

# **5. Extended Hours at Stubblefield's (Mike's)**



# CITY OF PULLMAN

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: October 15, 2008

To: Mayor Johnson  
City Council

From: William T Weatherly Jr.  
Chief of Police

RE: Opposition to Extended Hours at Mike's Bar

I learned of the proposal to extend hours at Mike's Bar (also referred to as Stubblefields) by reading an article in The Daily Evergreen indicating that ASWSU, in a meeting with WSU President Floyd, had proposed having the hours extended until 3:00 a.m. A subsequent article in The Daily Evergreen on October 7 indicated that the bar was going to have a "trial run" on October 24 and October 25. According to the article alcohol would be collected at 1:45 a.m. and then at the time that legal sales of alcohol must end (2:00 a.m.) the bar would serve no alcohol but would allow patrons to remain until 3:00 a.m. with music playing and lights turned down.

I instructed Commander Tennant to contact the Washington State Liquor Control Board to express official opposition to the extended hours. The basis for the opposition is from my experience of nearly forty-five years in law enforcement of similar attempts of other businesses. The results include but are not limited to:

- Intoxicated patrons concealing alcoholic beverages served before the final call, and consumption after hours.
- Persons smuggling alcoholic beverages into the establishment and consuming after hours.

- Intoxicated patrons from other bars that had closed attracted to the location and resulting in large crowds and risk of overcrowding.
- Large crowds lingering outside the establishment, many intoxicated.
- Effects of alcohol manifesting after consumption and inappropriate behavior resulting including violence and vandalism.
- The resulting loss of liquor license to the establishment for patron liquor law violations.
- Extending the length of time that police officers have to deal with inappropriate behavior of intoxicated persons.

I subsequently learned that the manager of the bar, D.J. Goldfinger had decided against extended hours.

At the regularly scheduled Pullman Police Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, October 13 the members discussed issues pertaining to the University District proposal. The extended hour proposal for Mike's Bar was brought up by one of the committee member and after discussion the Committee unanimously passed a motion opposing such extension of hours.

# Proposal for Mike's Bar fails

**Potential problems included people coming into Mike's from other bars after 2 a.m.**

**By Nham Pham**  
Evergreen staff

For the Pullman Police Department, one hour is just too much to ask.

ASWSU's proposal of extending the closing time of Mike's Bar from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. on certain nights was not received favorably by Pullman police.

"The bottom line is we're opposed to it," Pullman Police Cmdr. Chris Tennant said.

Tennant said officers are constantly responding to issues at Mike's. He said the bar easily has the most cases of any area in Pullman.

He said ASWSU attempting to address a safety issue is a good thing, but not the method suggested in the proposal.

"I appreciate ASWSU looking into the situation, but I do not agree with their solution," he said.

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Pullman police cmdr.

Calls to Mike's general manager DJ Goldfinger for comment Tuesday were unreturned.

Tennant said Pullman Police received an e-mail from Goldfinger, in which he wrote that he has reconsidered and will not try out the proposed one-hour extension on Oct. 24 and 25 as originally planned.

Pullman Police Chief Ted Weatherly said based on his 45 years in law enforcement, Goldfinger's cooperation is a wise decision.

"From my experience, when you have these kinds of situations, bars tend to lose their liquor license," he said.

Weatherly said though ASWSU's proposal sounds reasonable on paper, it is not practical. He said it would only encourage people to stay at the bar longer.

He said there may be some potential problems, such as the possibility of intoxicated people from other bars coming to Mike's after 2 a.m.

"Often the best thing to do is let (intoxicated) people go home and sleep it off," he said.

Weatherly said the typically young age of Mike's customers and the number of people at the bar can make it hard to control the situation.

"When you have that kind

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of clientele, with that number of people, you are going to have issues," he said.

K. Duane Brelsford, president and CEO of Corporate Pointe Developers — which holds the Adam's Mall master lease where Mike's is located — said letting people stay at the bar past 2 a.m. is a bad idea. He said putting the liquor license in jeopardy is not worth it.

A bar can lose its liquor license if alcohol is found past the binding 2 a.m. time. Mike's employees would need to collect all of the alcohol from customers before 2 a.m. If the Liquor Control Board or police find any alcohol, even if it is just one bottle of beer, the license could be revoked.

"We agree with the police that it would be a poor policy," Brelsford said.

ASWSU President Brandon Scheller said he acknowledges the risks of the proposal. He said customers could potentially put the bar at risk by doing things such as hiding a beer behind a speaker and drinking it past 2 a.m.

"I completely respect

Duane's position in that it puts (the bar) in a huge liability," he said.

However, Scheller said actions should still be taken to deal with College Hill safety issues. Not all of the problems may be solved by an extended opening time, but it is better than forcing everyone to leave at once.

"As it sits right now, the way people are being ushered out of Mike's is a recipe for disaster," he said.

Scheller said he thinks it is negligent to not try tackling the safety issue.

"If this can't be the solution, then so be it," he said. "There needs to be a solution and nobody seems to have it right now."

