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Senior Center Hosts Buehler By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford Senior Center hosted Coos-Curry Electric General Manager Werner Buehler at their monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, June 26. Center president Owen Miller

said the regular business would be waived and they would proceed with Buehler's presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Buehler began with a 25-minute presentation similar to the one Coop Board members presented at the annual meeting with all the graphs and charts. Then Buehler went into a question and answer with the 35 people in attendance at the Center. Owen Miller noting that administrative expenses had increased by 33% asked Buehler why and Buehler told him he didn't think they had increased that much. Miller asked what other subsidiaries the Coop was involved and was told none.

Lu Cobb asked why Coos-Curry personnel were so under the wire. She said she wasn't happy with the way the employees were being treated. Buehler told Cobb that he didn't get into personalities. He

described himself as "objective and "looking at the bottom line results."

Buehler was told about the power going out and the person ended up calling a call center in Minnesota for assistance. The person said it was bad service and didn't think it was cost effective. They spoke of Coos-Curry employees being afraid. Buehler said it's tough right now and the some employees were not giving the Coop a full day's work.

Jere Langston asked Buehler what does owner-member mean to him. Buehler said that we are owned by those we serve.

Buehler was asked about the ending of the conservation program and how beneficial it had been to the owner-members. Buehler said the Coop had met its conservation goals and that to continue the conservation program the money would have had to come out of rates and not from the Bonneville Power Administration. Buehler said that Coop members would see a resurgence in the conservation program.

Becky Flake asked Buehler how much money the Coop was saving by outsourcing and what does the outsourcing cost the community. Buehler told her millions of dollars in savings for the Coop but didn't answer what it cost the community. He said there had been problems

when the emergency calls had come into employees and felt the call center program in Minnesota was working better.


Lou Mincer asked Buehler if it was true or false that Coos-Curry would be changed from an owner member utility to an investor owned utility. Buehler answer no to the question and said there had never been any discussion like that. Mincer asked the purpose of the recent Brookings property purchase and Buehler said it would give the Coop more staging and storage area and be an equipment facility.

Buehler was asked now that the Coop is in the black where it was going to invest the money. Buehler said there were many options from capital credits for the members to reducing the rates and/or the debt.

During his slide presentation Buehler had shown information comparing our rates to three other electric utilities including Pacific Power and Light (privately owned), PPL California (privately owned) and Douglas Coop. Paula Cracas asked Buehler why he was comparing for-profit electric utilities rates with a not-for-profit coop. Buehler told Cracas that the utilities chosen were the ones that border us. Cracas said we had the highest base rate of the electric coops in

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**Senior Center Hosts Buehler
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Oregon and recommended to Buehler that basic rates be lowered and increase the KWH rate to encourage conservation. Cracas had passed out an information sheet, which compared the Coos-Curry base rates to other coops and compared Coos-Curry costs for 1,000 KWH to other coops. We came out highest on base rates and third highest on 1,000 KWH. Cracas researched all the information she presented by calling the Coops.

Buehler was told that an increase in the KWH rate would have been better for people on fixed incomes. Buehler said the \$33 base rate pays for the generators, transmission system, substations, distribution lines and service to your meter. He said there were 17,000 meters and that everyone shares the fixed costs.

Buehler was asked where the Membership Advisory Council had come from

and he told people the board appointed them. He also said there was no discussion about shifting the main office to Brookings.

Buehler was asked why the equipment operator position in Port Orford was closed and he said the one dimension position wouldn't be budgeted for in 2006. Randy Foster who has worked 14 years for Coos-Curry currently holds this position and it's anything but one dimension.

Buehler was asked how the Coop could justify charging its members \$500 to come out and look at a job. Buehler said that wasn't true. He said the Coop asks for a \$500 deposit as an advance payment for coming out to a job site but that a person could get a refund of part of that if the project doesn't go through. Buehler described the \$500 deposit as building a firewall of costs between the developer and the membership. The \$500 de-

posit is for new construction only and will be used as payment once the developer goes through with having the electric service installed.

