

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 19, 2008**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

Council Present: Teresa Blackwell, Walt Daniels, Randy Carson, and Tony Helbling. Councilors Wayne Oliver and Paul Carlson were absent.

Staff Present: Beth Saul, General Services Director; Matilda Deas, Project Planner; and Kim Scheafer, City Recorder Pro-Tem.

Others Present: Bill Milne, Joe Driggers, Rick Maier, Ryan Oliver, Matt Olsen, Mark Triebwasser, Janie Malloy, Don Morgan, and Liz Mead.

Mayor Thompson called the Work Session to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The City Council met to discuss future park planning and funding with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Canby Area Parks and Recreation District Board.

Matilda Deas, Project Planner, said it was nice to work with a group of creative and committed individuals. The information that Mr. Milne was going to present was the result of a lot of time and energy. They had done strategic planning, held public and stakeholder meetings, and worked with consultants.

Joe Driggers gave a brief history of the Canby Area Parks and Recreation District. The board of CAPRD was committed to go to the voters in 2010 to get a tax base and/or capital project if that was the message they received in the next six months. They were not doing the same thing as they had in the past. The key component was the City's help and support. There was realization that if they had a funded recreation district they could provide better services at a lower cost per individual tax payer.

Bill Milne said that they felt that Canby should try to do this on their own rather than merging with North Clackamas. The support of the City was the single most crucial piece. The City was a huge stakeholder. They would be evaluating the options as they went along. They knew they needed fields and funding. A community center with a pool was a high need of the community as well.

Janie Malloy said that the School District was interested in selling the pool property to the Adult Center to make a parking lot for the Adult Center. The community was connected to the pool as both levies had passed. A survey had been done and the results showed the community wanted a community center with a pool. They would be visiting different community centers and deciding how much money they could ask the community for. They would be going to the Sherwood YMCA, Gabriel Park, and they wanted to find a community center in a city with the same population and see what they had been able to do. They were going to come up with a wish list and put some numbers together.

Beth Saul, General Services Director, said a lot of what they were talking about had resulted from meetings with the Canby Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Once they knew what it would cost to operate the programs in a center, they could make that into a rate.

Mayor Thompson asked what other types of things would be figured into the rate. They mentioned a community center and pool, did it also include the operations of existing fields and facilities the City owned, and was the community center the only capital project.

Ms. Saul said the focus of the stakeholder groups kept coming back to a community center complex and less about what might happen to other facilities they had. There was less emphasis on whether or not they could run all of the City parks; it was more that they would take a certain piece of it. That was part of what they were deciding.

Mr. Milne said that the Community Planning Workshop report had an overview and laid out a timeline. In the next three to four months they needed to form four committees that got details on paper about a facilities and fields review and community center. They needed to get details that itemized and detailed what the needs were. A funding committee could pull together what money was available from various sources, what the budget would look like, and what things cost. There would be some hard work to do and they needed help.

Councilor Daniels thought they should survey citizens to see what they would want in a community center and it might make people more willing to pay for it. There was a need for meeting space, a weight room, music performance, etc.

Mr. Milne said as they went forward, they welcomed input from all segments of the community. There were different views of what were essential services. Fields and funding was the first need. They were going to be doing fact gathering so they all felt comfortable.

Councilor Carson said they had to do a better job of getting the people on board. He felt Canby Kids did not get on board the last time, and they needed to, if it was going to pass. He thought the community center would need to be a bond. The Adult Center wanted to stay separate. Regarding the agreement between them and the City about what they would let them take over, that was a big issue with some of the older people in town. There were a lot of public relations pieces to this. How far out of town did they want the community center.

Mr. Driggers said there were many options for how they could do the project. Right now their charge was to determine the core services and their costs.

Councilor Helbling said citizens did not look at the dollars as being separate for funding all the different entities, they looked at it as it was all money taken out of their pocket. He thought they needed to look at a public/private partnership because publicly he did not think they were going to get enough money to do this. They also needed to get the Adult Center on board for community unification. The logical place in his mind was to put the community center in the downtown core. He encouraged them to have a bold vision.

Mayor Thompson asked if the staff resource issue was okay the way it was now with upcoming retirements. The Council needed to know what staff's concerns were for goals. Because of the

ambitious time line, it would be up to them to talk with Mr. Adcock if things changed and they needed to contract resources to make the goal a reality.

Ms. Deas said they also had some SDC funds that would help with this project.

Mayor Thompson said along with working up the budget they needed to do the follow up survey.

Ryan Oliver said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was in support of this project and wanted to do everything possible to facilitate it.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Work Session as 8:10 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer, CMC
City Recorder Pro Tem



Melody Thompson
Mayor

Assisted with preparation of minutes – Susan Wood