

High Point: Lower part of site was never intended for development

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The only safe location in a calamitous tsunami with wave heights of 100 feet is in the eastern foothills, he said.

Schultz said the idea that High Point is the ideal evacuation site is an example of “a neat narrative, something that sounds great, sort of scientific — ‘high elevation’ — but in reality far from it. It’s something that feels good, we’re doing the right thing, it has an animated life of its own that’s hard to counter.”

In 2019, the fire station committee recommended three concepts and locations to the public to help guide the decision-making process, the existing location on Pacific Way, Gearhart Park at Pacific Way and Marion Avenue and the High Point site. A survey indicated voters did not want a station at the park. The existing location is considered at risk of collapse and flooding.

In narrowing down sites, members of the committee relied on state geologic data and scientific trends to prepare for a large tsunami, which encompasses 95% of the possible flood scenarios, consultant Tom Horning, of Horning Geosciences, said in 2019.



Tom Horning

A small or medium scenario would encompass only 79% of the modeled wave scenarios, Horning said at the time. At between 62 feet and 65 feet, the High Point site offers the greatest elevation.

Meg Reed, coastal shore specialist with the Oregon Coastal Management Program, called the High Point site “the most tsunami resilient location of the three, and we support the city’s efforts to move forward with this location above 50 feet.”

Gearhart is considering a November bond vote on a new resiliency station High Point, designed to provide a larger, more secure structure at less risk from a tsunami. The project could cost \$13 million.

Schultz said the southwest corner of the property at High Point would be 25 to 30 feet underwater in a large tsunami, and would flood roughly 40% of the property.

“People are generally not aware that 40% of the High Point site would be flooded by the very tsunami that Gearhart uses to define its building zone,” he said.

There are no safe assembly areas anywhere along the western dune front, including at High Point, according to Schultz.

The dune crest is wide open to a direct hit from the west, Schultz said.

The dune crest would be flooded before lower-elevation optional assembly areas to the east. In the most extreme tsunami projections, all sites in Gearhart would be flooded.

The best assembly areas are on the eastern foothills, above 100 feet, he said.

The “least bad” options in western Gearhart, the state’s optional assembly areas, about 800 yards from the oceanfront on the Summit ridge, and on the first hole of the golf course, offer preferable options to the High Point site, Schultz claims. “These lower elevation sites are safer than the highest elevation points on the dune crest in western Gearhart,” he said. “Simply high elevation in west Gearhart is not safer.”

Schultz proposes storing emergency equipment in Gearhart’s Hertig Station, outside the tsunami inundation zone north of the city.

The lower part of the High Point site was never intended for development, Horning, who serves on the Seaside City Council, said

in response. “In my opinion, Schultz doesn’t disclose anything new,” he said. “He recasts what has already been disclosed, but very likely forgotten or overlooked by semiengaged people.”

To survive the most calamitous tsunami would require an assembly area at least 100 feet above sea level. That is about 20 feet higher than the high point of the Palisades.

There is no such location in Gearhart, said Horning, who questioned why Schultz does not discuss the extremely low probability of such a tsunami.

“Schultz makes a great video,” he said. “Smooth narration, good cadence, compelling graphics. I think he should acknowledge that the city has a problem, as has been determined by the steering committee, which takes in more than just resiliency. He should advocate for a new station. ... One is left wondering if he is just part of the ‘not in my backyard’ mentality of western Gearhart. Survival and resiliency are the targets.”

Schultz hopes the city and residents pay attention.

“Two years ago I wrote a series of letters to City Hall on these subjects and offered my services, before there was any final decision,” he said. “I received no substantive response. This lack of response was one reason I decided to record some videos: I believed that if the city is not interested in my input, the public might be, and might find a video format engaging.”

Station: Full appraisal to be finished in April

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No. 1 choice, followed by 38.4% who preferred the fire department’s location on Pacific Way. The Gearhart Park site was eliminated from consideration.

A new survey should indicate if there is enough support to put a bond vote before the public in November, Sweet said.

The two-story High Point station would cover a 11,000- to 13,000-square-foot space.

According to draft plans, the ground floor would include five bays, lockers, turnout washes, emergency medical service area, compressors and bathroom. The fire department side would include the chief’s and other offices, workroom, kitchen and training area.

Cubicles for police and storage are also indicated in the draft plans.

The second floor, above the bays, includes a small living area, potential dorms for an intern program, and a full men’s and women’s shower system.



R.J. Marx

The fire station in Gearhart off of Pacific Way.

Site preparation adds just under \$3.1 million to the cost to make sure the building is up to standards, with piers or columns to mitigate liquefaction concerns, Sweet said.

The cost would be similar or less to costs for geotechnical work at any of the locations, according to the report.

Construction costs, delivered by ACC Construction in Tigard, are estimated at about \$3.9 million. Earth-

work, exterior improvements and utilities come to \$1.9 million. Building costs are estimated at \$5.2 million. Other direct construction costs bring the total building cost to \$8.6 million.

Furnishings and equipment, architect and engineer design fees are estimated at \$1.6 million.

While the sales price for the High Point property is “not solid,” land acquisition is estimated about \$3 mil-

lion, Sweet said. The final purchase contract has yet to be signed. A full appraisal of the property has been ordered and should be finished in April.

The bond’s levy rate is estimated at \$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed value, Sweet said. A \$300,000 home would see an increase of \$306 per year; a \$1 million home would pay an additional \$1,200 for the bond.



Hood to Coast Race Series

Crowds at the Hood to Coast Relay in Seaside.

Hood to Coast: There will be social distancing

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In March 2018, Seaside and Hood to Coast inked a new contract, starting at \$25,000 and increasing 5% a year through 2022, when Hood to Coast will pay the city more than \$30,000.

The 2019 relay brought 19,000 runners and walkers to Seaside, and another 3,000 volunteers. Organizers estimated between 40,000 and 60,000 participants, spectators, family and friends.

The event delivered more than \$900,000 to the Providence Cancer Institute.

Last year’s Hood to Coast was a casualty of the pandemic, which also led to the cancellation of the Seaside Beach Volleyball Tournament, the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and the Fourth of July fireworks show.

The Hood to Coast and Portland to Coast relays will come with social distancing in place, face coverings and contactless team check-in, among other safety measures.

“Relay events are innately socially distanced, as only one member of a relay team



Hood to Coast Race Series

Runners at the starting line of the Hood to Coast Relay.

participates at any given time,” Floyd said.

Runners will cross the finish line at the beach in Seaside as in years past. Afterward, however, activities have been curtailed, Seaside Chamber of Commerce CEO Brian Owen said.

“As for the beer garden,

I do not believe we will be able to have this feature,” he said. “We hope that the event attendees who would generally stay for the runners’ party will instead stay and visit our restaurants and bars, creating mini runners’ parties meeting all current regulations.”

“Right now, we intend to hold the ‘finish’ in Seaside, but not a ‘finish party,’” Floyd said. “We are not going to encourage large gatherings by having a band, fenced areas, or in-person dining. This is all subject to change, but for now, game on!”

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