

City Planners Reviewing Needs Of Medford; Federal Aid Sought

Medford city planners are in the process of reviewing planning needs of Medford. Findings of the planners will be submitted in the form of an application to the bureau of municipal research, University of Oregon.

Purpose of the application is to request participation in an urban planning assistance program. Under the Housing act of 1954, Congress authorized \$5,000,000 for planning assistance to cities and metropolitan areas of less than 25,000 population.

Purpose of Act

The authorization states one of the purposes of the Housing act shall be "to facilitate urban planning for smaller communities lacking adequate planning resources."

City Manager Robert Duff has asked the Medford planning commission to prepare a list of possible city planning needs requiring federal assistance. The commission will complete the list soon after the first of the year. It will be referred to the city council for additional study before it is submitted to the bureau.

Tentative city projects to appear on the list needing planning assistance, according to Duff, include modernization of the city zoning ordinance, extension of the arterial street and storm sewer programs to Medford fringe areas, and future development of parks and recreational areas in Medford.

The city manager added that these projects and others will be considered within the limits of the city master plan, designed to encompass future planning needs of Medford.

Master Plan

The master plan will be prepared by the planning commission, city council, a representative from the bureau of municipal research and the planning consultant of Hahn and Wise Consultants, Redwood City, Calif., retained by the city earlier this year.

Following completion of studies now in progress by city planners, an outline of the planning program for Medford will be submitted to the bureau for approval. The bureau will forward its recommendation to the urban renewal administration, Washington, D. C., for appropriation.

The outline will consist of technical work required by the program and estimated cost. A bureau representative will consult with the city planning commission and council to formulate the outline and budget.

City's Share

The outline will point out the city's share of the program to be undertaken next year. Up to 50 per cent of the cost of planning surveys may be obtained from federal grants. Half of the local contribution may be in the form of city personnel assigned to the program. The balance must be in cash.

Federal regulations require a state planning agency to administer the federal grants. The 1955 Oregon legislature authorized the state board of higher education to act as the state agency, and the responsibility of administering the program was delegated to the bureau at the University of Oregon.

Planning assistance the bureau has included surveys, land use studies, urban renewal plans, technical services and other planning work. The bureau cannot assist in plans for specific public works.

Activity Eligible

Types of planning activity eligible for federal grants, according to housing and home finance agency, includes preparation of general community plans required as part of a "workable program" for urban renewal, or other programs of housing, slum clearance, and urban development and redevelopment.

Other planning eligible for federal funds includes preparation of over-all public improve-

ment programs and capital budgets, replanning areas destroyed or damaged by disasters, plans to reduce vulnerability of congested urban areas to enemy attack and formulation of zoning and subdivision regulations.

Following bureau approval of the project description and budget, the city council will be required to adopt a resolution requesting planning assistance and pledging matching funds.

The state board of higher education will combine the requests of a number of cities in one application. It will be submitted to the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Consult With City

If the grants are appropriated, each city planning program will be administered by the bureau of municipal research. The policy of the bureau, however, is to consult with the individual city regarding administration of the program.

Of the \$5,000,000 in federal funds authorized in 1954, \$1,000,000 has been appropriated throughout the United States to state, metropolitan and regional planning agencies for planning assistance.

Federal funds have already been appropriated for planning assistance in five Oregon cities. A combined application was approved granting \$9,000 in federal funds to Forest Grove, Sweet Home and Albany.

An \$11,500 grant was also approved to finance a comprehensive survey of the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. A third Oregon application has been submitted for aid to Beaverton, Coquille and Grants Pass.

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LAST-MINUTE ADVICE is given to Richard Nixon by President Eisenhower before Vice President left Washington to make first-hand survey of Hungarian refugee problem in western Europe. (International Soundphoto)

Distinguished Service Medal To Gruenther

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower Friday pinned a Distinguished Service Medal on Gen. Alfred Gruenther, his one-time aide and long time friend, and added a personal commendation of his own.

The President, in a formal White House ceremony, joined the Army in saying a formal farewell to Gruenther who ends a 38-year military career this month.

Salem—(UP)—Weekly earnings of Oregon's 122,500 manufacturing production workers averaged \$88.47 in November.

BEES FIRED

Johnstown, N.Y.—(UP)—John McCarthy got more than he bargained for when he attempted to smoke out a nest of bees in the eaves of his home. He raced down the ladder and called the fire department after his home caught fire during the bee-ousting job. But there was one consolation—the bees are gone.

Salem—(UP)—John H. Carlin, 72, a member of the Salem Planning Commission for 12 years, has retired.

Lumber Price Increase Noted by Publications

Portland—(UP)—The first increase in lumber prices since September was reported Friday by Crow's Lumber Price Index here.

The index revealed an industry average of 15 cents and a green fir average of 60 cents. Analysts said the rise was due entirely to a \$2 and 61 gain in the popular grade of green fir framing lumber.

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Neuberger Voices Dam Objections

Portland—(UP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said here Friday he has the same fundamental objections to construction of John Day dam by a Washington public utilities district as he does to partnership financing by a combine of private utility firms.

Neuberger said he still favored exclusive federal financing and construction with no partnership features. He said "the federal government can borrow money at cheaper rates of interest than either a PUD or a private power company."

He added, "Federal power can be pooled as to rates with the extremely cheap Grand Coulee and Bonneville juice. This rate-reducing factor would be denied to partnership energy, whether the partner happens to be a PUD or a private utility."

Reports from Washington have indicated the Eisenhower administration may be considering construction of John Day on the Columbia in partnership with the Kliekitt county PUD. The Pacific Northwest Power company has offered to finance the dam with construction accomplished by the federal government.

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