

Fairmount General Meeting Feb 19, 2013

Laurelwood Clubhouse, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### **Welcome and Introduction of Nominating Committee – Camilla Bayliss**

Josh Reckord, Kay Rose and John Barofsky have volunteered to serve on a nominating committee for the FN board. Residents are invited to join, learn more about the city, and get more involved in Fairmount neighborhood activities. Contact board members through the FN board email if you're interested. We need two co-chairs and a treasurer.

### **Planned East Campus Construction – Chris Ramey and Michael Griffel**

Chris is the UO architect and Associate Vice President for Planning and Real Estate. Michael is Director of UO Housing.

UO proposal calls for a new central kitchen and woodshop area; currently are in a 1940's design and 1950's architecture; most of food served now is organic and local; need more space to cook in larger batches and for larger amounts of natural food; goal is not to have to buy so much from outside.

Woodshop – would replace a small woodshop; unit tries to replace items that are small such as wooden cabinets and tables; often use student interns.

UO wanted sites that are adjacent to heavily traveled arterials; big enough for building to fit and expand in future; food can be delivered to university kitchens; one story; chose site between 17th and 19th and Columbia St. and Moss Alley; currently occupied by 12 units and 2 or 3 freestanding houses; UO President and Campus Planning Committee have approved plan; university has been accumulating properties for 50 years; plan is consistent with refinement plan; next step is to hire architect; want plan finished by winter 2014.

Answers to various questions: Plan will have to go through review procedure with city; daycare center shouldn't be affected; larger Franklin Blvd. site not selected because meant for bigger building; was a tradeoff when chose this site; will have to be some negotiation with neighborhood businesses like MOC. Trucks already

come through the 19<sup>th</sup> and Agate area; 4-8 semis now come through early in the morning; maneuverability of trucks was part of feasibility study; university will need to continue study of traffic control and turning radius for large trucks. Houses to be removed aren't in good condition but will be offered for sale; parking for staff may be closer for some staff who already have parking now. No employee parking on site (same as other dining halls). Catering and some others transported in golf carts now; 20 foot panel trucks several times a day; need to look further at this.

Martina Bill is the project planner. Contact information: 541-346-5880; mbill@uoregon.edu

### **Update on Laurel Ridge – Bill Blix and Larry Weinerman**

Public meeting held by PUD Developers Schirmer Satre Group on Jan. 31 at Comfort Suites Inn; proposal has changed from 300+ to 500+ multiple use dwellings; 3 story units on steep land; parallels 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. and is near where 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. collapsed in 1996 and 1998; is in SW corner of Laurel Hill Valley; 50% of area trees would be cut; population of Laurel Hill would be doubled; plan is to develop in two parts, the second containing single family homes; currently is one egress and one emergency egress; if second portion is built will require a second egress; Steve Ochs is city planner in charge.

A Laurel Hill Valley neighborhood response group has been formed, co-chaired by Bill and Larry; Jan Wostmann is advising them; have formed 9 committees addressing such things as fundraising, legal issues and publicity; developers say they are now making more changes and will hold another public meeting; contact Bill or Larry if you want to be involved; tax deductible checks can be made out to Laurel Hill Valley; see Laurel Hill Valley website for more details.

Q: Where would students go to school? A: Hasn't been addressed

A: How much of this is student rentals? A: Developer says none.

### **City Budget Cuts – Alan Zelenka**

\$6M budget deficit this year; \$527M is total Eugene budget; \$127M is general fund; this is the part with the deficit; most city money has restrictions; the only discretionary funding is the \$127M; over half of this goes to police, parks, recreation, fire, library, city manager's office, payroll, budget process, HR, IT, fleet; we have to cut \$6M out of this group of services.

Alan says first make appropriate cuts, get rid of waste, use pay freezes, and finally, look at fees; have cut \$24M or 20% out the last few years and eliminated over 100 positions; today have lowest FTE per thousand in at least 20 years; future cuts are going to have to cut services; hired a consultant who suggested people would support a modest fee at \$10.00 or less per month; fees favored over property tax; fee will be capped at \$10.00 for residential house, \$30.00 for business; on May ballot; would only be increased by vote of the people; restrict what money can be spent on; oversight committee planned and a 5 year review by city council; added a low income exemption; also will cut \$1 M if fee fails.

