

Clear Lake: Subdivision poses difficulties

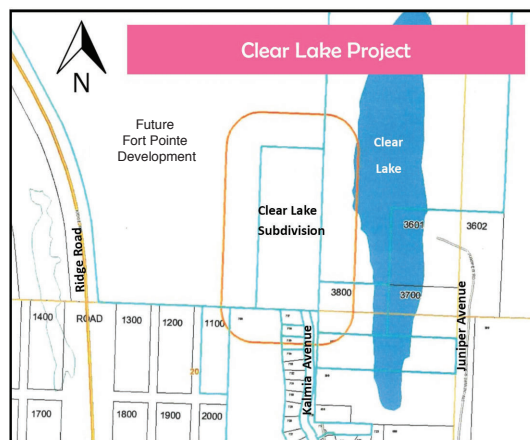
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variance on the less than half-acre of wetlands he proposed to fill and appealed the requirement to construct a fence between his property and the conservancy's land and to improve the existing gravel road for an emergency vehicle turn-around.

"This piece of property ... was never partitioned from the parent parcel. It's not a legal lot or unit of land that can be subdivided at this time," said Jeff Kleinman, a real estate attorney hired by Rod Gramson.

Kleinman argued that the city's code places a 200-foot limit on the length of a cul-de-sac and the project would make the Kalmia cul-de-sac 1,500 feet long.

"It's somewhat insane, frankly," Kleinman said. "It's



clearly a self-imposed hardship. It's the most extreme case I've seen. There's been one variance, another variance, another variance and they're all his variances."

Local contractor Terry Miller said other homes in the area built by Gramson have been an asset for the city.

"There's a real need for

more housing in our area," Miller said. "It's a model development, in my opinion. It just makes the city look good."

Lynn Miller, who has lived on the banks of Smith Lake for 35 years, said any filling of wetlands is likely to cause problems for his property.

Skip Urling, the city's former community development director who's now working as a consultant on the project, said there's no way to build a second access road without impacting wetlands.

Concerns about land partitions and legal lots can't be answered until decisions are made about road widths, wet-

lands variances and access roads, he said.

"There's been no ill intent on the applicant's part," said Erik Hoovestol, a consultant working for Sandridge. "That's just the normal process of doing

things."

Commissioners declined to take any action on the project, but closed the public hearing. The project will come back before them in late July or early August.

OSU hemp seed certification program first in U.S.

Oregon State University has launched the nation's largest research center devoted to the study of hemp.

OSU will begin certifying hemp seed for planting in Oregon.

The Global Hemp Innovation Center will be based in OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences, with research taking place across the state and world. Currently, there are more than 40 OSU faculty representing 19 academic disciplines engaged in hemp research, teaching and extension services.

The center will serve as a research hub connecting faculty and researchers engaged in plant research, food innovation, pharmacy, public health, public policy, business and engineering.

Oregon State's decision to launch the new hemp center follows Congress' adoption of the 2018 Farm Bill that re-

moved hemp from the list of controlled drug substances and initiated the creation of a framework for hemp to become a fully legalized commodity in the future.

The university collaborates with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and various state commodity commis-

sions to certify seeds for as many as 48 agricultural commodities grown in Oregon.

As it launches its seed certification services for hemp, the seeds will be for use by farmers that are registered by the state. OSU is currently the only university in the nation to certify hemp seed.

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