other tribal businesses will be on the ground floor of the Commissary. Upstairs will be



support services, including offices for the Action Team small business coach.

On-site work so far includes the removal of the BIA houses from the property, and removal of the underground fuel tanks. "The

tribe has been great in helping with the site preparation," Mr. Watson said. There are some trees on the site that will still need to be removed.



The Commissary project is modeled on other successful projects, especially the Mercado business incubator in Portland. "The Mercado is now self-sustaining, and that is a goal for the Commissary project," Watson said.

The Commissary project manager is Marissa Ahern, working with the architecture firm Hacker and Associates. The firm has generously donated their services to the Commissary project.

After the building is moved to its new site, and wholly remodeled, the plan is to have the businesses open in the Commissary early next year.

This project helps meet the tribes' goal of creating new business opportunities, and providing new services to the community.

Over Spring Break...

The Warm Springs Prevention program will host a **Penny Carnival** this evening Thursday, March 28 at the Warm Springs Youth Center Gym. There will be food, music, games and crafts. Interested in setting up a booth? Call Prevention at 541-615-0112.

There is a **Family Movie** showing this Thursday, March 28 at 1:30 in the Community Center Social Hall.

Warm Springs Recreation invites youth to the Community Center for **spring break activities**. There will be lots of things for school age kids to do each day.

The Warm Springs Youth Wellness Program at the **Youth Center gym** is open for youth during spring break. There are daily morning walks, group games, sports skill development, basketball and other physical activities plus healthy snacks. There's a Lacrosse Camp this Thursday afternoon, March 28 from 1-4 p.m. And a special guest from Linfield College.

The University of Oregon is offering the **Indigenous Pre-College Academy** this summer.

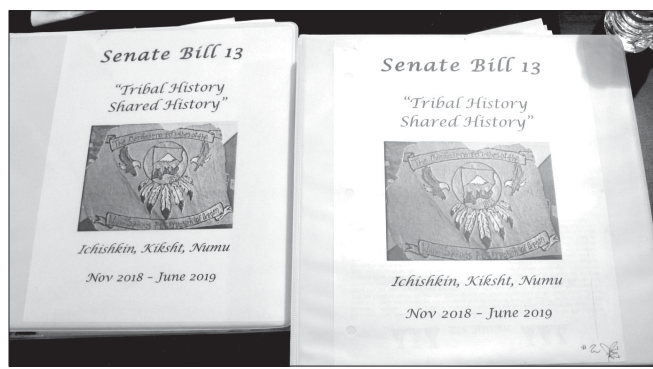
The classes and workshops will cover college prep, the admissions process, financial aid, the unique challenges of being a Native scholar and various academic areas. The academy will be held July 21-28 at the University of Oregon, open to students who will be in grades 9-12 in the coming school year.

It is free, with rooms and meals provided. Applications are due April 15. Get all of the details and apply online at: admissions.uoregon.edu/ipca

New school curriculum to tell tribal story

This year Warm Springs Culture and Heritage met with the community for their thoughts on the public education tribal curriculum. Most recently Culture and Heritage, of the Education Branch, heard suggestions on the curriculum unit, Tribal Government. The four other units of the curriculum—to be taught in public schools in the region—include Tribal History, Culture, Tribal Languages, and Tribal Sovereignty.

The curriculum is developing for three levels of



Draft copies of the Tribal History unit, as presented for public comment.

study: Elementary school, middle, and high school. This is the "Senate Bill 13" project, coordinated at Culture and Heritage by Deanie

Smith. Ms. Smith and Culture and Heritage have held the community meetings, while working weekly with tribal elders at Education on details of the curriculum.

Once in place in the public school system, these lessons will be an innovation. The Warm Springs curriculum will be taught in the schools of the Central Oregon region; the eight other

recognized tribes of the state are working on their own curricula.

This will correct a public education problem that has existed for decades: The tribal story—as taught in public schools—told and interpreted by non-Indians.

For years now the Culture and Heritage teachers have taught tribal languages, culture and history in schools. The Senate Bill 13 curriculum, scheduled for completion this summer, will bring this perspective to general student body.

Two years ago the Oregon legislature heard testimony calling on the state Education Department to implement a statewide Native American curriculum. Tribal Education Branch manager Councilwoman Val Switzler represented the Confeder-

ated Tribes at the hearings.

The legislature responded with Senate Bill 13, with Gov. Kate Brown as another advocate.

Oregon Education then made resources available to each of the nine tribes, allowing for development of the individual curricula. SB 13 states the purpose of the law:

"To develop a curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon, and make the curriculum available to schools. And to provide professional development to teachers and administrators relating to the curriculum."

In the end the students will benefit, learning the actual story of the Native tribes.

— Dave McMechan

Summary of Tribal Council

March 18, 2019

Roll call: Chief Joseph Moses, Chairman Eugene Greene, Jr., Carina Miller, Valerie Switzler, Brigitte McConville and Lee Tom. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

1980 Baseline Referendum results:

· Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,577 accepting results of the referendum question presented to the tribal voters by Resolution No. 12,520A on March 15, 2019. Hereby confirmed by the Tribal Council and deemed unapproved. Second by Lee. Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Hemp Code revision:

· Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,578 with noted edits and additions, adopting Ordinance 99. Second by Brigitte. Question: 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,579 as amended in the tribal code, striking the Executive Office Commission, will be presented on Monday, March 25. Question: 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

State Transportations

Improvement Funds (STIF):

· Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,580 that the STIF Advisory Committee, who shall advise and assist the tribes to carry out the purpose of the STIF and prioritizing projects to be funded by STIF moneys. The members of the STIF Advisory Committee are: Andrea Breault, Melinda Poitra, Rose Mary Alarcon, Janell Smith, Tom Estimo Jr., Lyle Katchia and Lorien Stacona. Alternates: Frances Martinez and Michele Stacona. Second by Brigitte. Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Harvest resolutions:

· Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,581 approving the 2019 Commercial Crayfish Harvest Regulations; Second by Carina; Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

· Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,582 approving the 2019 Tribal subsistence smelt fishing at the Sandy River; Second by Lee; Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

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