

Conditional use hearings on tap

by Brad Broberg

The first of six public hearings regarding conditional use permits for tenants of closed schools in the Highline School district is scheduled for Oct. 21.

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's application for a permit in connection with its Sept. 29 move from Glendale junior High to Glacier High School will be heard at that date.

The hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in suite 402 of the County Council's chambers in the King County Courthouse, Third and James, Seattle.

Two other hearings have also been scheduled, although the times have not been established.

The Highline-West Seattle Mental Health Center's use of North Shorewood and Sunny Terrace elementary schools requires a conditional use permit from the county. The center's application will be heard Nov. 18.

Chelsea Park Elementary School is being used by the county's park department and building and land development division. A hearing regarding that school will be held Dec. 16.

ACCORDING to Karen Steinbrecher, a planner with the building and land development division, 12 closed Highline schools were scrutinized by the county to see if conditional use permits were necessary.

Besides the three tenants of the four schools already named, Steinbrecher said the following tenants of closed schools will also be required to obtain permits:

- The Highline Senior Center (Burien Heights Elementary).
- Educational Services District

121 (Maywood Elementary).
The Port of Seattle and the county parks department (Sunset Junior High).
Those tenants of closed schools that Steinbrecher said are not being required to obtain a permit are:
The Kent School District (Angle Lake Elementary).
The South King County Activity Center, which already has a conditional use permit (Orestview Elementary).
Glendale Junior High, which will be vacant when the criminal justice center moves.
Trinity Church preschool (Lakeview Elementary).
Seattle Christian School (North Hill Elementary).

THE ZONING ADJUSTOR will have 40 days following the permit hearing to make a decision. It usually takes about 30 days, said Steinbrecher.

After the parties involved have been informed of the decision, there is a 10-day appeal period.

Although the Highline School District has been closing and leasing schools for several years, the county only recently became aware that many required conditional use permits.

According to the school district's lease agreements, the tenant is responsible for fulfilling all legal requirements.

Ironically, the county in several instances may have been in violation of its own requirements by not securing conditional use permits.

The county is allowing the present tenants to remain in the closed schools pending the outcome of the permit hearings.

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Dear Ms. Dana:

Your letter of complaint has been received by this Division and has been assigned case number 80-547, 80-548 and 80-549.

Processing a complaint is not as simple as it might at first seem. In some cases, a complaint may be quickly resolved either by a telephone call or by a letter to the property owner. Other cases might require a more lengthy process to resolve the code violation.

First we must research for ownership of the property. The property owner is then contacted by telephone or by letter identifying the code violation. Follow-up action depends upon the response received to our notice. A field inspection may be required for those cases where a serious hazard may exist.

This Division will make every effort to bring this property into compliance with the King County Codes.

If you have any questions, please telephone 344-7967.

Yours very truly,

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