WSU Dean of Students Lucila Loera said she credits ASWSU for floating the idea. She said Mike's, as a business establishment, has a right to assess the risk involved with a proposal.

"Even if they decide that's something they won't do, I hope we can come to the table to have discussion and come up with a more viable option," she said.

Reporter Andrew Talevich contributed to this story.

## **6. ASWSU**

# **Students for Safety Fundraising Dinner**

# ASWSU Students for Safety Fundraising Dinner

Please join ASWSU and the Cougar family in our efforts to raise money to support safety at Washington State University.

Friday, November 14, 2008 Compton Union Building Pullman, Washington  
Senior Ballroom

**Reception 6:00 pm Dinner & Program 6:30 pm**

## Lighting on College Hill

ASWSU will work with local and university officials to expand and enhance the lighting on College Hill.

## "Safe Walk" Program

This program will provide on-foot escorts to students to and from various locations around campus and on College Hill.

## Safety Kiosks on Campus

The outdoor informational stations will provide students, community members, and visitors with safety and emergency information.

## Self-Defense and Personal Safety Program

ASWSU will provide grants to help cover costs for students to enroll in the self-defense program offered by University Recreation.

## Keynote Speaker: Elson S. Floyd, Ph.D

President, Washington State University



The Associated Students of Washington State University are confident in the current leadership at WSU, but feel that a student-initiated campaign for safety is vital, given the concerns many constituencies have expressed regarding safety.

ASWSU's goal is to raise \$100,000 toward student safety by Spring of 2009.

Make your reservations today by contacting the Associated Students of Washington State University at **509-335-4717** or register online by visiting **[www.students4safety.wsu.edu](http://www.students4safety.wsu.edu)**. Please make your checks payable to the WSU Foundation.



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## **ASWSU Campaign for Campus Safety**

The Associated Students of Washington State University is very concerned about the state of student safety on our campus and in the community. We are confident in the current leadership at WSU, but feel it's important that a student-initiated campaign is vital for the coming semester, given the concerns many of our constituency have expressed regarding safety issues.

ASWSU's goal is to **raise \$100,000** towards student safety by December 2008. We will achieve this through fundraising efforts [as well as administrative, community and corporate sponsorship.] The efforts will be encouraged and recognized at a fundraising dinner in the new CUB Ballroom at a date to be determined.

Projects to be implemented with this money are as follow:

### **Lighting on College Hill**

ASWSU will work with local and university officials to expand and enhance the lighting on College Hill. Lights will be put in locations that are currently not adequately lit. The lights will also keep the same antique look that exists on College Hill.

### **"Safe Walk" Program**

ASWSU is developing a program that will provide on-foot escorts to students to and from various locations in Pullman, especially on College Hill on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. "Safe Walk" will be an on-foot supplement to Women's Transit, with trained employees having a visible presence in key late-night locations. There will be a heavy dependency on volunteers provided by student groups on a weekend to weekend basis.

### **Safety Kiosks on Campus**

Outdoor education signs on campus and potentially on College Hill will be put in to raise awareness and educate student about what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency. Hopefully through continuity, students will be a step-ahead when a bad situation arises because of these kiosks.

### **Self Defense and Personal Safety Program**

ASWSU will provide grants to cover cost for the \$40 self defense program by University Recreation, under the belief that all students should have safety education available to them, regardless of their financial situation.

# **7. Pullman Transit**





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October 22, 2008

### MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor, City Council, ASWSU Senate

From: Rod Thornton, Transit Manager

Subject: Pullman Transit

Pullman Transit had a very good year in 2007. Total fixed-route bus ridership was not as high as 2006, but only slightly less. The buses gave 1,236,930 rides, down 3,927 from 2006. However, ridership still averaged 55.9 passengers per hour. For 2008 the fixed-route ridership is up by 39,563 through September. September had the single highest monthly total ridership in our history with 184,452 rides. Our Dial-A-Ride service for elderly and disabled riders in 2007 had an all-time high for ridership. We gave 19,434 rides, which was an increase of 97 over 2006.

The Late Night Service on Friday and Saturday nights did see a drop in ridership last year after we added security, but that trend has seemed to reverse itself so far this year. Average ridership on Fridays last year was 166 per night, and on Saturdays it was 170 rides per night. During the fall semester average ridership on Fridays is 201 and for Saturdays, 182. Due to problems with the company we had doing security last year, we have hired WSU interns to fill these position. So far it is working very well.

After we had a number of requests to have the buses start earlier during finals week to get students to 7:00 am classes, we added service on all the routes in the mornings during 2007 fall semester and 2008 spring semester finals weeks. We started the A, I, J and one Express 1 and one Express 2 bus thirty minutes early. Ridership was not high, but a number of students took advantage of the earlier service and we will continue to offer this service during future finals weeks.

