

Community center bids exceed budget

Project to see delay until spring

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Numbers for the Bob Chisholm Community Center main hall refresh “surprised” city officials, leading to a rejection of three separate bids.

Window treatments, flooring, wall covering and lighting are main components of the project, center staff told the council in July.

At the time, architects estimated costs for the refresh between \$170,000 to \$190,000.

The city received three bids, the highest nearing \$390,000. The low bid, from Silverton-based Ffossil Contracting, reached more than \$257,000, significantly higher than estimates.

“Being \$60,000 over what we considered was the highest level, we did not budget this amount of money and we



Proposed rendering of new Bob Chisholm Community Center.

think it prudent to reject the bids,” City Manager Mark Winstanley told councilors at the Monday, Dec 11 City Council meeting. “Staff recommends you reject all the bids.”

Winstanley said the city remains committed to the

building refresh project but “needs to analyze what went wrong.”

“It will delay this for a short amount of time,” Public Works Director Dale McDowell said after the meeting.

In the meantime, the city will ask the architect to pro-

vide “value engineering,” including different possibilities in flooring or materials, McDowell said.

A new proposal will be likely be presented by early spring, at which time the refresh project will go back to the council for review.

Local students named to Oregon State honor roll

Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 1,427 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 4,483 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Seaside graduates earning a 3.5 or better average include Christian D. Anderson, senior, environmental sciences major; Emma R. Dutcher, freshman with a major in psychology; Nicholas Nelson, senior, history major; Rachel M. Stahly, junior, a speech communication major; Joshua M. Strozzi, sophomore, majoring in pre-computer science; Brittany A. West, freshman, a pre-forestry major.

In Cannon Beach Annuka A. Brown, a sophomore and biology major was named to the honor roll with a 3.5 or better average.



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Seaside High School alum-nus Hunter Thompson, one of the area students receiving honors during the fall 2017 semester at Oregon State University.

In Gearhart, freshman Hunter L. Thompson, maintained a straight A average. Thompson is a pre-forest/civil engineering major. With a 3.5 or better average, Rebekah L. Cave, a senior majoring in human development and family science and Aimee R. Schacher, a senior majoring in anthropology, both made the honor roll.

School district considers its long-term objectives

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“The cost of a consultant for creating a strategic plan will come from those existing areas and will not increase our overall expenditures as an addition to the budget,” she said. “Any contract that we will negotiate will include the maximum amount we would intend to spend, but the actual costs could be less.”

The board met with Colonna, principal of Colonna Strategic Planning Services, based in Bend, last week to consider a presentation intended to take the district “to the next level of effectiveness.”

Colonna, with 45 years in education and a former board member of the Oregon Board of Education, told board members the nine-month process would help identify goals for the district for the next five years.

As the district develops the campus relocation project, board members felt now was the right time to embark on the strategic plan.

Services are described in the contract presented Thursday as to “provide facilitation, background work



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Educator and consultant Jerome Colonna.

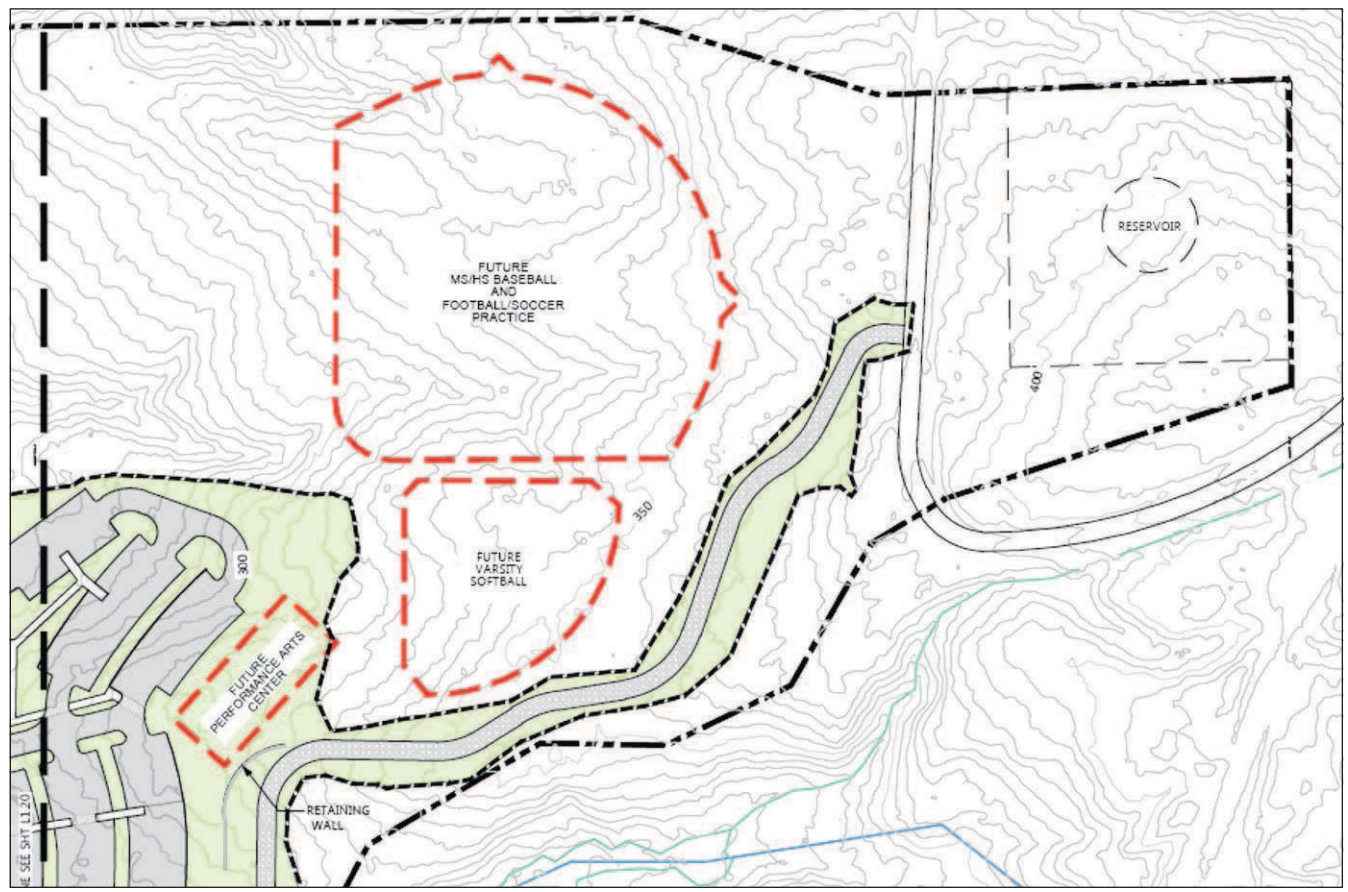
and shared production of a multi-year strategic plan.”

