

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 22, 2007**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

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

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

Others Present: Joe Driggers, Mark Triebwasser, Shantel Harney, Janie Malloy, Ryan Oliver, Rick Maier, and Jan Milne.

Mayor Thompson called the Work Session to order at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. The purpose of the Work Session was to discuss Council goals regarding long-range park and recreation funding and development.

Beth Saul, General Services Director reviewed Council Goal 5, Sections F and G and the steps that staff and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had taken to address the goal. She thought it was important to update the Council to make sure they were on track before stakeholder meetings were held.

Mayor Thompson said she, the City Administrator, and Councilor Oliver had attended a meeting with representatives from the YMCA regarding their interest in Canby what a proposal might look like. The YMCA was eager to work within the survey efforts and provide some input that would elicit whether a YMCA would be supported.

Ms. Saul said one of the opportunities that had arisen was a possible merger between the Canby Area Parks and Recreation District and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. Dan Zinzer, Director of North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, had attended the Park and Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday night. He had looked into a merger and found it would not require a 50% voter turnout, which gave more flexibility in when you approached the voters. An Intergovernmental Agreement would have to be developed to govern how the money would be spent. The Canby Area Parks and Recreation District would be invited to attend the next Park Advisory Board Meeting to talk about the merger idea. Mr. Zinzer had said he would welcome the results of the stakeholder process, as that would flush out the desires and things supported by the community. The stakeholder process would include the whole Canby Area Parks and Recreation District area, not just the City.

Mark Adcock, City Administrator said the City could not merge with North Clackamas as it was already in a district. The merger would have to be between the Canby Area Parks and Recreation District and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

Ms. Saul said the YMCA had offered to help with the survey.

Mayor Thompson asked if Ms. Saul saw any problem with promoting a YMCA and could it conflict with the master planning.

Ms. Saul said they should wait for the stakeholder process and have that information.

Councilor Helbling said he had met with Mr. Root and Canby was a community that the YMCA Board was looking at. The YMCA was also talking with Oregon City.

Ms. Saul said the greatest concern was a timing issue. If too much emphasis was put on the YMCA and it was put on the ballot before they knew what the rest of the picture was supposed to be like, they may not be able to ask for a district merger again.

Councilor Helbling said there were a lot of non-profit organizations in Canby competing for a very limited dollar. The YMCA was offering the ability of working with districts and non-profit organizations where they were all under one roof. They would do as much as or as little as was wanted.

Matilda Deas, Project Planner, said they had met with the YMCA several times and they were excited about working through the process. They had said they would need to do a similar process if they were coming to town to find their niche and stakeholders. A facilitated stakeholder meeting would be taking place and the YMCA would be invited to attend.

Mayor Thompson said that the City and parks district could study this. It could be brought back to the Council with the feasibility and what the boundaries needed to be.

Mr. Adcock said his recommendation would be to appoint a policy committee comprised of representatives from the Council and parks district to give policy guidance.

Ms. Saul said that she and Ms. Deas had told the YMCA several times that they wanted to get through the process to make sure they would be successful if they partnered.

Joe Driggers, Canby Area Parks and Recreation District Member, said in their conversations with YMCA, they had indicated they wanted to be included in the process and have specific survey questions to help guide their decision making.

Councilor Helbling said an artist's concept of a community center and or a parks district showing what was represented in the district and what entities and services would be offered, needed to be done.

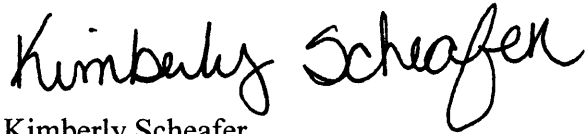
A discussion took place as to what the policy committee would do. Council consensus was to call it a task force and put the topic on the Agenda for the next City Council Meeting to discuss.

Mr. Driggers suggested contacting the School Board to see if they wanted to be a member.

Jan Milne asked for information on how the potential YMCA would be used as a traditional type of community center since a membership fee was paid.

Ms. Saul said that in Sherwood there was an agreement that a certain amount of time the building was available for public use. They would need to explore how to best partner up and create an IGA to make sure those people who could not pay were served.

Thompson adjourned the Work Session at 8:15 p.m.

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Kimberly Scheafer
City Recorder Pro Tem

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Mayor