Letter to the Editor,

Until I had to be rushed to the ER at Curry General on 16 June I was unaware that we had an Emergency Medical Service right in P.O. I wish to express my appreciation to the 3 personnel who whisked me off to Gold Beach.

I felt very relaxed during that 35 mile drive. Rather than have my dogs upset seeing some strangers carting me away and since I was able to do so I walked out to the vehicle as the personnel were opening the rear and one of them said: "When we come to take people to the ER, they don't usually come out and greet us." Thanks guys and gal.

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Whittaker noted that ODFW will not capture and relocate a bear habituated to humans. "Bears that become accustomed to finding food near homes or businesses typically become repeat offenders," he said. "Once relocated, they will either return to the same spot or seek another area with similar food sources. Unfortunately, a fed bear usually becomes a dead bear."

People can take an active role in keeping bears wild and preventing potentially dangerous bear encounters by using common sense and good judgment when

storing or disposing of food and food waste at home and in forest areas, noted Whittaker. ODFW recommends the following measures to avoid attracting bears:

- Don't feed pets outside. If you must feed them outdoors, bring in the food bowl each night. If you have a dog door, keep it closed at night.
- Hang bird feeders from a wire at least eight feet off the ground. Keep the ground below the feeder free of seed and suet droppings.
- Remove or eliminate any natural food sources that might attract bears. For example, pick fruit from trees and remove fruit that has fallen to the ground.
- Secure your garbage cans in a garage, shed or behind a chain link or electric fence.
- Put the garbage out for pick-up just before the scheduled pick-up time, not the night before.
- Take garbage with you when leaving your vacation home or ask a neighbor to put out the garbage for you just before pick-up.

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- Clean garbage containers regularly with bleach to cut odors.
- Add mothballs or sprinkle bleach on any garbage stored outdoors.
- Continue to assume bears are around if you live in an area where bears have been seen, even if no recent problems have surfaced.
- Talk to neighbors to encourage everyone to remove attractants.
- Let your local law enforcement or health departments know about unsanitary garbage problems in your neighborhood.

For more information on bears, call ODFW and request a copy of "Living with Wildlife: Black Bears." The brochure also may be found on ODFW's Web site at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us>.

HIV Testing Day

The Curry County Health Department is holding an HIV Testing Day on Friday, July 22. The test is anonymous, free and no needles. Take the test and take control.

For more information contact Sherry Cleghorn, Curry County Health Department at 541-247-3300 or Mary Murphy, HIV Resource Center at 1-877-440-2761. The test will be given at the Health Department at 1403 N. Oregon St. in Port Orford from noon to 2:00pm.

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Tsunami Recap By Jay Stoler

Nearly 70 citizens turned out to hear Curry County Sheriff Mark Metcalf give an update on the County emergency plan regarding tsunami/earthquake information. Along with the Sheriff were County Commissioners Marlyn Schafer and Lucie LaBonte and County emergency coordinator Mike Murphy. Many city officials were also present including Mayor Auburn, Councilor Abbott, Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox and Assistant Chief Wade Phillips. The Sheriff said he was impressed because Port Orford had a bigger turnout than Gold Beach.

Sheriff Metcalf said that he learned several important lessons from the June 14, 2005 West Coast tsunami warning. The first of those lessons was what source do we use to get timely and authenticated information on an impending tsunami emergency. The Sheriff then launched into the scenario on June 14 in which the

National Weather System was several minutes late with notification. The Sheriff said there needs to be a single authority and that would be the weather station in Palmer, Alaska.

Next the Sheriff said that the 911 phone lines and the Sheriffs office administrative phone lines were overwhelmed with calls from citizens who wanted to know what to do. That included calls from worried travelers who pulled off of Hwy 101. The Sheriff said there needs to be a tsunami dispatch protocol and a single consistent policy countywide.

The third lesson learned was that the Sheriff should be able to sound the alarms in all Curry communities with the push of a button. The Sheriff said that kind of hookup was being arranged and would be in place as soon as possible. The warning would be a three-minute blast on the siren. This prompted a series of questions about being able to distinguish between a fire and a tsunami warning.

