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Matt Tsui makes a collage about his favorite parts of Umatilla during an open house event Friday.

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Voss said the plan might focus on the Sixth Street area, but the group wants to tie the best parts of Umatilla to downtown and help the community be more cohesive. They plan to follow the open house up with focus groups and interviews that reach out to various demographics in the community.

Amber Ayers, project manager, said the students have been working with city staff to look at what work has already been done, and they got an extensive tour of the city.

"I spent my morning walking around Umatilla, taking photos," she said. "What a beautiful site." One of the stations that people were encouraged to stop at on Friday was a large map of the city, where stickers were available to place on favorite locations.

"Definitely the marina park is a popular choice," technical lead Sam Roberts said, pointing to the map. "We have Java Junkies, and we've got a lot of runners marking the trail."

Umatilla resident Tina Ridings said she attended Friday's event because she is "highly vested in the community." She said some people have a negative perception of Umatilla.

"We are so much more," she said. "Robotics has put us on the map. Our after-school programs are used as a model for the nation."

City councilor Mark Ribich was one of several city officials who attended. He said he was pleased with the event's turnout and hoped the Portland State students were able to get "mass involvement" as they work on their revitalization plan over the next few months.

"This is going to happen," he said. "We are going to make changes to downtown one way or another, so we want it to be something the community wants."

At the March 7 city council meeting, the council approved a contract with the students, all pursuing a master's degree in urban and regional planning, making the relationship official. City manager Russ Pelleberg said the group, under the name Confluentis Planning, is the only group of students that chose a city in Eastern Oregon to focus on. He said their work will dovetail with downtown revitalization work that he and Ribich have been doing, and with a future community development department.

"We're pretty excited about it," he said.

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"There have been two community-based committees that looked at all those options," said Katie Saul, district director of business services, in response to Weigum's comments. "Those are options we have (considered). But at this point, the bond is the best option."

Another audience member, who was there representing local construction companies, said he would support the bond.

"Do I like to pay more taxes? No," he said. "But you do what you have to."

Several district employees and board members were present at the meeting to answer questions.

District representatives also discussed some of the hazards of continuing to take money out of the general fund.

Hermiston School Board chair Karen Sherman said the main thing the school's general fund pays for is personnel — and that it can't address any capital improvement projects.

Currently the district uses about 34 modulars as classrooms, and could see an increase to about 56 in the next few years if the district populations continue to increase at projected rate.

"Every time we drag a modular onto campus, it takes money out of our general fund," said board member Josh Goller, who is also the chair of the bond's Political Action

Committee. "It's not a viable long-term solution for the district."

District officials said the expanded high school would have 14 new classrooms, which would offer space for increased career technical education classes.

Hermiston Mayor David Drotzmann, who is on the Political Action Committee for the bond, said the community has always been supportive of its schools.

"As a community, we need to make decisions about how we want to educate our kids," he said.

"My kids are no longer in school, but other people helped me support them when they were," he said. "I'm doing that for the next generation."

The district has con-

ducted several surveys to gauge community support for the bond. The most recent survey, in October 2016, showed that 46 percent of likely voters

supported the bond, 48 opposed it, and six percent were undecided.

Voters will decide whether to approved the bonds in the May 16 elec-

tion.

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Advanced PLC	Tu	4:00-7:00 pm
Rigging and Lifting	Tu	1:00-4:00 pm

Business and Leadership

Intro to Business	Th	5:30-8:30 pm
Intro to Business Computing	Tu/Th	5:00-6:50 pm
Intro to Business Computing	M/W	10:00-11:50 am
Intro to Business Computing	Tu/Th	11:00-11:50 am
Principles of Accounting	M-Th	5:00-6:50 pm
Intro to Auditing	M/W	1:00-1:50 pm
Business Ethics	W	11:00-11:50 am
Pre-Employment Seminar	W	2:00-2:50 pm
Human Relations in Business	Tu	5:30-7:00 pm
Leading and Motivating a Team	W	1:00-1:50 pm
Social Intelligence	Tu	1:00-1:50 pm
Practicing Leadership	Tu	3:00-3:50 pm

Community Education (Non-credit)

Zumba	M/W/Th	4:15-5:15 pm
Excel	Th	5:00-7:00 pm
Computer Basics	W	2:00-4:00 pm
Real Estate Broker Pre-License	Th	6:00-9:00 pm
Intense Circuit Training	M/W	6:00-7:00 pm
Forklift Safety, Train the Trainer	Tu	8:00-5:00 pm
Fall Protection Competent Person	T/W	8:00-5:00 pm
Strength/Circuit Trng	T/Th	5:30-6:30 pm

Education

Coop. Work Exp: Early Childhood Ed	TBA	TBA
Foundation of Education	W	2:00-4:30 pm
Inst. Strategies for English Lang. Learners	M	4:00-6:30 pm

Math

Pre-Algebra	M/W	5:00-6:50 pm
Elementary Algebra	M/W	12:00-2:30 pm
Elementary Algebra	Tu/Th	5:30-8:00 pm
Intermediate Algebra	Tu/Th	4:00-6:30 pm
College Algebra	Tu/Th	6:30-9:00 pm

Language Arts - Writing and Spanish

First-Year Spanish	M/W	5:30-7:30 pm
Intro to College Writing	M/W	5:15-7:15 pm
English Composition	W	5:30-9:30 pm
English Composition	M/Th	5:15-7:15 pm

Social Science and Other

Principles of Economics/Macro	Tu/Th	6:00-8:00 pm
Intro to Visual Arts	W	5:15-9:15 pm
Public Speaking	M	5:00-9:00 pm
Nutrition	W	5:15-9:15 pm
Personal Health	Tu	2:30-5:00 pm
History of the United States	W	5:30-9:00 pm
Intro to History of Rock Music	Tu/Th	5:30-7:20 pm
General Psychology	Tu	5:15-9:15 pm
College Textbook Reading	Tu/Th	1:00-2:20 pm
Gen. Soc: Sociology in Everyday Life	M	5:15-9:15 pm

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You stole my breath, embraced my heart.
Our life together has just begun.
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Love, Mom*

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