Q: Would some things be mothballed? A: Most would just be closed. City has taken this into consideration. The Sheldon pool would be mothballed.

Q: Why close recently renovated Sheldon instead of Echo Hollow? A: Number of people who use Echo Hollow are low income. Is an equity issue.

Q Will it cover all residents, not just people who own property? A: Covers every dwelling unit including private dorms and student house renters.

Q: Would you (Alan) dip into reserves to fund city projects or not? A: Reserves required by people who loaned us money; city manager has already reduced this as much as he feels he can; Alan would not want to use these funds; isn't sustainable.

Q: What is low income level where be exempt? A: May use EWEB list or food stamp list; not figured out exactly yet.

Q: What happens to cuts causing more long term problems like closure of Buckley house and Cahoots van? A: No good answer.

Q: Why have we run into this deficit? A: Mostly due to downturn of economy; city receiving way less income; services for employees like health care, PERS, all going up; lower tax receipts from recession.

### **Future of Laurelwood – Debbie King**

Will Benson and Debbie have been awarded a 5 year contract to run Laurelwood; neighbors could assist with a proposed Laurelwood Loop to build a walkway around the perimeter; might be able to fundraise among neighborhood people to help out. FN Board will talk about this. Camilla suggests send city councilor Mike Clark an email saying we're glad it's in capable hands and a valuable part of the neighborhood.

### **4j Bond and Edison – Laura Illig and Steve Asbury**

Laura is chair of 4j bond issue; last bond was 2002; 2011 bond was for maintenance; asks for \$170M for 4 schools, one of which is Roosevelt; also for technology, security measures, curricula and textbooks; would be about \$42 per household, perhaps higher in the FN; hope Edison comes back up on ballot in 2017-18; can write off first \$50 of donation to Edison fund; will be an oversight committee.

Steve is on an architecture committee looking at how to preserve and renovate Edison School; no guarantee that this will happen; 4j is more sensitive to the role of the school in this neighborhood than they were before; Camas Ridge and Edison shouldn't be merged; doesn't make sense to close a school, especially with possible growth in Laurel Hill Valley area; how to expand Edison also being discussed.

### **Emergency Preparedness Pilot Project - Nancy Reckord and Sandra Austin**

Lower Fairmount pilot project; Nancy, Sandra and Lucia Hardy designated a two block area at the end of 15<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount, hand delivered an Emergency Resource Sheet prepared by the city, and invited residents to a meeting to meet each other and discuss how they could share resources and help each other in case of a natural emergency; group now is working on a contact information

sheet with everyone's email and phone numbers as well as a collated list of neighborhood resources such as ladders, 4WD vehicles, medical expertise, chain saws, etc.; group will meet again in the late spring or early summer; hope is that other residents will try their own 2 block area.

More information available from Nancy, Sandra, or Lucia. Chris Shirley, land use planner for the state, helped us to organize the plan and came to the first meeting. She is available to help with other groups.

### **Disaster Preparedness Kits-Josh Reckord and Sandra Austin**

Josh and Sandra have made disaster preparedness kits; Josh found that everything is available from Amazon; Sandra did it by finding items she already had or bought locally. Items include such things as Mylar safety wraps; solar hand cranked weather radio; emergency tool to turn off the gas; bottled water; prepared food such as oatmeal or ramen. Other ideas shared: build a small kit for your car; don't let your gas tank go below half; keep some cash and important papers ( e.g. prescriptions) in a plastic bag in your freezer; keep an extra propane tank; buy extra pet food. Sandra is trying to do one preparedness thing a week.

### **Trash Cans and Land Use Complaints – Josh**

Josh showed how to file a complaint with the city online. The city is “complaint driven,” that is, the city will respond to complaints but does not proactively look for violations to enforce.

Google the city and go to Nuisance Complaints. You can also complain to Josh c/o of the FN Board and he will file the complaint on behalf of the Board; it takes about 90 seconds to file a complaint online.

Complaints can be filed for such things as: trash cans left in the street; parking on the lawn; sofa in the front yard; piles of beer cans or trash piled on lawn or in street; more than 5 unrelated people living in the same household.

Noise complaint – call the police

Parking problems – call city parking department

## **Social Host Ordinance –Camilla**

SHO passed by city council; takes effect March 2 but city will start enforcing April 2; thanks to everyone for helping to pass

Minutes submitted by Nancy Reckord