There were also questions about the distance that the sound would carry. The Sheriff said that those were all details to be worked out. He did say that at some point in the future Curry County would have 20 warning sirens stretching up and down the coast. Right now, we will have to make do with a collection of WW2 era sirens.

The Sheriff then suggested that because there is the possibility that there may not be any notice from any other source, that citizen get a NOAA Weather radio with an alert buzzer that goes off when there is a weather disaster imminent. They run on AC power with battery backups and cost between \$20 and \$50 and are available online or at places like Radio Shack.

The Sheriff also gave the city some new inundation maps that had been drawn digitally using the GIS elevation coordinates. In addition he had a thick package

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of handout material covering frequently asked questions and listing emergency supplies and tips.

The Sheriff seemed to have good rapport with the audience stopping frequently to answer questions and concerns. Citizens of every age group were represented and the questions seemed to be about siren confusion and how to know when the emergency is over. The Sheriff said his command headquarters were out of the flood plane and had generator power and he would dispatch information on when the all clear would be given.

In a follow-up conversation the next day, Mayor Jim Auburn said that the cost of a new siren is between \$3,000 to \$5,000 dollars and that there is money allotted in the city budget to purchase one. Apparently, the Council will be considering this issue soon and Port Orford may get a new siren.

In addition there will be a new brochure and other material to be published by Citizens for Emergency Preparedness in

the coming months that will contain the updated inundation map and emergency instructions and procedures. Copies of this material will be made available to each citizen in Port Orford and surrounding areas.

Private Property Protection Act

Representative Peter DeFazio joined the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin) on June 30 to introduce legislation to protect private property rights. Introduction of the bill follows a ruling from the Supreme Court two weeks ago in the case of Kelo et al. versus the City of New London et al., which allows unusually broad authority to local governments to seize private property for private economic development.

“This legislation is a good start toward addressing the alarming and overreaching decision delivered by the Supreme Court last week,” said DeFazio. “It’s a work in progress and can be improved, and I will work closely with the Chairman to address the unresolved issues

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with the bill. As a former county commissioner I have always felt that condemnation should be a last resort, used only in extremely limited circumstances and always for legitimate public use.”

“This legislation assures the American people that we will not allow churches, homes, farms, and other private property to be bulldozed in abusive land grabs that solely benefit private individuals whose only claim to that land is that their greater wealth will increase tax revenues,” said Representative Sensenbrenner.

The legislation introduced would deny the use of federal economic development funds for projects on land seized by eminent domain.

It would also prohibit any State or municipality from using private economic development as a justification for exercising its power of eminent domain whenever federal funds would contribute in any way to (1) any project for which the State’s or municipality’s power of eminent domain is exercised; or (2) the exercise and enforcement of the eminent domain power over any such project.

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Sandcastle Contest Results By Tere Tronson

Sunny shirtsleeve weather drew a nice crowd of 30 groups of industrious sand sculpture creators and about 100 spectators. Some arrived as early as 5am to make their mark in the sand. Families and friends gather each year on July 4th at the Dock Beach in Port Orford for this fun tradition to come up with a new and interesting creation in the sand. Some groups bring extra elements to add to their sculptures like shells, rocks and other items. The following awards were given out by the judges at 9am on July 4:

First Prize winners included: The Mermaid by the Crazy Mermaid Girls; also another Mermaid by Bailey & Glass family; Freedom From the Fish bowl by Morgan and Shilo McKenzie, Gabi Seifert and Melissa Weinblatt; Stephanie Eaton and Family took a first place; Twinky Man by Amanda Brimhall, Taylor Kasten; Eat Wild Salmon with the fish and hook by Jessy Ten Eyck, Kim Swiggs and Jimbo Jennings; Fairy by Tiffy Fanning; Turtle by Melissa, Sari, Pewter and Willie; Dragon Creature by Myiha, Ray Eena, Kyle, Jonathan; Tic Tac Toe by Erica, Ben, Joey, Katie, Shannon and Jacob; City of Port Orford by Brittany Royal.

