

MINUTES
CANBY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 1995
7:30 P.M.

APPROVED

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Schrader, Vice-Chair Mihata, Commissioners Jackson, Ewert, Gerber and Larson.

Staff Present: James Wheeler, Assistant Planner, and Joyce Faltus, Secretary.

Others Present: Dr. Michael Harms, Stephen Miller, John Falkenstein, Joe Driggers.

II. MINUTES

None

III. CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF PLANNING ISSUES

School Superintendent, Steven Miller, School Board President, Dr. Michael Harms, Community Relations Officer, John Falkenstein, and School Board member Joe Driggers met with the Commission in an informal workshop to respond to a list of questions submitted, in advance, by the Commission, to provide each other with more information about why decisions are made by both groups, and to allow both sides the chance to explain their concerns to each other.

The discussion included such issues as student-to-teacher ratios, number of available classrooms, the intent of and need for portables, future growth as it affects school capacity and, especially, the quality of education. Commission members expressed concern about how City-approved development applications affect the school district's long-term ability to serve the students, focusing mainly on the increasingly large numbers of apartment complexes that are being built in the City. School officials agreed they should consider not only the number of building permits issued by the City for enrollment and capacity analyses from year to year, but also the number of approved development applications. Both the district officials and the Commission agreed to work together more closely, to ensure a more accurate vision of future growth.

Steve Miller explained that the district expects and builds approximately 2 to 3 percent growth into its projections from year to year. He added that the school district has various built-in options to deal with increased student enrollment and demands on current facilities, which the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee is currently working on. This Committee will meet frequently over the next several months to develop an extensive comprehensive work plan regarding school facilities that might be needed during the next 20 years. Although the School District uses the .63 ratio of students per household for enrollment projection purposes across-the-board and has found that number to be very accurate, the district officials agreed to look at the situation in greater depth to ensure the figures generated by the ratio hold true for both single family dwellings and apartment complexes.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. FINDINGS

None

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None


X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff advised the Commission that plans were underway for the holiday dinner, hosted by Mayor Taylor. It will be held December 14th and invitations will be sent shortly.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce A. Faltus