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But he said part of the reason for that is the city provides fee discounts for affordable housing projects.

Councilwoman Kathy Kennedy said she opposes changing any of the fees until the next budget, which will go into effect July 1.

Local developer Ron Patterson, who attended the meeting, said he believes the city plant investment and building permit fees should be lowered by 20 percent.

CMS site

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The city, Sheridan College and School District 2 have been approved for \$1.5 million in Phase I funding from the State Loan and Investment Board to build the initial 6,000 square feet of the child-care center.

Phase II funding of \$1.5 million to build the

remaining 5,500 square feet is almost certain, Kinskey has said.

The facility is proposed to house up to 178 children and a training center where students can work on college degrees in child care.

Existing child-care providers could also use the center for continuing education.

this newspaper to dispute the fees.

Patterson said the fees add 10 percent to the cost of a home and are passed on to the homebuyer.

Councilwoman Kennedy at yesterday's work session said she is tired of developers saying the city is "gouging them."

She added that it is "terrible" that city staff is getting "blasted all the time" over fees.

She said the city is never praised for discounting fees for affordable housing.

Sheridan's economy is harmed because some people won't move here due to the lack of child care, Kinskey has said.

Moreover, Kinskey has said people who could normally work won't take jobs, because they are wait-listed at existing child-care facilities and must stay home with their children.

Plans in play for child-care center • Is Loucks Street extension

By Josh Mitchell
Staff reporter

Big Horn developer Paul DelRossi said in a public meeting Oct. 29 that he planned to put a child-care center on the former Central Middle School site, but now it appears the plan has changed. Whitney Benefits Board President Tom Kinnison announced Tuesday that Whitney Benefits has given the former Central Middle School maintenance building site at the southwest corner of Custer and Brundage streets to Sheridan College for the child-care center.

DelRossi also said at the Oct. 29 meeting he opposed extending Loucks Street through the former CMS site to create an east/west corridor for city traffic, because it would interfere with his plans to build the child-care center and homes on the 4.99 acres. Now that the child-care center is appraised at \$426,000 and is about 1.25 acres.

The site is across the street from the former CMS site, where DelRossi had said he would put the child-care center. DelRossi has an option to purchase other music-related records, older acoustic sheet music for the former school site from Loucks Street to go through the property ends, Erickson said. The classroom environment that apparently not going on the "independence" instead of studying in small, "soundproof rooms." The master station instructor control of

comment. Mayor Dave Kinskey said he thinks DelRossi will oppose the Loucks Street extension. "I think what he (DelRossi) said is that he didn't want his chunk of property cut in two," Kinskey said. "It was never

several old streets. I think what he (DelRossi) said is that he didn't want his chunk of property cut in two," Kinskey said. "It was never

closed session to discuss fundraising options, he said. BENEFITS INC. WILL TRY TO CONVEY THE GIFT TO THE JPB FOR THE CENTER.