

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 23, 2005**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

Council Present: Roger Harris, Walt Daniels, Georgia Newton, Wayne Oliver, Teresa Blackwell and Randy Carson.

Staff Present: City Administrator Mark Adcock, Project Planner Matilda Deas, Library & Parks Director Beth Saul, Park Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Snyder, and City Recorder Pro Tem Kim Scheafer.

Others Present: Bob Parker, Jan Milne, Curtis & Lila Gottman, Clair Kuppenbender, Loren Bell, Ginny Gardea, Paul Carlson, Tony Helbling, Lowell Bagshaw, Kasie Rapp, Sheila Tice, Scott Mateson, Diana Parsons, Tim Stuard, Vicki Adamson, Paul & Joyce Satter, Richard & Florence Ball, Bev Doolittle, Rick Maier, Charles Blackwell, Karl Hansen, Jan & Lee Whitcomb, and David Howell.

Mayor Thompson called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Canby Adult Center. The Council heard a presentation by Bob Parker of the Community Planning Workshop, University of Oregon, regarding the results of the Canby Community Perceptions Survey.

Mr. Parker did a PowerPoint presentation on the results. He explained the purpose of the project was to identify issues and establish goals and priorities. Fourteen hundred surveys were sent out, proportional to voter precincts. There was a 29% response rate with 406 surveys returned. Survey topics were Quality of Life, City Services, City Government, Working and Commuting, and Respondent Characteristics.

Quality of Life - 37% thought their quality of life improved. 46% thought safety was about the same as 5 years ago. 53% thought Canby was growing too fast. The three most important community issues were indicated as schools, roads, economic development. 91% thought agricultural land preservation was important or very important. Recycling opportunities, availability of senior services and the character of downtown were rated high. Availability of affordable housing, recreational opportunities for adults, and social services for the financially disadvantaged were lowest rated.

City Services – The City services rated highest were garbage collection, recycling and street cleaning. Lowest rated were cable TV, code enforcement and services to youth. Citizen satisfaction rated high for fire protection, transportation and electric services. Communication, street maintenance and planning for growth and development were rated low. 67% thought the City was very or somewhat responsive to Community needs and issues.

City Government – 52% were neutral on the level of trust in City Government.

Working and Commuting – 47% employed outside of Canby. Almost 90% live more than 10 miles from work. 81% never ride the bus.

Respondent Characteristics - Most respondents were over 45. Almost 35% lived in Canby 20+ years.

Mr. Parker said that respondents generally think the City is doing a good job, but they have concerns about changing community character, schools, growth, and development of agricultural land, traffic, and crime.

Ms. Deas said they are doing focus groups to get information from groups that were not represented.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Kimberly Scheafer
City Recorder Pro Tem


Melody Thompson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Valerie Kraxberger