

Full and Complete Report of the Planning Commission to Council

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Medford, Oregon.

The city planning commission, called in regular session on this 18th day of July, 1929, there being present Larry Schuch, chairman, M. L. Alfano, secretary, Wm. Allen, Bernard Roberts, H. A. Thieroff, George Porter, J. F. Filice and Harry Hinshelwood, and submit the following report.

That the city planning commission was constituted and appointed with a well defined purpose and having regard to the public interest for the benefit of the city of Medford.

We call to your attention section 2867.

Duties and powers of commission.—It shall be the duty of the city planning commission, and they shall have power, except as otherwise provided by law, to recommend and make suggestions to the city council and to all other public authorities concerning the laying out, widening, extending, parking and location of streets, sidewalks and boulevards, the relief of traffic congestion, the betterment of housing and sanitation, the conditions and the establishment of zones of districts limiting the use, height, area and bulk of buildings and structures, to recommend to the city council and all other public authorities plans for the regulations of the future growth, development and beautification of the municipality in respect to its public and private buildings and works, streets, parks, grounds and vacant lots, and plans consistent with the future growth and development of the city in order to secure to the city and its inhabitants sanitation, proper service of all public utilities, harbor, shipping and transportation facilities to do and perform any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this act; and in general to study and to propose such measures as may be advisable for the promotion of the public interest, health, morals, safety, comfort, convenience and welfare of said city, and of the area for six miles adjacent thereto.

Also that part of Oregon law, section 3879.

Ordinance for location of zones—regulation of buildings—establishment of parks must be first submitted to commission for report; and provided further, that unless the city council definitely names a longer period for the return of a report specified herein, the approval of the city planning commission to any matter so referred to it in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be deemed to have been given at the end of thirty days after the receipt of the same in writing by its secretary unless the city planning commission shall submit a report thereon prior to the time.

We further call your attention that the above sections of the law have not been complied with, and the city council and other departments of the city administration have proceeded illegally in locating and constructing public buildings and parks, and vacating streets. As specific instances, we call your attention to the reclassification made on property located at 1st Main and Tripp streets, known as the Herpin Service Station. That property was reclassified by the council illegally without first obtaining a report from the city planning commission.

A new city hall was located and constructed without first obtaining a report from the city planning commission, as required by law.

There are many other instances of great importance to the city of Medford wherein the law has not been complied with as to the foregoing sections.

We further call to your attention that the mayor, the city attorney and the city engineer are ex-officio members of the city planning commission; that the city engineer has attended meetings and in every way cooperated and assisted the commission as much as possible, but that the mayor and the city attorney have with rare exceptions, never been present at the meetings of the city planning commission, and the city planning commission has been unable to get any cooperation, and very little assistance from either of the latter ex-officio members, whereas according to law, it is their duty to attend the meetings of the city planning commission as much as it is their duty to attend meetings of the council.

The most important problem confronting the city planning commission at this time is that of the proposed county court house to be built within the limits of the city of Medford. The proposed and intended action taken by the mayor and city council and the publicity given the matter was not according to law, and interferes with the due administration of the law.

We further call to your attention that on the 16th day of June,

1929, the commission met in special session in the city hall, and after due consideration and investigation, recommended to the city council that the set-back line on the west side of South Riverside avenue be 28 inches from the property line, between West 2nd street and the city limits. Before this recommendation was passed, the commission had made a thorough investigation and had visited property owners to hear down foundations that had already been poured, to comply with the recommendation. The commission assured them that the recommendation would be submitted to the council as decided upon at that time. This recommendation, for reasons unknown to the commission, was given no attention, and because of that fact, a structure is being built on the southwest corner of 8th and South Riverside, which does not comply with the recommendation made by the commission. Prior to that, there were no business structures between 5th and 12th streets on Riverside, and the commission looking to the future, established a set-back line to straighten out a job of 28 inches which exists on South Riverside avenue, at the same time lessening the expense of widening the street, should that time ever come.

