

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 10, 2006**

**Presiding:** Mayor Melody Thompson

**Council Present:** Teresa Blackwell, Randy Carson, and Tony Helbling. Councilors Walt Daniels, Roger Harris, and Wayne Oliver were absent.

**Staff Present:** Beth Saul, Library & Parks Director; Matilda Deas, Project Planner; and Melissa York, Office Specialist.

**Others Present:** Rick Maier, Mark Trieswasser, Joe Driggers, Christy Pruitt, Bill Milne, Ryan Oliver and Jayna Noley.

Mayor Thompson called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Canby Adult Center.

The Council met in a work session with the Blue Heron Recreation District to discuss City Council Goals for park planning and funding.

Beth Saul, Library and Parks Director gave an overview for the purpose of the work session.

Mayor Thompson gave Councilor Goals and Program of Work handouts to all work session participants and explained the document.

Joe Driggers, Blue Heron Recreation District gave an overview and update about their goals for park planning. He said that the Parks Board decided that the Blue Heron Recreation District had value as a resource to the community. They do not have the capacity to lead a campaign, but are willing participants to be part of the communities Parks Master Plan.

Mayor Thompson asked what the Blue Heron Recreation District sees as being the next step in strategic planning if they had the City support.

Christy Pruitt, Blue Heron Recreation District said she would like to see all sports recreation united under one umbrella by fostering partnerships with the City of Canby, Canby School District, North Clackamas Parks District and non-profit organizations.

Mayor Thompson said that she would offer full support, with the consensus of the City Council, strategic planning and a clear vision from Blue Heron Recreation District.

Councilor Carson asked if there was money in City budget for this type of planning.

Ms. Saul said they did have money in the City budget because this type of planning fits in with updating Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Diggers recommended a change to the Blue Heron Recreation District name and asked for a consensus. The consensus from City Council and Parks Board Members was that they would like to see a name change and offered suggestions.

The work session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Brandon Van Tassel, Canby High School Student, gave a presentation about the possibility of constructing a skateboard park in Canby. He said that his presentation was part of a school project.

The Council met in a work session to hear an overview of the park survey process and results.

Beth Saul, Library & Parks Director, gave an overview of the need for a park survey. She said the focus of the survey was to update the Parks Master Plan with the idea of more input from citizens and continued focus groups.

Matilda Deas, Project Planner, did a PowerPoint presentation on the park survey results. 1,800 survey mailings were sent out and 500 completed surveys were returned.

Councilor Helbling commended Ms. Deas for a good survey return and said he would like to see separate male and female demographics to have standard deviations clarified.

Christy Pruitt, Blue Heron Recreation District, asked if the survey was representative of the community.

Ms. Deas said this survey is not to be taken as set in stone. It was more of a trend and a tool used to guide the focus.

Mayor Thompson said that surveys are used as tools to validate where the focus should be.

Eric Laitinen, Aquatics Program Manager, said that most people do not know they utilize park and recreation services such as participation in Slice of Summer at Wait Park. He recommended a parks update list in a community ad to raise awareness and community support.

Ms. Deas and Ms. Saul said they would research the best options to inform and educate the community about City parks.

The work session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer  
City Recorder Pro Tem



Melody Thompson  
Mayor

Assisted in Preparation of Minutes – Melissa York

# City of Canby

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6:00-7:00 PM  
Canby Adult Center  
1250 S Ivy  
Canby, Oregon***

This work session will be attended by the Mayor and City Council to discuss coordinated park planning with the Blue Heron Recreation District Board.

For information regarding this meeting, please contact City Hall at 503.266.4021.

*\*The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Kim Scheafer at 503.266.4021 ext. 233. A copy of this notice can be found on the City's web page at [www.ci.canby.or.us](http://www.ci.canby.or.us).*

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