

Council Receives Letter About Center

A Medford City Council executive committee report regarding the property on East Jackson Street now occupied by the Senior Activity Center was accepted by the council at its meeting Thursday.

A request to purchase the property for use as a park has been made by the Medford Shopping Center, which owns property on two sides of the Senior Activity Center.

The committee proposed that letters be obtained from the agencies required before any sale could be undertaken; obtain two appraisals of the property, and notify the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, sponsoring agency of the Senior Center, of the possibility of the sale.

Letter to Council

In a letter to the City Council from Mark A. Goldy, Shopping Center representative, he explained that the Shopping Center wished to see the property at 601 E. Jackson St. developed for park and recreation purposes, the purpose for which the land has been dedicated.

Since the site is now being used by the Senior Center, Goldy explained that the Shopping Center has an option on the property at 811 Bennett St.

which, if purchased, it would offer to the city in exchange for the East Jackson Street property.

Goldy said the property, to cost \$20,000, would be in the name of either the city or the Rogue Valley Council on Aging. If the Senior group does not wish the Bennett Street property, the Shopping Center will contribute the same amount of money for development of another site for the Senior Center.

Goldy said the Shopping Center, in acquiring the site, would accept title with the present restrictions. Once purchased the Shopping Center would deed it back to the city with a perpetual restriction that it be used for park and recreational uses only, but that it would be developed by the Shopping Center.

The Shopping Center contemplates the site including fountains, park benches and like improvements.

Owens Nearby Building

Goldy noted that the Shopping Center owned the building to the east of the Senior Center which will be removed starting April 1, 1964.

In earlier action at the Medford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, a representative of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging requested the continued support of the city in programming recreation activities for the senior age group.

In a letter from the commission to the city council, James Sullivan, president, reiterated its earlier recommendations which recognize the city's responsibility for providing park and recreation facilities and programs for all age groups.

At the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting Russ Jamison, Rogue Valley Council on Aging president, urged the commission to consider the possibility of recommending to the city council that another parcel of city owned property be made available for relocation of the Senior Activity Center.

Live Broadcasts Urged by Solon

SALEM (UPI) — Live broadcasts of proceedings at the 1965 legislative session were called for Thursday by Sen. Vernon Cook, D-Portland.

Cook proposed the state spend up to \$50,000 at the next session to make the broadcasts available to every radio station in Oregon.

Cook claimed there was "almost complete failure of communication between the members of the legislature and the people of Oregon."

The Cook proposal calls for the state to finance the technical origin of broadcasts from the two houses and committee meetings. He estimated the project would not cost more than \$1,000 a week.

The Lighter Side...
BY DICK WEST
Home Grown Capital Comic

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If perchance near the shank of some evening you should be passing a local tabernacle called the Marquee Lounge you would harken to the sound of a young prophet exhorting the multitudes.

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the home of the now celebrated Quorum Club.

At his present post, Russell nightly sings a little ballad, a sort of contemporary folk song, entitled "We're Sorry, Bobby, That You Got Caught."

He really means, however, that he's sorry it didn't happen sooner.

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Condemnation Suits Are Filed

Six condemnation suits were filed in Jackson County Circuit Court this week by the Oregon State Highway Commission against property from Wall Creek to the California state line for the new freeway right-of-way.

No rights of access would be permitted. Some of the properties have mineral rights.

The highway commission is seeking 19.5 and 3.1 acres from R. W. and Viola Mae Moore with value of the property to be taken set at \$5,000.

It is offering \$5,700 for 12 acres of property owned by Lester and Lillian M. Stamper and Ryan Outdoor Advertising.

The 3.6 acres to be condemned in the John A. and Irma J. Lovell property is valued at \$2,700.

The commission is offering James DeMotte and Jacqueline DeMotte \$1,125 for 4.3 acres. H. E. and Barbara Burns, Mid Mountain Company, Mistletoe Wholesale Company and Casey and Stone Company are being offered \$8,989 for 58 acres.

Robert E. and Goldie Miller, Mistletoe Wholesale Company and Keith Oil and Land Company are being offered \$700 for approximately 14 acres.

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