Second place ribbons went to: Castle by Michael and Fay Parry, Penny Gagliano and Shalay; Castle by Bonnie, Kim, Leslie Hollenbeck; Funny Face by Bomen, Angelena and Fernando; Bar None Boat by No Holds Bar; Shooting Star- Memory of Dad by Kate Puddy; Moby Dick by Cindra and Ogden Kellogg; Apple Pie by Mechelle and Lena; Toilet by the 50 Cents toilet crew; and Sand Castle by Hannah Royal.

Two Grand Prizes were awarded to the Flag by Sue, Larry and Reann Blount and to the Helicopter Coast Guard creation by The Long Family.

All sculptures received a free ice cream from The Whole Scoop and the Grand Prize winners were treated to a sundae or an espresso at the Whole Scoop.

This event is sponsored by North Curry Families and Children's Center (NCFCC) with support from the Jubilee Committee, The Ford Family Foundation, The Whole Scoop and local volunteers. Special thanks to Carren Copeland, John Leuthe, Cynthia Solberg and Erik Knight who served as our Super Judges for the event. Thanks to Signe Tronson for handling the registration. If you have questions about this or any of the programs of NCFCC, call Tere Tronson at (541) 332-1042.

"Exploring Our Back Yard" Series

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Sat., July 9 - Storm Ranch @ New River

Beginner-Intermediate - 5 mile loop

New River meanders parallel to the ocean, originating at Floras Lake. It flows nine miles north through sand dunes and ranches until it spills into the sea. Don Luce, from the BLM, will lead hikers over easy to moderate terrain for about two hours and talk about the terrain and it's wildlife. He will explain how New River formed, how it's changed, and how the BLM is helping native flora and fauna.

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Participants will meet at 9:30am at the A-Frame in Buffington Park, 14th and Arizona streets, in Port Orford, and carpool to Storm Ranch at New River. Carpoolers also can meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Alder Medical Center in Brookings; or 8:50 a.m. in the Curry General Hospital Annex parking lot in Gold Beach.

New River meanders parallel to the ocean, originating at Floras Lake in Curry County. It flows about nine miles through sand dunes and ranches north into Coos County where it spills into the sea. Don Luce, Bureau of Land Management representative, will lead hikers over easy to moderate terrain for about two hours. He will talk about the formation of dunes, coastal lakes and rivers, and the wildlife that live there. Additionally, Boden says, Luce will explain how New River formed, how land features have changed in the last 70 years, and how the BLM is trying



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to help native flora and fauna through the change process. Following the guided portion of the walk, hikers are invited to continue exploring the region on their own.

Hikers should wear comfortable shoes for walking, weather-proof clothing and a day pack for lunch, water and optional binoculars or cameras.

In August, Boden will lead a hike to the state's pristine park, Blacklock Point, including a pygmy forest, ancient Indian sites and spectacular stone bluffs above the beach. Time and date will be announced later. For more information, phone Boden at (541) 332-1042

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Story of Sadako

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When she was in the hospital, her friend Chizuko brought her a folded paper crane and told her the story about it. According to Japanese legend, the crane lives for a thousand years, and a sick person who folds a thousand cranes will become well again.

Sadako folded cranes throughout her illness. The flock hung above her bed on strings. When she died at the age of twelve, Sadako had folded six hundred and forty-four cranes. Classmates folded the remaining three hundred and fifty-six cranes, so that one thousand were buried with Sadako.

In 1958, with contributions from school children, a statue was erected in Hiroshima Peace Park, dedicated to Sadako and to all children who were killed by the atom bomb.

Each year on August 6, Peace Day, thousands of paper cranes are placed beneath Sadako's statue by people who wish to remember Hiroshima and express their hopes for a peaceful world. Their prayer is engraved on the base of the statue:

This is our cry, this is our prayer; peace in the world

"Peace Crane, I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world." Sadako Sasaki, age 12.

Peace Cranes available at Coast Candle.

It's Fire Season!