We also call to your attention that the zoning ordinance being violated and that such violations are not being prosecuted, and that the ordinance are not being enforced. Among the most aggravated cases is that of E. C. Hillman at 341 West 2nd street, Medford, Oregon. The commission and council have been notified time and again of this violation and the school board of district 48 made a unanimous report, explaining about this violation. Time and again this violation has been called to the attention of the mayor and the council, and the same received a great deal of publicity, but either no action was taken, or action taken was abandoned without cause. The commission is informed that at the present time the ordinance is being violated in this instance.

In view of the foregoing the city planning commission recommends to the city council that the above sections quoted be complied with, and that no action be taken by the city council or the mayor and that no publicity be given in matters that must first come before the city planning commission.

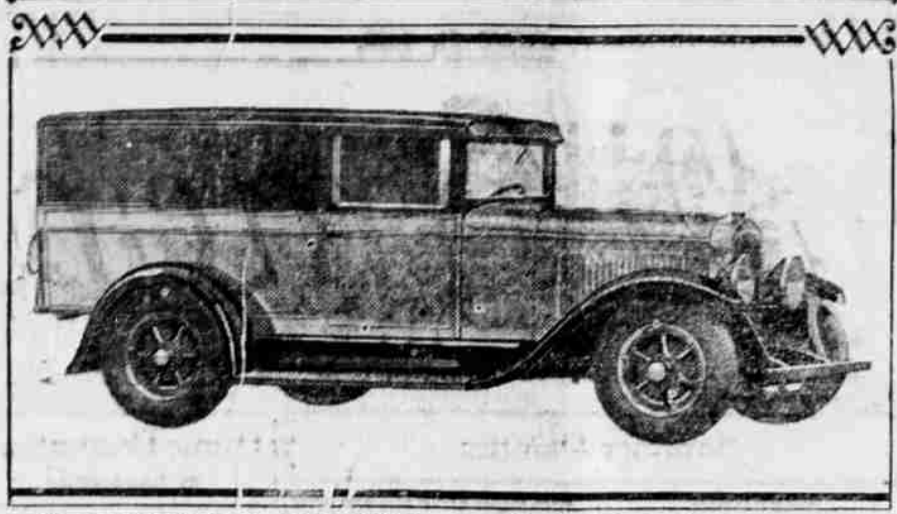
We further recommend that the zoning ordinance be enforced, and that all violations be prosecuted, and that the constitutionality of the law or any part thereof, if questioned, be determined by the courts.

We further recommend that it be the duty of the mayor to be present whenever possible, and to take part in the meetings of the city planning commission, that the city planning commission is entitled to have the city attorney attend the meetings of the commission as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted, CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

A Word to the Wise Chinese. We learn that China has an area of four million square miles and only 80,000 automobiles. What that country ought to do is to start exporting nothing more.

NEW WHIPPET SIX COMMERCIAL UNITS



The new Whippet Six commercial unit just announced by the Willys-Overland Company are meeting unusually low acceptance. Above is shown the panel body type which is mounted on the Whippet Six commercial chassis which has a wheelbase of 130 inches. This type is well adapted to the needs of practically every form of retail business. It is fully equipped with the wide, rear doors. This new chassis is characterized by mechanical advances entirely new to the low priced commercial field. These include four speed forward transmission, cross-bearing crankshaft, big 4-wheel brakes, oversize balloon tires and full force feed lubrication.

PATRONAGE HEAVY ON NIGHT COACHES

Indications of a tremendous potential demand from the traveling public for sleeper bus service is evidenced by the statement of Charles F. Wren, president of the Pickwick Corporation, that the new Pickwick nite coaches placed in service last June 25 between Los Angeles and San Francisco have attracted near-capacity loads almost from the inception of the service.

After three weeks of successful operation, Wren, "the president of Pickwick," said that the new nite coaches has been demonstrated beyond question and the last two weeks has witnessed a steady increase in the number of patrons. "Everyone who has ridden on the nite coach is enthusiastic over the experience and is a convert to this mode of night travel."

