

Public meeting

Sanders Estate, Dundee, OR.

April 12th, 2018

Public attendance : 38 (The majority of people who attended the meeting are neighbors)

Kat introduction

Very first public meeting

Purpose of meeting: to hear from the community on how to use the property. To get discussion generated. This is the very beginning of public discussion.

Kat discussion on how people can stay informed moving forward: the website. There is a page dedicated to this property, for questions and concerns. An e-newsletter will be given out to people who signed in.

Don Clements

Talked about the background of the property, about Jan, and about how she wanted to leave an estate for Dundee, the community, and the people that live here. Whatever the community wanted to do, is what she wanted, though nothing to do with pools or water. Other than that, no other restrictions.

Don then talked about the interview CPRD had with Jan, filming her as she told her story about the property, and capturing her early memories.

Crowd question: Asked if Jan was still available for input. **Don:** Her directions are “whatever the community wants”

Crowd question: Is the orchard going to be kept? **Don:** If it's what the public wants. We would hate to see the barn go, the house also has value, but it's still up to the public. We want to take nothing off the table.

Crowd question: Maybe weddings, an amphitheater? Do we have any plans for that? **Don:** Suggested that it might not a good idea for a community, but nothing is off the table.

Don: Jan mentioned the parking issue with school. If there is a parking lot, She wants to make sure it ties in with the school. We would also leave some of the bigger trees, replace some, take some down.

Crowd question: Eventually the vines could be pulled out? **Don:** Potentially.

Crowd question: Will there be a playground? **Don:** That could be possible.

Crowd question: The people of Dundee get to vote on what happens right? What the community wants? So that means that CPRD is going to do what the public wants? **Don:** The CPRD board will, in the end, make that final decision, but the intent is to listen to what public has to say and do exactly what public wants.

Crowd question: Does the public have say in what happens in the orchard if it gets pulled out for privacy purposes? **Don:** if the neighbors wish, we will build fences.

Crowd suggestion: We need to find ways to integrate the natural spaces.

Crowd question: Wants to know what CPRD's plans are, on how long it would take, the budget, and what is realistic. **Don:** we need to determine what we are going to do. Anything now would be premature. The riverfront master plan is being done. Many homes are going in, SDCs will be collected.

Crowd suggestion: There's a rumor that this property is going into housing. **Don:** Never heard of that.

Crowd question: There's a rumor that the park doesn't belong to CPRD? **Don:** There was a lease agreement with the school 25 years ago that was a year by year. School district will have to rezone it if they don't want it there. The city of Dundee has territory but so does CPRD.

Crowd question: Will tennis courts be included in park? **Don:** No.

Crowd suggestion: If we have 900 homes along the river, the school wouldn't be adequate, so this home would be very valuable.

Crowd question: Is there something set aside for 6th street to be punched through, no easement? **Don:** I don't see that benefitting anyone or anything.

Crowd question: What is the acreage of orchard? **Kat:** 6.7

Crowd suggestion: I want kids to have a park to play in and run around in and have a trail. Also, splash pad. **Don:** That's not what Jan wanted. She did not want any type of water issue. But we could put a splash pad across the street.

Crowd suggestion: We could really benefit from a community theater.

Crowd suggestion: We could turn the house into a library with a historical portion? *A lot of people liked that suggestion.*

Don talked about the cultural center and how it used to be a school. There is a lot of history in Dundee. Someone brought up the idea that home economics aren't really taught in school anymore.

Crowd suggestion: A community garden space.

Crowd suggestion: A publicly available community kitchen/space.

Crowd question: The orchard is not producing much anymore. What will CPRD do then. **Don:** we will take it out, and replace it with something.

Crowd suggestion: A senior center.

Crowd suggestion: There's an issue with senior center. Operate with the one in Newberg.

Don: Brought up the idea of an intergenerational senior center.

Crowd comment: *Lives across the street.* It's heart-wrenching to think of what's going to be taken out. If it's going to be for the community, make it for the community. Jan loved the community. She is going to want us to love this property. And be very respectful to this. Keep the barn. Keep the house. Be transparent, with whats happening. Want it to be her legacy. For the children, for us, for the seniors. We don't want to have to go into Newberg for stuff. Whatever we choose, we be mindful of jan.

Crowd suggestion: In general, in our town, we don't have gathering places. It would be great for a place for neighbors to come together. **Second person:** We have a community center.

First person: Something more inclusive of all ages.

Crowd comment: People get uninterested in community centers.

Crowd suggestion: We could have a place for sports, business retreat, vacay, others, etc.

Crowd comment: Get kids out running, playing football, involved with agriculture, being active, playing with their hands.

Crowd suggestion: A neighbor on 6th, the other side of orchard has seen the orchard deteriorate. Says it has to go, and to replace it with something attractive. Also wants to keep the walnut tree and barn.

Crowd comment: Has talked with Jan about orchard. It had been leased out. The nuts were gathered, and then stolen. So they don't see future for the orchard.

Crowd comment: We can't manage an orchard.

Crowd comment: If you keep orchard, it has to be non-production. Because of spraying chemicals, and public use.

No one wants 6th street to go through.

Crowd question: Wheres the money come from? **Don:** First we need to figure out what to do, then figure out the money.

Crowd question: Is anyone going to move into the house to take care of it? **Don:** No. It will stay vacant. We are going to keep it open—Jan would love to see events and activities for community. No intention of renting it out for residence.

Crowd question: Is the barn floor or dirt? **Don:** A floor in good condition.

Crowd comment: It's a fourth generation barn. Do not take it down.

Crowd question: What are the next steps after these thoughts? **Kat:** We are going to compile our notes and ideas from here and work in partnership with Dundee. You will have the opportunity to weigh in on an online survey. Then we will have another meeting and continue the process from there. **Don:** Once we get ideas, we will make a master plan, and develop this. But we need to make sure we get the input. The masterplan can change overtime, but we still need a masterplan. The community can also weigh in on masterplan.

Crowd question: Realistically what's the time frame from idea to start? **Don:** The next 6 months we are looking for input. We are looking for ideas, looking at the community, making sure everyone is ok with it all. And then we move into the masterplan, which will be brought back to the community for input (by 3–6 months time). After a year, we will decide on money issues.

Crowd question: Are there any grants? **Don:** There are grants, but what we want to try and do is get funding, and donations.

Crowd question: What about taxes? Are you going to tax the city of Dundee? Because maybe people won't be so excited. **Don:** Dundee, Newberg, surrounding areas—that's where our taxes come from. We can't set up a special taxing area.

Don: We can borrow up to \$98 million.

Crowd comment: The tennis courts: we need covers, can we get some? **Don:** Both are possible.

Crowd question: Has there been any contact with square-dancing for the barn? **Don:** Not that I know of.

Person: Use the barn for theater groups.

Crowd question: Funding—some facilities need an upgrade, and now we are doing this. How do we get upgrades for public restrooms at parks? **Don:** We could do that, but be aware that that also invites people into private places.

Crowd suggestion: A tool library. Tools that can be borrowed—a knowledge transfer type of thing.

Crowd comment: Core curriculum—students need to go out to learn something in real life. This could attribute to that. **Don:** *Talked about the group of little kids that helped CPRD plant plants.*

Kat: This won't be your only chance to give input. We will have more meetings, and you can anyways post ideas online, email, etc.

Something to note

Everyone Liked the notice they received on their water bill about the meeting.

Crowd question: Has there been any possible names for the place? ***Don:*** Yes, the “Sanders Estate”

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

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