The Seaside school board was “very supportive” of the project, Roley said.

The next step will be to invite public input.

“We’ll try to pull together members of the business, nonprofit community, parents, a group from our Latino community, our own staff and parents,” Roley said. “Our first step will be identifying the important constituents in the district we need to reach out to.”

A strategic planning team will be established to take data and start drafting the plan, she said.



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School playing fields.

Architect delivers new campus site drawings

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drawings released this week, the buildings will be built to withstand a Cascadia event, — Roley said. “We will have generators to maintain power in multiple areas and we are currently working with the city of Seaside on water storage and supplies for the school and the community. This is an area of continuing development.”

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, Roley, architects and district

staff plan to present the site plans in the first of a series of community input sessions, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Broadway Middle School Library at 1120 Broadway, Seaside. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the drawings.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, the district heads to Cannon Beach for an information session at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, 207 North Spruce.



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Renderings of the new campus buildings.

Conservancy thanks volunteers for efforts

‘Gratitude to the entire community’

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Mary Blake and Tom Horning show their support at the North Coast Land Conservancy volunteer thank-you party on Dec. 8.

Staff and supporters of the North Coast Land Conservancy filled the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce community center Friday, Dec. 8, for a holiday party.

“We are here to express our gratitude for the entire community that supports our conservation work,” Katie Voelke, executive director of the conservancy, said. “It just keeps growing and growing.”

Voelke was surrounded by conservancy board members, volunteers and donors as the group mingled over light hors d’oeuvres and beverages. A video presentation by Neal Maine was accompanied by text from the Onondaga tribe offering thanks to nature and the environment.

In terms of land acquisition and preservation, “It’s been a

great year, every year seems like more and more,” Voelke said. “We’ve made great headway on our big rainforest reserve campaign and doing work in Tillamook County.”

The Coastal Edge program will be a focus for the next four years, she said. In 2016 the conservancy and Onion Peak Holdings LLC teamed for the opportunity to purchase critical lands for conservation within the Coastal Edge Initiative target area.

The two-phase program includes Onion Peak, most of the Angora Peak complex and nearly all of the Arch Cape Creek watershed — 3,500 acres of

natural habitat and the headwaters of creeks that supply drinking water to Cannon Beach and Arch Cape.

While eyeing a 17.6-acre parcel of forested land near Arcadia Beach, conservancy talks

with the property owner are not yet underway, Voelke said. The owner sought temporary road access to the parcel earlier this year with the intent to build an upscale RV park. “We’ve expressed we’re interested, but the owner hasn’t reached out yet,” Voelke said.

For the guests enjoying salmon, cheese, wine, hearty bread and pumpkin beer, the night was a celebration.

“There have been some amazing donations and pledges toward the campaign,” Voelke said. “Some people who have never contributed pledged thousands of dollars for the next few years.”



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The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District pool reopened Dec. 11.

Community pool opens

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logged laps in the main pool. The main pool now stands at about 81 degrees, the learner pool at 91 degrees, and the spa exceeds 100 degrees.

Community reaction?

Some patrons were upset by the closure, but after, the reaction has been “overwhelmingly positive,” Darren Gooch, marketing and IT manager for the recreation district said. “Everything looks fresh, I hear that constantly.”

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