Anticipating the day when Pickwick nite coaches, the world's first convertible sleeper buses, will be in general use on all the major motor stage lines in this country and abroad, work is being rushed on additional sleeper buses in the Pickwick shops in Los Angeles and plans are afoot for a special factory for building nite coaches.

Early extension of the Pickwick nite coach service north to Portland, Medford and Seattle and east to Salt Lake City and El Paso, is seen as the next development in the sleeper bus service.

How to Preserve Posts. The popular idea that concrete used merely as a mortar will preserve that part of a fence post set under ground is erroneous. The posts should be thoroughly soaked for five hours in hot creosote and for an equal time in cold creosote. It is advised charging the base of posts or setting the posts in gravel or an equally good method of protection against decay.

SUNSET TRAIL CELEBRATION BIG EVENT IN OREGON

RUGENE, Ore., July 21.—(Special.) The Sunset Trail parade, to be staged on Hayward field July 25, 26 and 27, will be the most elaborate outdoor performance ever seen in Oregon. A cast of 1500 is now working nightly on the event, which will depict the development of the Oregon country from the early, almost prehistoric days, on through the present to a vision of the future.

One of the outstanding features of the event will be the huge stage, 240 feet long and 30 feet deep. It represents a scene in a forest in Oregon, with tall mountains in the background. It rises over 35 feet in the air, and will give the appearance of a whole mountain range covered with majestic fir trees. In one of the most impressive scenes two large trees will be felled, with real lumberjacks swinging axes and handling saws.

The pageant will be offered each evening, and starting promptly at 8:20, will last for an even two hours without a break. Seating capacity of 10,000 each night has been arranged for.

Outstanding dramatic and musical talent of the state has been drawn on for the pageant. Mrs. Doris Smith, of Portland, Rosalia fame, will direct the performance; John Stark Evans, professor of music at the University of Oregon, will have charge of the chorus; Mrs. Mildred LeCompte Moore will be drawn on for the pageant; Mrs. Doris Smith, of Portland, Rosalia fame, will direct the performance; John Stark Evans, professor of music at the University of Oregon, will have charge of the chorus; Mrs. Mildred LeCompte Moore will be drawn on for the pageant.

The air circus is already assured of at least 50 planes present to participate in races, stunts and other features. This will be an event on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Medford will be presented in the parade by an airplane float advertising the big airport dedication celebration in that city Oct. 2nd. Miss Inel Edwards will be the Medford princess to accompany the queen in the parade.

GENERAL MOTORS PARTY MONDAY FEATURES BUICK

Lola Bennett, whose charm of voice and musical interpretation have recently rivaled the hope of movie lovers that a new school of first opera singers may be forthcoming, is to be the guest artist of the General Motors family party Monday evening, July 22, with Buick as host, in honor of new models to be announced.

When Winthrop Ames organized the company, with which he gave a series of performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, she was engaged to sing the leading roles. The ability she displayed in accomplishing even more than most of her predecessors have done with the fine music of Gilbert and the crisp lines of Sullivan caused critics immediately to acclaim her as a light opera singer of rare ability.

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Although there is one automobile to every 5.8 persons in the United States, only about 29 per cent of the nation's highway mileage has been surfaced, according to Dr. E. H. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor Association. He pointed out that the total surfaced mileage of highways in the United States is 3,013,584 miles, of which approximately 625,000 miles have been surfaced.

The A. A. A. believes, assisted by the Oregon State Motor Association, that congress should increase the present annual federal appropriation of \$75,000,000 to a possible maximum of \$125,000,000. Under the present policy of making these appropriations two years ahead, the regular session of the 71st congress will turn attention to the appropriation for

1932 and 1933. Dr. McDaniel called attention to the fact that the federal government is now contributing approximately five per cent of the nation's road-building bill, although improved highways have contributed possibly more than any other factor to national prosperity. The Oregon State Motor Association proposed to ask members of congress from this district to quickly consider the increase in federal funds, added Dr. McDaniel.

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