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) began fire season at 1:00 a.m. Friday, July 1. Burn permits are required and restrictions are in effect on all private, county, state and Bureau of Land Management lands as well as rural fire districts within CFPA's protection boundaries. Written permits and on-site inspections will be required for all types of outside burning, including debris burning and the use of burn barrels. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained as follows:

Residents living in rural areas can call their local CFPA office during normal business hours, seven days a week, at 347-6241 for Port Orford and Bandon or 247-6241 for Gold Beach. A Fire Warden will come to the burn site to perform the inspection and write the permit.

Residents within an incorporated city should call their local departments for burning restriction and permit details.

Industrial fire regulations will also go into effect. Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1 prohibits smoking while working on or traveling through an industrial operation. Specified fire tools and suppression equipment must be maintained at all operations. A fire watch is also required at all industrial operation sites unless waived or modified in writing by a Fire Warden.

As fire season progresses, additional closures and restrictions may be imposed as weather conditions become more severe. For further information on burning restrictions and closures, contact the CFPA Closure Information Line at (541) 267-1789 or visit their website at www.coosfpa.net.

Ordinance Delayed

The preparation of Curry County's new draft storm water control ordinance has been delayed for two weeks. The new hearing date is now scheduled for July 28

at 1:30pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room in the Courthouse Annex, 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach. The draft ordinance will be available for review by 3:00pm on July 22 in the Planning Department Office in the Courthouse Annex.

The public voiced unanimous objection to the draft at the initial hearing on June 1, 2005, and the commissioners asked Donald Rubenstein, the Interim Planning Director, to develop a completely new approach. "Originally I thought I would have a new draft ordinance available for review by early July, but I was not aware that there were many issues that not only needed my attention, but were also approaching legal deadlines. I have had to turn my attention to those matters first, Rubenstein explained. He apologized for the inconvenience that the delay might cause Curry County citizens.

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Senior Center Calendar

The Port Orford Senior Center held successful spaghetti feed on July 4. The lunch began right after the parade ended at noon. The monthly community breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 10, from 8:00am-1:00pm. The cost is \$4.50. The Port Orford Rural Fire Board meets every month at the Center on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. This month's meeting is on July 12. The Senior Center Board meeting is on July 12 at 11:00am. The woodcarvers meet on Wednesday, July 14 at 1:00pm.

The Center hosts a 55 Alive driving class on Monday and Tuesday, July 18 and 19, at 8:30am.

The monthly nutrition meeting is held on Tuesday, July 26 at 10:30am. The monthly membership meeting is held that day at 11:00am and is followed by the lunch (cost \$4.50).


Liberry Pie

Port Orford Public Library presents
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Water color classes held at the Center on every Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Monday at the Center at 9:30am and 6:00pm. The walking group starts their morning walk from the Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday at 8:30am.

The newly elected Senior Center officers began serving their term on July 1. The new president is Beverly Dunlap. Outgoing president Owen Miller was elected vice-president for 2005-06. Secretary is Jackie Sellon. The office manager is Dolores Care. The Senior Center has 225 members and always welcomes new members.

Curry Fair Talent Show

The deadline to enter the 2005 "KURY Round-Up" Talent Show has been extended to July 20. It's your chance to win up to \$500 and a chance to perform in the State Fair Talent Show.

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New Director

Mark Cogan, former political consultant and journalist, is the new executive director of the Curry Health Foundation. Speaking during the foundation's annual grant recipients' luncheon, Thursday, June 30, in Gold Beach, President Jim Waltz welcomed Cogan while bidding a fond farewell to his predecessor, Leone Sharp, who will retire.

The foundation contracted with Sharp nearly four years ago to perform membership duties, coordinate fund-raising activities and manage the group's administrative office in Gold Beach. As a member of the foundation board of di-

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rectors since 2000, Sharp says she plans to continue her volunteer work with the group "because I just love it, and I love what it does."

Cogan earned degrees in psychology and political science from Southern Oregon University in 2004. He is currently researching thesis material required for a master of arts in international diplomacy from Norwich University. He is a member of Psi Chi and Phi Kappa National Honor Societies, and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Before returning to Gold Beach to work with the foundation, Cogan was a con-



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sultant to several state and federal political organizations. He has also worked for national magazines and newspapers. He enjoys writing, reading, and playing his slide trombone.

