

Fast food: Beleaguered intersection expected to worsen

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that included a discussion on ways to prevent problems like those expected when Wendy's opens its drive-through.

"This is one of those cases that we learned there was a hole in the law," Mayor Henry Balensifer said.

In Warrenton's development code, "there are no

categories whatsoever for drive-throughs," said Kevin Cronin, who took on the community development director role earlier this year. It flabbergasted me when I first started working here."

While Taco Bell went in without much of a hitch, Panda Express and, soon, Wendy's present glaring traffic headaches at Ensign Lane and Highway 101, the busiest intersection in town, Cronin said. "If everyone's getting a frosty at the same time, can you imagine the backup?"

Wendy's development plans never received a public hearing, something required only of projects larger than 10,000 square feet.

"It's an inherently badly designed intersection," Cronin said, "and trying to triage that is going to be a challenge."

Ken Shonkwiler, a senior transportation planner for Oregon Department of Transportation, said one of his agency's missions is to prevent additional intersections with principle arterials, such as Highway 101. It's why Alternate Highway 101 at Ocean Crest is a "right-turn-only" connection and Dolphin Road was blocked off when the Warrenton Highlands shopping center opened.

"The more breaks you have close together, your crash rate goes way up," Shonkwiler said. "Adding another access is not a safe solution."

After more than an hour of discussions, the group directed Cronin to develop changes to city codes that deal with road standards, traffic flow, drive-through restaurants and projects that would be considered conditional uses.

All of the recommendations would come back to commissioners for further discussion, public comments and potential adoption.

Don't pilfer archaeology sites

It's now illegal to remove an archaeological object from public land without a permit.

The 2017 Legislature passed Senate Bill 144 last year and it took effect Jan. 1. It prohibits people from excavating, injuring, destroying or altering an archaeological site or object, even on private land, unless the activity is authorized by permit.

Prior to its passage, a person who unintentionally discovered an archaeological object that had been exposed by the forces of nature on public or private lands

could keep it.

That exemption no longer applies, according to the Oregon State Police, which issued an email warning the public of the new law.

Individuals found to have excavated, injured, destroyed or altered an archaeological site or object or removed an archaeological object located on public lands could be subject to prosecution for a Class B misdemeanor crime.

To report illegal collecting, call 800-452-7888 or use the cell phone keypad to dial *OSP (*677).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTIONS OR ALL OF UNDEVELOPED STREETS

IN THE TOWN PLAT OF W.C. SMITH'S WARRENTON

The City of Warrenton received a petition from Clatsop County on October 23, 2018 to vacate several streets in the original plat of Warrenton. The streets requested include Laurel and Pine Streets of the plat of WC Smith's Warrenton.

A public hearing on this request will be conducted by the Warrenton City Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in the Commission Chambers at Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Avenue, Warrenton. Any interested person may appear or present written or oral statements, in favor of, or in opposition to, said vacations. Any written remonstrance filed with the City prior to the time of hearing will be presented to the City Commission for its consideration. For more information, please call:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. December 13, 2018 at the Warrenton City Hall, Commission Chamber to consider Case No. DCR 18-5, amendments to Warrenton Comprehensive Plan Section 8, Adoption of the Transportation System Plan, and amendments to Municipal Code Section 16.12 Definitions, 16.40 C-1 Commercial Uses, 16.44 Development Standards, 16.120 Vehicular Access & Circulation, 16.128.030 Vehicle Parking Standards, 16.128.040 Bicycle Parking Standards, 16.136.020 Transportation Standards, 16.208 Procedures, 16.216 General Requirements, 16.220 Conditional Use Review Criteria, 16.232 Transportation Planning Rule Compliance, & 16.256 Traffic Impact Study &.

This case will be reviewed under the procedures, standards and criteria in Warrenton Municipal Code 16.208.060, Type IV Procedure (Legislative and Map Amendments.) and Chapter 16.232 Amendments to Comprehensive Plan Text and Map, Rezone and Development Code.

Anyone wishing to testify on this proposal may either attend the public hearing and speak to the Planning Commission, or submit written materials, which must be received by the Warrenton Planning and Building Department no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director, Warrenton Building and Planning Department, P.O. Box 250, Warrenton Oregon, 97146-0250.

Anyone wishing to review and/or purchase copies of the proposed legislation and/or staff report may do so at the City of Warrenton Planning and Building Department, Warrenton City Hall, 225 South Main, or may contact Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director at 503-861-0920. The staff report will be available for review at no cost at least seven days before the hearing.

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Those who want to write their own may do so. Cost for these is \$7.50 per column inch and can include a photo.

Letter to the Editor

Better locations for company housing

Having attended the Warrenton City Commission meeting and hearing regarding the Pacific Coast Seafoods (PAC) housing proposal Tuesday night, I feel compelled to comment on the behavior of one of the commissioners.

After the public comment period, Commissioner Baldwin stated that he was "embarrassed" by Gil Gramson's suggestion that there might be more suitable options for this housing problem.

NIMBY? He was issuing a warning that public opposition to this problem would result in public humiliation.

I'm "embarrassed" that an elected official would behave in this manner. Everyone with concerns deserves to be treated respectfully.

The proposed dormitory is less than 100 yards from our quiet subdivision of many retired (elderly) folks. Yes, we have concerns including safety and property values.

Although most of these "associates" would not be a problem, it only takes one. An attorneys for PAC stated that these workers would be

so tired after working that they would only want to eat and rest. Really? How many hours a week do they work?

"Not In My Backyard" has become an expression used to belittle those who may have legitimate concerns regard land use proposals. This proposal for an outright use in our neighborhood comes with no restrictions.

Mr. Baldwin unashamedly announced how proud he was to be recognized by Mr. Dulcich at the grand opening of PAC for his minor role in the construction. Perhaps he hopes to be the contractor on the dormitory building.

With the numerous fish-processing facilities owned by Mr. Dulcich, he can afford to provide better housing for his "associates" than a cramped dormitory.

If that is the best option, I would like to suggest the former Warrenton Builders Supply complex, which is more centrally located and closer to Mr. Baldwin's residence.

Ann Marie Gramson
Warrenton