

Planning Commission Recommends Variance for Erection of Sign

The Medford planning commission Thursday night voted unanimously to recommend approval of a variance to permit erection of a 26-foot high horizontal illuminated sign identifying a Texaco service station on the northwest corner of East Jackson and Genesee sts.

The action was taken, however, only after the commission indicated, without ever actually voting, that it would disapprove a request from the applicants for a 58-foot high vertical illuminated sign.

And the group did turn down a request for a 19-foot high, "banjo type" sign (so-called because the sign looks like a banjo) which the applicant had intended to erect to address the Medford Shopping Center parking lot.

The Texaco sign, if the city council gives it final approval on Oct. 17, will have inner-lighted modules, horizontally arranged to a length of 32 feet 3 inches.

Several of the commissioners said they were concerned about permitting a sign of that dimension so close to the shopping center and adjacent to a residential neighborhood, but they said they recognized that "gasoline stations presented a special problem."

In other action, the commission voted to:

—Approve a change of zone from single-family to limited commercial for property located on the south side of Crater Lake highway, north of Delta Waters rd.

—Approve a request for a variance to sign requirements in multiple-family zones for the county health building in the county fairgrounds.

—Deny a request for a change of zone from single-family to single and two-family for property located on the south side of Reddy st., approximately 200 feet east of Crater Lake ave.

—Approve a request for a variance to sign requirements in multiple-family zones for property located at 1325 Mt. Pitt ave.; for a variance to side yard setback requirements for property located at 907 East Main st.; and for a change of zone from single-family to limited commercial for property located at the northwest corner of Siskiyou Blvd. and Highland ave.

All commissioners were present at the meeting except Wayne Strubbe. The next regular meeting of the group is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the council chambers in city hall.

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18 Seniors Honored For Performances

Eighteen Medford High school seniors have been honored for their high performance in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, Lester D. Harris, High school principal, announcer Friday.

The 18 are to receive formal letters of commendation in recognition of their outstanding scholarship. These students have been named in addition to the five semifinalists from Medford High school, announced earlier.

The 18 are: Michael Arant, Steve Blackhurst, James Castlerline, Elaine Davenport, Barbara Edmonds, Kathryn Foley, Dale Hockersmith, Don Kongla, Montee Kennedy, Sara Madden, Eleanor McArthur, Michael

Reid, Susan Root, John A. Sanderson, Craig Savage, Mary Stong, Linda Wilkes and George Winne.

The five Medford semifinalists who are being considered for placement in the finalist list are Angus Duncan, Wayne Kelsoe, John Lampkin, Richard Millhollin and Craig Williams.

Homecoming Plans At SOC Announced

ASHLAND — Homecoming at Southern Oregon college will be Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Charles Inskeep, Medford, chairman of the event, has announced.

Variance Is Approved

—Approve a variance to sign requirements in limited commercial zones for property located on the south side of Crater Lake highway at Bear creek. The applicant wishes to erect a trading stamp sign on an existing pole.

—Approve a request for a variance to the minimum lot width in multiple family zones for property located at 1510 West Main st.

—Defer action on an amendment to the sign requirements in limited commercial districts pending study of a nearly completed "model ordinance" being drafted for the Southern Oregon Sign Council.

—Approve annexation to the city of property located at the northwest corner of Prune st. and Columbus ave.

Action Is Continued

—Continue until the next regular meeting a request to vacate Mingus st. from Summit ave. to McAndrews rd.

—Approve a request to operate a wrapped sandwich business as a home occupation at 1028 West

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