

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP WITH CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
November 3, 2005**

Presiding: Mayor Melody Thompson

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

Staff Present: Mark Adcock, City Administrator; John Williams, Community Development & Planning Director; Ken Pagano, Police Chief; Beth Saul, Library & Parks Director; Jorge Tro, Police Sergeant; Greg Larrison, School Resource Officer; and Kim Scheafer, City Recorder Pro Tem.

Others Present: Dick Adams, Canby School District Board Chair; Guy Gibson, Canby School District Board Member; Sandy Ricksgger, Canby School District Board Member; Andrew Rivinus, Canby School District Board Member; Marty McCullough, Canby School District Board Member; Dr. Deborah Sommer, Canby School District Superintendent; Lou Bailey, Principal Ackerman Middle School; Debbie Pearson, Facilities Project Manager; Pat Johnson, Principal Canby High School; Marilyn Wood, Principal Eccles Elementary School; Carol Meeuwsen, Canby School District Publications & Information; Joel Sebastian, Vice Principal Ackerman Middle School; Jane Eilert, Vice Principal Ackerman Middle School; Larry Kraxberger, Ackerman Campus Security Specialist; Susie Rutz, Ninety-One School Local School Committee Member; Erica Dalley, Ackerman Middle School Local School Committee Member; Ray Hughey; Rex Hagans, Carus School Local School Committee Member; Randy Brandt, Canby High School Local School Committee Member; Stephanie Land, Trost School Local School Committee Member; Donna Henden, Ninety-One School Local School Committee Member; Tom Feller, Trost School Local School Committee Member; and Jackie Jones, Ackerman Middle School Local School Committee Member.

Mayor Thompson called the workshop to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center OMNI Room at Canby High School.

City/School District Facilities – Mark Adcock, City Administrator, said that the City had done a Facilities Need Study for the Library, City Hall, and Police Department. It was determined in planning for the next 20-25 years the City had a space deficiency. The Council approved some short term solutions. The most pressing need was the Police Department. The City Council would be having a Town Hall meeting on November 16 and would be discussing this topic.

John Williams, Community Development & Planning Director, said that the next step of the plan was to redevelop the downtown block where City Hall and the Police Department were now. They welcomed conversations with the School District on housing their district facilities there as well. They would also include Canby Utility and

other community groups.

Dick Adams, Canby School District Board Chair, asked about the timeline. Mayor Thompson said it might occur quickly because they had the idea of working in a public/private setting. They had preliminary numbers, but if they thought the School District was interested, there would be more discussion. They were sensitive to using tax dollars wisely and would have an open public process.

Dr. Deborah Sommer, School Superintendent, said they were working with their boundary committee and were about to embark on the remodeling of Lee School. The District Office function was taking classroom space. Given the growth projections they thought it might pinch enrollment in the future and they needed a home. They thought about students building a facility, and they had the land, but not the funding. She thought it would be prudent to explore this option.

Guy Gibson, School Board Member, said the hard part was the unknown and the timeframe and money were an issue. There was curiosity but whether it was practical was something they needed to look at further.

Sandy Ricksgar, School Board Member, said they were open but not ready to commit. They would be foolish not to take a look and see what was available.

Andy DiTomo, School Board Member, said they would become contractual partners in the effort, and they needed to define the issues. Many tax dollars supported the School District, but not necessarily the City so there needed to be a separation there.

Councilor Carson said they needed a building and would need to do something as the current building was not adequate. If the School District was interested they could keep them in mind as they were putting things together.

Councilor Harris wondered if they could come up with a plan as to what the School District needs were so they could flesh out the idea more. Dr. Sommer said that she would talk with District Staff and talk with Mr. Adcock about bringing back a plan.

Dr. Sommer asked to keep Debbie Pearson in the loop.

Gang Enforcement City/School Issues – Police Chief Pagano said the gangs were nothing to take lightly and were dangerous.

Sergeant Jorge Tro talked about gang activity. They were very fortunate to have a School Resource Officer at the school. There were two big gangs that they dealt with. They had seen a rise in gang activity in September, but it had quieted down recently.

Officer Greg Larrison said the school had a policy of three strikes you're out. Mr. Larrison talked about the process of what they do with students involved in gang activities. They had their first tagging this year last week. They tracked and documented

gang members and there was sharing of information between agencies. There were about 75 active gang members in the community out of 1700 students. They had 28 students last year that had been given warnings or expulsions, and they had 12 so far this year. They were focusing on the younger kids and discussing the issues to head off the problem. They would never totally get rid of gangs, but were doing all they could.

A discussion took place regarding specifics of gang activity in the City.

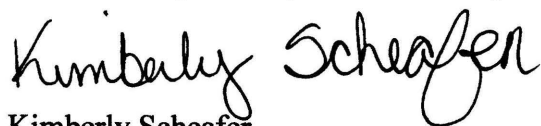
Berg Parkway Update – Mr. Williams said that there would be a neighborhood meeting on November 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Canby Adult Center to discuss the Berg Parkway project. There had been a lot of discussion for many years about this. This project was to create 1400 feet of new road from the end of 13th Avenue to Berg Parkway near Safeway. The purpose was to complete a community transportation connection. It was for resident and commuter traffic. Bike lanes would be put on 13th Avenue. There would be a reduction in parking in front of Ackerman on the south side. It was not going to be a truck bypass.

There was discussion about the loss of the parking spots and traffic impacts.

Baker Prairie Middle School Update – Debbie Pearson, Facilities Project Manager, gave an overview of the construction phases on Baker Prairie Middle School. The goal was to have it done by September 15 and open for the school year. There was discussion about the specifics of what was being done at the school.

Due to time constraints the topics of boundary update, partnership on publications, and future meeting date were not discussed.

The workshop was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer
City Recorder Pro Tem



Melody Thompson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood