

Nehalem proposed as a Scenic Waterway

Members of the state's Parks and Recreation Commission seek public comments on a plan to manage a portion of the Nehalem River that's being studied as a candidate for the State Scenic Waterway system.

A public hearing is set for 4:30 to 6 p.m. Nov. 26 at the North County Recreation District Office, 36155 Ninth St., Nehalem.

Members of the public, especially residents of Tillamook and Clatsop counties, are invited to attend and share their views on the draft management plan.

The draft plan and a staff report on the scenic waterway candidate will be reviewed by the full Commission on Nov. 28, where the body will decide whether to



Courtesy Oregon Parks

The Nehalem River is a popular fishing and kayaking destination.

recommend designation to Gov. Kate Brown.

The 17.5-mile proposed segment begins at Henry Rierson Spruce Run campground, and ends at the

confluence of Cook Creek, near Cougar Valley State Park. More information is available at Oregon.gov/oprd/NATRES/scenicwaterways.

Farm store: Compromise in the works

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Proponents of the Tractor Supply Co. project said they have a fundamental disagreement with how Cronin was interpreting city development rules.

"They've been trying to find a tenant for this property for years," said Giesbicht, a partner in the project. "I think they'd be a great fit. In the past, we would have been approved without any issues. ... Is Warrenton really open for business?"

The primary sticking points for the city are whether to make a street that bisects the property – on the maps but not yet built – a public or private throughway; whether the project meets architectural/design standards; and whether an outdoor sales area should be screened.

"If they're not willing to compromise, that's why we're at an impasse," Cronin said. "We have multiple

development parcels here ... and we're trying to get ahead of the curve. Building something to a community standard is so important. That street is platted for a reason; it's platted for future development."

John Nygaard Jr. told commissioners it would be helpful if the city didn't keep "moving goalposts at the last minute."

Project proponents received a list of Cronin's 13 modifications just two days before the hearing, Nygaard said.

"I didn't see anything that was just so glaringly wrong with this project," Commissioner Chris Hayward said.

After a stand-off during last week's public hearing, planning commissioners instructed Cronin and the developers to meet again and work out a solution. A second hearing was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15, after press time.

Meeting focus is state disabled strategy

A community discussion about the state's new vision and strategy for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities is set for 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, in the conference room at the Community Development Disabilities

Program, second floor of the Premarq Center, 65 N. Highway 101.

The meeting is primarily for support organizations.

For questions about the meeting, call 503-779-9317 or email sherryll.j.hoar@state.or.us.

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