Through fund-raisers and private contributions, the foundation raises money to support Curry General Hospital and other health care entities throughout Curry County.

To learn more on how to support the foundation or county healthcare organizations, phone (541) 247-3189. Donors can send tax-exempt donations to Curry Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1274, Gold Beach, OR 97444.

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So come enjoy this happy time on Wednesday, July 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the East/West Rooms of the Community Center at the Bandon City Park. (Note our different location this month). Cost is \$8.00 per adult. Kids eat free with Mom. Reservations required; call Bandon-Langlois: Anna - 347-4024, Port Orford: Patti - 332-2703 or email Maybelle at maysway@juno.com. Very Important: Reservations must be made by Monday, June 11. This program is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries and Bandon/Port Orford CWC.



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Then on Thursday, July 21, we will hold our regular coffee at the Port and Starboard at 10 a.m.

The new Queen Mum is planning a grand birthday party for the August Saturday coffee at her home up Elk River. As with tradition - on one's birthday one wears a purple hat instead of red. We will celebrate everyone's birthday all at once. Oooooo. I love parties. We will bring white elephant gift exchanges. More to follow soon on this event.

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The Port Orford office, located at 1403 N. Oregon St., holds their open vaccination clinic every Tuesday from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00 to 4:00pm, or you may call 541-332-4041 to schedule an appointment.

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Planning Meeting Continued By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Planning Commission met on Tuesday night and held a hearing on an application Randy and Beverly Pierce for a preliminary plat plan for 21 lot residential subdivision off Deady Street.

The meeting was a continuation of the planning meeting that had come to an abrupt ending on June 14 when the Tsunami warning was issued and the meeting was cancelled.

Planning director Chuck Nordstrom read into the record a letter from Deady Street residents Joanne and Bob Meade opposing the development and calling it a catastrophe waiting to happen. Nordstrom then read in a petition signed by several residents of Deady Street going on record against the development. Their reasons included the fact Deady is a steep and substandard street and the south end junction with Highway 101 is a problem. The petitioners recommended the application be denied until Deady Street is brought up to standards. Nordstrom read a letter from the applicant's geologist Ron Sonnevill saying Gilbert Lane (within the proposed development) could be developed as a stable road.

Don Porior, the applicant's engineer presented the commission with a redesigned project eliminating the cul-de-sacs to meet city road standards. The number of lots was reduced to 12 and the road will

be 24 feet wide with six-foot shoulders except at the corner coming in. Commission member Joyce Kinney said she felt really pushed in this situation, as new information was being presented which the commission had never seen before. Don Porior said he was trying to find a subdivision acceptable to the city with more parking and bigger lots and with a loop road. He said they were designing something the neighborhood would like. Randy Pierce said he tried to purchase lot 9 from the Brueske subdivision to use as an easement for the adjoining conversion parcel.

Jack Pruitt told the commission all this dialogue was frivolous because they were looking at a new proposal. He urged the meeting be adjourned and the commission starts from square one.

Commission member Erna Barnett said it was unacceptable to get the city engineer's report the day of the meeting (in this case the commission hadn't received a report from the city engineer).

The commission then decided on a motion to table the hearing until the next planning commission meeting on Tuesday, July 12. Nordstrom said the devel-

oper needs to get the plan to the city one week in advance of the hearing and that the 120 day time period for the decision would start on June 28. Items that the commission needs and which were included in the motion are the engineer's report, the new plot plan, an easement from the conversion parcel, a sediment control plan, a drainage plan, a warranty for the streets and utilities, and the fire chief's report and location of the fire hydrants. The motion passed 6-0.

The commission considered a recommendation to the city council regarding vacating a portion of Eighth Street between Jefferson and Deady. Frank Smith made a motion to approve the street vacation and it passed 5-0 with Joyce Kinney excusing herself from this issue.

City Burn Pile

The City burn site on Port Orford Loop Road will no longer accept material as of July 11. The City will post a notice once the site is once again open to receive material. For questions, please contact City Hall at 332-3681 or portorfordcityh@harborside.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

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