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Footbridge over the Coast Fork isn't the first

Research reveals history of bridges at the site of the current swinging bridge

BY JON STINNETT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

The recent closure of the swinging bridge that spans the Coast Fork of the Willamette River prompted a look at the structure's past, a past that has come closer to the light thanks to the efforts of one local researcher.

The City of Cottage Grove closed the bridge, which spans the Coast Fork between Madison Ave. and River Road, after a report from OBEC Engineers indicated that the structure was unsafe for pedestrian traffic. The closure prompted a public outcry that underscored the importance of the bridge for many. Despite its importance, however, City staff said they didn't know much about the bridge's history.

Enter Lloyd Williams of the Cottage Grove Historical Society, who searched the organization's files and discovered that the existence of a pedestrian footbridge in that area dates back to Cottage Grove's early days.

Back then, Williams pointed out, the portion of town on the

west side of the Coast Fork — colloquially known as Slabtown — bustled with more commercial activity than it does today, and the existence at the time of several schools in the area meant a pronounced need for a bridge there.

Williams' research discovered that the first footbridge in the area was likely built around the turn of the last century a couple blocks south of its current location — at the corner of First Street and Jackson Ave. — by Polk Currin, a druggist at the time who sought a route across the river to a park (Currin park, fittingly) on the east side of the river. Three or four bridges were reportedly built in that location after the original structure wore out, according to a Sentinel article.

Another article from 1979, though, states that a wooden bridge also once spanned the Coast Fork "over the rapids on South River Road across from the home of the late Ray Nelson," which would place that bridge further north than the current structure. The article pointed out that the bridge was surely subject to flooding in the



A massive flood washed out a previous version of the swinging bridge on Dec. 24, 1964.

days before the Cottage Grove Reservoir was built to help control winter rain events, and the accompanying photo shows just how rickety that bridge truly was.

Flooding also appeared to have spelled the demise of the original swinging bridge at Madison Ave. A cable bridge was constructed there in the 1920s, a bridge that reportedly featured a lot more "swing" than the most recent model. A large flood on Dec. 24, 1964 destroyed that swinging bridge,

and a replacement was commissioned and built in June of 1965. The bridge was officially named the Currin Suspension Foot Bridge with a City Council proclamation that month, though the bridge had apparently always carried that name. City Engineer Roger Sinclair engineered the bridge, which was built by contractor Carl Rich for \$8728. The bridge was closed for repair in July of 1988 after one of its primary cables failed, according to a Register-Guard article.

BRIDGE

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"OBEC's recommendation was followed — all of the repairs were completed except that the support beams were not replaced. Other projects came up, and people's attention got taken off this. It's also tough to work on a bridge that doesn't appear to have any issues."

The City is waiting for a 'load rating' from OBEC to determine

what the next steps for repairing the bridge will be, Wellman said, adding that the City would prefer to repair the bridge in its original footprint.

"If we have to look at changing out the abutments or do any reconstruction or have a new bridge put in, that will bring into play permits from the Corps of Engineers, the Department of State Lands and ADA rules for

access," Wellman said.

If the City can repair the bridge in its footprint, Wellman estimated a cost of \$50,000 for the repairs, acknowledging that major work could push the cost much higher.

"So we're in a holding pattern until we get the report," he said. "Then we can have a plan and get it quickly repaired. It is kind of an iconic structure. The City

wants to keep it there, it just depends on the engineer's report."

Mayor Tom Munroe decided against allowing public comment on the bridge report, stating that all of the necessary evidence had not yet been collected to formulate a plan, to the likely chagrin of several in a crowd gathered to hear the report.

MEETING

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The Cottage Grove Police Department is usually very responsive, and regardless of the severity of the crime, if an officer is requested, the department will send someone to whoever calls, Shepherd said.

"It's very important that you still call us, regardless of how small the crime is," Shepherd told the business owners. "Unless there is a more serious ongoing crime, we will always get to you immediately."

Shepherd says that the Police Department also plans on hiring two part-time community protection officers. These officers aren't sworn police and aren't armed with lethal weapons but are used as additional eyes and ears for the Cottage Grove Police. The department isn't very large, so help with patrols from these officers should be a huge help with the current thefts occurring on Main Street.

Neigh pointed out the sense of comfort many people felt when officers were seen doing

foot patrols down Main Street, though Shepherd said that it's hard to do on a regular basis due to officers' need to get across town if called upon, so bicycle and foot patrols are not a regular occurrence for CGPD.

The meeting allowed the business owners to network and allowed for easier communication for whenever these thefts happen, which Neigh said was the main goal of getting everyone together.

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