

April 6, 2011

TO: Mayor & Canby City Council

FROM: Canby Parks & Recreation Board

RE: Resolution 1090, Supporting Ballot Measure 3-374

On April 5, 2011, the Canby Parks & Rec Board met with Canby Area Parks & Recreation District (CAPRD) in a workshop setting to discuss Ballot Measure 3-374 for the May, 2011 Special Election.

Canby Parks & Rec Board Attendees: Ryan Oliver, Matt Olsen, Herlene Benson, Rick Maier

Canby Area Parks & Rec District (CAPRD) attendees: Joe Driggers, Bill Milne

City of Canby Attendees: Matilda Deas, Eric Laitinen

Others: John Haring, Canby Swim Club (Gators)

After considerable discussion, the Canby Parks & Rec Board passed a motion as follows:

"The Canby Parks & Rec Board endorses the passage of Ballot Measure 3-374 and recommends to the Canby City Council that they pass of Resolution 1090, Supporting Ballot Measure 3-374 at the April 6, 2011 Council meeting."

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Maier, Board Member

Canby Parks & Rec Board

Canby Kids Proposal for CAPRD Funding

For 36 years, the Canby Kids has been the Parks and Recreation program for youth sports for the greater Canby area; we currently provide 5 choices of outdoor sports for youth grades K-8. We do that by providing an administrative overhead and have the individual sports run their own program and manage their own funds. The Canby Kids Board is a hands-on board and matches the office work with volunteer duties such as turf maintenance, fundraising, mediating, facility use issues and other corporation duties. We have a one person office who works on a part time basis to manage the day to day administrative work.

Starting in 1975, Canby Kids had taxpayer support by way of the City of Canby who had access to a grant that was passed on to us. In 2001 the city no longer had the money to give to us and our income of \$25,000 dried up. Those funds were essential to providing administrative services, just like any parks and recreation program that exists in other cities. Since then, the Canby Kids board has struggled, reduced services and other expenses, but has been able to keep the office open. Currently, we have passed the cost of Canby Kids office on to the sports by way of a per/player fee of \$18 but that adds to the cost of player registration.

CAPRD's tax measure plan to parcel out funds to stakeholders in the form of grants is gracious but we have another take on this format. From a Canby Kids experience, grants have not proven to be helpful in securing reliable funding. For one, they often will not go to operating expenses which is where we need the funds the most; in fact we have not been able to receive grants for that reason. Second, grants are not guaranteed funds for year after year and that puts a financial burden on our sports. We could be faced with implementing the roller coaster procedure of having to levy the \$18 per player fee one year but maybe not the next. It makes it difficult for the sports to set their registrations fees with any consistency. Third, as discussed in the special meeting with both of us, it is reasonable that other stakeholders applying for funds could be granted funds over us; the \$80,000 will not stretch very far. Fourth, whatever verbal agreement is made now, that will likely be forgotten over time as both boards change people who serve on each board. A recent example for us is Canby Rotary. We used to get an annual donation from them, their board's makeup changed

and they decided that donating money for operating expenses was not in line with their donation criteria.

Before we lost our city funding, Canby Kids incorporated not just the outdoor sports as members, but several of the indoor sports. Although these sports benefitted from the communication aspects of meeting together, after the loss of our funding, the cost of supporting the Canby Kids office did not serve them well. The indoor sports did not benefit from our outdoor facility arrangement with the school district and had to deal with the school district on their own as well as pay minimal facility fees. Basketball was the first to leave, later volleyball then wrestling. It is Canby Kids hopes to have all the sports back on the same page and meeting together and add new members to our group. Without secure funding for the office, that likelihood will probably not happen.

The CAPRD tax measure, with a suggested change, could be a means for Canby Kids to get back to serving all the youth sports in the Canby Area. The tax measure has been packaged to afford the Canby Swim Center a percentage of the revenue to keep their doors open. Canby Kids would like to have a similar commitment from the CAPRD board. Committing to as little as a 3.5% share of revenue to go to Canby Kids would help us greatly serve the youth recreation programs we currently provide. It would return us to our original funding source and could help us bring in our old partnerships back into the fold and provide all the sports means to meet and discuss how to blend our seasons together for the benefit of the players we serve. With your commitment of a 3.5% revenue share, we could heartily support the tax measure and help Canby Kids be the youth recreation programs for your district.

Respectfully,

Shantel Harney,
President, Canby Kids, Inc.