

WLCF grant application deadline is approaching

The deadline is coming up soon for the Western Lane Community Foundation's (WLCF) Discretionary Grant Applications.

Grants are awarded to local nonprofit organizations for projects and programs in the areas of education, medicine, science, the arts and social and civic services.

Information, guidelines and applications may be downloaded at www.wlcfonline.org. Applications are due by Friday, Jan. 15, at the Western Lane Community Foundation business office, 491 Laurel St., off Rhododendron Drive.

For more information, contact WLCF at 541-997-1274 or email wlcf@online.org.

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"The applicant has proposed that wholesale sales be allowed within Old Town Area A," the report said.

"While they are considering wholesale in Old Town Area A, it's already something that takes place in that district," Southerland said.

He referenced local bakeries and coffee shops that sell products through other businesses.

The code will not allow large-scale industrial whole sale.

"Food and beverage was an important thing to add to the code, because that is historically what happened in Old Town, and what fit Old Town's character the most," he said.

According to the staff report, the applicant intends to dedicate approximately 60 percent of the main floor to brewing production and 40 percent to a retail tasting room.

Waiss said, "I just want to clarify something. First of all, when you talk about the brewery, this isn't the Coors Brewing Co. coming in here. There won't be semis coming in and out of Old Town. ... The brewery is designed to be small, the building is small, therefore the trucks coming in and out are also going to be small."

SK Lindsey, owner of Kenneth B Gallery, spoke during the hearing of her excitement about the prospect of a brewery in Old Town.

"I'm directly across the street (from the proposed site)," she said. "When I heard that this was a possibility, I jumped for joy. ... This is something that is very cool and progressive and will attract the younger people."

"In Eugene, this industry has lifted the economy in those regions. A business that is vibrant like that on that corner will gravitate the tourists off of Bay Street and onto Maple Street," Lindsey added.

The Old Town A district now includes the "Manufacturing and production of food and beverage items sold on- and off-premises, when accompanied by a retail space and/or restaurant on-premises where those items are sold and loading of materials to be sold off-site takes place on private property."

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