

Warrenton school program cuts move closer to reality

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WARRENTON — The Warrenton-Hammond School District is homing in on next year's budget, getting closer to final decisions about which programs and jobs to trim to make up for an expected nearly \$1 million revenue shortfall.

The district's budget committee unanimously approved a proposed budget Tuesday night.

In the budget, program eliminations included a full-time elementary computer-art position, a full-time elementary physical education position, a half-time elementary counseling position, and a half-time elementary library media position.

Several positions will go unfilled — a half-time music position, a blended Kindergarten-first grade classroom position, and one full-time elementary position — after res-

ignations or retirements. Along with the staffing and program eliminations, the district will spend down about \$420,000 of reserves to fill the shortfall in revenues expected for the 2011-12 school year.

Included in the approved budget were the additions of free full-day kindergarten and a half-time Response to Intervention classroom at Warrenton Grade School.

The district is also projecting to eliminate the K-4 early release at 2 p.m. and extend instructional time for all students until 3 p.m. This will be contingent upon approval in the collective bargaining process. The district will continue with early release on Wednesdays for staff professional development activities.

The approved budget will now go to the Board for adoption at the scheduled budget hearing at the June 14 board meeting.



Three designs were presented to the Garden of Surging Waves Committee Tuesday morning for the former Safeway Square. The drawings on the left place the Chinese garden on the west end, while the drawing on the right puts the garden on the east end. The middle drawing offered underground parking but was eliminated.

Chinese Garden supporters embrace move to downtown Astoria location

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The garden on the left, the garden on the right, or parking underground?

Those were the three big differences in the Mulvanny G2 Architecture designs for the revamped Garden of Surging Waves, presented in Astoria Tuesday by designer Suenn Ho.

The garden, which pays homage to the Chinese Astorians and their contributions to the town, was proposed to the garden's committee to be relocated from Astor Street to the former Safeway site downtown.

By the end of Ho's presentation, that committee decided the garden does fit better on the former Safeway lot and not on Astor Street.

"For very selfish reasons, I'm actually glad it didn't work out," Ho said of the former plans. "Because, whatever they proposed there, it was not really a fair visibility setting for Astoria. It's not really about Astoria."

Ho called the proposed park between 11th and 12th streets "the living room" of Astoria.

Now, it will be up to the Astoria City Council and the community to choose a design.

The Garden of Surging Waves will not cover the whole lot. It is just one component of a bigger picture, which includes green space, a carport for covered market coverage, trees, a "disguise" for the American Legion building, and a longer walkway, embellished with a timeline of Astoria's history.

"I want to answer all the (community's) questions with a pretty clear conscience," Ho said. "Can we park? Yes, we can park. Can we accommo-



In this October 2010 photo, Suenn Ho, a senior associate designer with Mulvanny G2 architecture, inspects a white granite pillar with Lori Lum Toyooka and Astoria City Councilor Peter Roscoe. Toyooka is a member of the Garden of Surging Waves Committee. The committee agreed to move the garden to the former Safeway plaza.

date markets? Yes, Sunday Market and Winter Market. Can we accommodate the Garden of Surging Waves? Yes. And can we provide a place that people can enjoy and be proud of? I would hope so."

The American Legion building will be shielded with plants of some sort, according to the drawings.

And the hole will also likely be filled, Ho said.

"To be honest, there is some authenticity that drives this place and there's a value of maximize your

resources," Ho said. "Do what you can with what you've been given and make it work. Like the broken column and like the situation with this place. That situation is a sink hole."

The committee narrowed it to two choices and eliminated the underground parking prospect.

"That's a longshot," Community Development Director Brett Estes said.

Clatsop County Historical Society Director Mac Bums, who serves on the committee, suggested eliminating the underground parking concept so as to not waste everyone's time.

An underground structure — which may not even be possible when it comes to the engineering side of the plans — would likely have cost \$2 million.

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Summer meals for kids in the works

Chartwells and the Astoria School District are teaming up to open six locations for summer feeding sites in the community, which will open from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 20 to Aug. 26. Nutritious meals will be available Monday through Friday at: Astoria Middle School, 1100 Klaskanine Ave.; Gray School, 785 Alameda Ave.; Bayshore Apartments, 1400 W. Marine Drive; Tapiola Park, 900 W. Marine Drive; Emerald Heights, 1 Emerald Drive; and the Astoria Aquatic Center, 1997 Marine Drive.

All children age 18 and younger can eat for free at any of the six locations regardless of income qualifications. Sack lunches cost \$3 for adults older than age 18.

On the record

DUII arrest

At 6:45 a.m. Monday, an Oregon State Police trooper stopped a car after it did not signal properly on U.S. Highway 101 and Ensign Lane in Warrenton. After further investigation, the trooper determined that the driver, Aaron William Robinson of Long Beach, Wash., was impaired. He had a blood alcohol content of .13 percent and faces a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Jackie Lee Bryan

Jackie Lee Bryan received her eternal reward on May 11, 2011, while delivering her final gift to the world. Her final moments were spent holding her husband's hand and with her entire family thinking about her.

Jackie's life revolved around her 5-Bryans, family and friends. She never hesitated to provide a shoulder for support or a sympathetic ear when needed. She lived for helping people whenever they were in need as if it was her calling. When she smiled at you, it wasn't to be polite; it was because she was truly happy to see you.

Jackie is survived by her loving husband, Gary; her children, Carysa Renee, Geordyn Robert, Jasper Garrett, and Briella Jackson; her parents, Barbara and Bob Sanderson of Warrenton, Oregon; her in-laws, Gary and Naomi Bryan; and her many loving family members and friends. Jackie has left behind a huge legacy of love and kindness that will be passed on for many generations.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at South Sound Manor, 455 North St. SE, Tumwater 98501.

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