

CANBY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION
JULY 15, 2002
CANBY ADULT CENTER

Present: Mayor Terry Prince, Council members Walt Daniels, Patrick Johnson, Randy Carson, and Teresa Blackwell, City Administrator Mark Adcock, Parks Director Beth Saul, Mark Triebwasser, Georgia Newton, Don Morgan, Rochelle Butcher, Christy Pruitt, and Rick Maier.

Mayor Prince called the session to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Council met in workshop session at the Canby Adult Center with the Blue Heron Recreation District, the Planning Commission, Canby Kids, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

AGENDA:

1. Introduction
2. Background/Review of last meeting, Mayor Prince
3. Report on grassroots meeting regarding park district, Christy Pruitt
4. Status report from BHRD Board
5. Status report regarding any proposed County park district or county wide funding for parks, Teresa Blackwell.
6. Discussion of additional funding options for parks and recreation in the Canby area
7. Next steps discussion.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss park and recreation funding for the Canby area and to brainstorm ways to achieve stable and equitable funding.

DISCUSSION:

1. Introductions of the group members.
2. Background: Last meeting it was decided to wait until after the election. Now have 5 years to provide for other parks needs. Cooperation between City/BHRD hopefully improving. Issues: Size of district, who owns assets, SDC's, etc. Timeline? Stakeholders - make sure everyone on board.
3. Christy Pruitt: Working on grassroots district formation/passage. Right now, contacting all stakeholders, doing education. Canby Rec Advocacy Committee - working outside of City or BHRD. Looking to find way to fund district on sound foundation with all on board. Read letter. August 1, 2002 informational meeting at Canby Adult Center. Want to develop e-mail network. Survey what is important to people here. Try to key into those priorities. Schraders helping. Looking for both good and bad to work out differences - 5 year plan. Timing important to work into levies over next five years.
Mark Adcock: Plan C on list? Yes.

Randy Carson: Need to go 2004 even though school going.

Christy: says this will be part of strategy sub-committee. Recreation, not just parks.

Walt Daniels: People want to know what they'll get.

4. BHRD Status Report: Bottom line is you need BHRD to pass. When Board met last time, they did not want to put on ballot. They don't think it will pass. People in County fight people in City - who can outvote whom?

Mayor: Not enough time to campaign last time.

Don Morgan: Don't need new bureaucracy to administer. You can't go over BHRD to form another district, must use BHRD. People outside the City will vote it down. Changing name will not help, people wise to it.

Christy: Says there is about same amount of people in and out. Pool and CAC are keeping stats on in and outs - and Canby Kids.

Pat Johnson: People in outlying areas need to see what they'll get. We need sign off of BHRD now if we are to go forward. Is there any scenario that would fly?

Don: No, they don't need it and don't want it. He has talked to City people, they don't want it either.

Pat: Can District be shrunk?

Don: Think we need to dissolve and reinstate.

5. Teresa Blackwell: Confirmed. Nothing is going on at County level either. Transportation fee and libraries beat out parks. North Clackamas District is in the hole - no way to divide money. In December, BHRD not willing to dissolve. Lack of clarity in last campaign.

Don: People want to know total plan of spending.

Rochelle Butcher: People don't like turning money over to City even for fiscal agent. Outlying areas may think money all goes to "ins". A metro councilor she talked to said county-wide park things aren't doing well at all.

Randy: Tualatin Hills works....Canby High School field maintenance.

Teresa: Parks are low man on totem pole right now.

Rochelle: People say we use services - we don't, but she will pay fees to use occasionally.

6. BHRD has no credibility. She suggests grants. Write grants to cover matching funds. It's just pie in the sky and we're not stupid.

Pat: Citizens in Canby are stupid cause we let "outs" use our pool....

Pat: What is your 5 yr plan - to make sure nothing happens?

Christy: Tom Keenan and Joe Driggers are on board.

Rochelle: No concrete ideas for me to support.

Christy: We have to involve everyone from beginning.

7. Mayor: We aren't here to formulate plan, but to see where to go.

Georgia Newton: Never understood BHRD, but she thinks Christy is totally on track to gather info and attitudes and then form plan.

Mayor: May not have been pushed enough. Same basic problem outs vs. ins.

Teresa: BHRD Board needs to get together and make a decision - needs to happen before we go on.

Mayor: BHRD doesn't need to endorse Christy but could benefit from her energy to see what people want.

Don: Says they would consider dissolving if there was a plan to replace it.

****Beth forward dissolution info to BHRD.**

Mark: You are elected officials, elected by citizens. Wouldn't Christy's research help you?

Randy: You need to know the negatives and positives and it takes research. If there are no takers, then fine.

Christy: We owe it to everyone in the community to find out what they want. Informational only right now?

Mayor: Would you be willing to continue to explore this?

Teresa: BHRD Board needs to meet and see how they feel about info campaign. Need two years to gather enough info.

Don: How can we reach whole district? Christy says they plan to do so.

Walt: You need to consider the whole district. People drive to programs in any part of the district.

Mayor: Would like to see BHRD get together and make some decisions - get back to us.

Mark Triebwasser: BHRD could ask Christy to work for them as volunteer or contractor instead of just grass roots.

NEXT MEETING: Within two months, perhaps September.

Mayor Prince adjourned the session at 8:10 p.m.