In the past we have discussed adding additional service such as Late Night service on Thursday nights, service on Sundays and additional service on the Express routes during the week. Like others, our fuel, wages, benefits, and vehicle maintenance have seen a considerable increase in the past year. To provide these services during the 2009-2010 school year it will cost more than past estimates. The proposed costs are as follows:

Thursday Late Night	\$101.24 /hr X 7.5 hrs/night X 32 days = \$24,297.6
Sunday Service	\$101.24 /hr X 23 hrs/day X 40 days = \$91,116.00
Extra Express	\$71.58 /hr X 10.5 hrs/day X 146 days = \$161,487.68

We have requested funding for five new buses from the federal government and the last thing we heard was that our request had made it out of committee, but has not yet been approved. We asked for four 40-ft. buses and one 35-ft. bus to replace our oldest buses, which are 20 plus years old.

We are in the process of applying for four grants for the 2009-2011 biennium. We will be requesting \$1,100,000 in operating assistance, an increase of \$300,000 over our current operating grant and \$256,000 for a technology grant to upgrade our fixed-route ridership counting system, add GPS/AVL to all our buses, place cameras in all buses and vans, and purchase a recording system to record telephone and radio calls. We are also applying for a state grant to cover our local share of the cost of the five new buses and a new Dial-A-Ride van.

This year we have added a new text messaging service for all our riders. The basic premise of this service is that we will be able to send text messages to riders' cell phones through a Web page so that our subscribers will know what the buses are doing. To subscribe, riders will need to enter a code number for the route they wish to know about. Riders can subscribe to individual routes, a group of routes or to all the routes we provide. We imagine that riders will only want to know about the busses they ride, but they may want to learn how other routes are doing if they travel around Pullman. If they have free incoming text messaging, or unlimited text messaging, the service is basically free to the rider. The brunt of the cost will be borne by Pullman Transit.

# **8. City of Pullman Capital Projects of Interest to Students**



**City of Pullman**  
Public Works Department  
**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Mark Workman, Public Works Director MW  
**RE:** Joint City/ASWSU meeting  
**DATE:** October 20, 2008

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The City of Pullman capital project that is probably of most interest to students is the construction of paths as part of the 2006 Parks and Paths Bond Issue approved by the voters of Pullman. The two paths recently completed are the North Grand Path and the Maple Street Path.

The North Grand Path project provided for the grading and paving of a gravel/dirt path along the east side of Grand Avenue from Turner Drive to Terre View Drive. This project infilled a gap in the path system that loops the northeast quadrant of Pullman.

The Maple Street Path provided for a path connection from Maple Street Extension on College Hill down a steep hillside to an existing path that runs along the railroad tracks from Whitman Street to Stadium Way. Also included in this project was widening of Maple Street Extension to provide additional on-street parking and the construction of sidewalk along Maple Street Extension to infill a gap in the sidewalk system at this location.

A final path, yet to be constructed, will extend south from Bishop Boulevard along the west side of Johnson Road to the Bellevue Apartments area. We are still working on securing the right of way for this path.

A couple private projects that may also be of interest are Wal-Mart and the Pimlico Apartments. Wal-Mart is planning to start construction on a Supercenter on Bishop Boulevard in 2009 for completion in 2010. The location is on the south side of Bishop Boulevard at Harvest Drive. Pimlico Apartments is a 392 unit apartment complex on Valley Road planned for construction in 2009 by Duane Brelsford. The location is in the area of the Emerald Downs and Churchill Downs apartments.

# **9. 2008 Adopted City Council Goals**



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### 2008 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

1. In view of the anticipated financial challenges within the General Fund for 2009, utilize the remaining 2007 year-end savings to fund the 13 percent General Fund reserve, the City Hall Plaza project, and additional reserves.
2. Continue to support the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport improvement projects including the airport fire flow project and the realignment of the runway.
3. Continue to meet with Whitman County to discuss corridor tax sharing options.
4. Continue to support the Grand Avenue Greenway; Pullman entrances and waterway beautification projects; and welcoming signs by exploring lodging tax options.
5. Continue to support water conservation and water reuse.
6. Pursue the creation of design standards within the College Hill Historic District and becoming a Washington Certified Local Government Program for historic preservation.
7. Continue to work with WSU toward the improvement of College Hill including considering the recommendations for creating a University District as well as the recommendations of the College Hill Neighborhood Study.
8. Encourage growth, promote a welcoming business atmosphere, and consider passing a City Council resolution in support of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pullman.
9. In the interest of public safety, continue to explore the creation of a business registration program that includes rental housing and continue to pursue options with WSU relating to the creation of an off-campus housing office.
10. Continue to explore affordable housing options.
11. Consider adopting an emergency snow removal and street cleaning ordinance to address the problem of parked vehicles that impede snow and gravel removal efforts.

12. Consider the creation of a self-supporting grant writer that would be funded through grants and possibly partnering with an outside organization.
13. Consider accepting payment methods other than cash or checks for the city of Pullman.
14. Consider the installation of surveillance cameras at key critical intersections and high risk public locations with the use of grant funding.
15. Explore the concept of Park & Ride lots.
16. Review existing ordinances and their enforcement.
17. Engage the WSU Architecture School to provide design concepts for multi-story parking garages at the intersections of Grand Avenue/Davis Way and Paradise Street/High Street that would not require interior vehicle ramps.
18. Review and act upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and staff relative to downtown parking.