

Canby School District**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SPECIAL SESSION**

February 23, 2000

The Canby School District Board of Directors held a joint Special Session with the Canby City Council, Canby Planning Commission, Canby Utility Board and Blue Heron Recreation District at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at the Canby Adult Center.

<i>School Board Members Present:</i>	Charlie Stinson, Carol Beddow and Joe Driggers
<i>City Council Members Present:</i>	Scott Taylor, Roger Harris, Shirley Strong, Barry Lucas, Terry Prince, Randy Carson, Walter Daniels
<i>Planning Commission:</i>	Geof Manley, Terry Blackwell, Keith Stewart, Corey Parks, Paul Thalhofer
<i>School District Administrators:</i>	Deborah Sommer and Don Staehely
<i>Canby Utility Board:</i>	Ron Berg, John Lang, Dirk Borges, Bob Westcott
<i>Blue Heron Rec. Dist:</i>	Tom Keenan
<i>Others:</i>	Curtis and Lila Gottman, citizens; Mark Adcock, City of Canby; Jerry Pineau, City of Canby; David Howell, <i>Canby Herald</i> ; John Williams, City Planning; Beth Saul, City Recreation Dept., Dan Ewert, citizen

Mayor Scott Taylor called the meeting to order. He stated Urban Renewal and the upcoming school bond measure were on the agenda. Additional topics the group asked to cover were the new school building, parks and streets.

Mayor Taylor briefed the school district on Urban Renewal District. He then asked if others were interested in further exploration of a joint administration building. Joe Driggers stated that since the school district has already done some restructuring to obtain more space, the concept was further on the horizon conceptually than for the other agencies. However, many present felt that the joint facility should still be looked at in a broad range. Charlie Stinson also agreed that although the short-term problem of space was resolved, there was still a long-term need. Don Staehely, Barry Lucas, Roger Harris and Paul Thalhofer were asked to coordinate a meeting for further discussion.

In reference to a new school building, it was mentioned that there was money in the current bond for land, and that a subsequent bond would be considered in 4-5 years for funds to construct a middle school building. Don Staehely explained that a committee has been looking at 5-6 sites out of the city but inside the urban growth boundary. It was suggested that a planning commission member be on the school site committee.

Deborah Sommer explained the bond measure campaign was in full swing. School tours were being conducted, a speaker's bureau was up and running, DirectLink was helping with a video, there was a letter campaign, and Saturation Saturday was being held on February 26.

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Dr. Sommer also mentioned there were still overcrowding issues for next fall, and that the January 2000 updates on Barmack enrollment projections were congruent with the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee recommendation to build a new middle school and regain Lee. She stated boundary shifts, portables, and/or redistricting the entire district was still going to need to be considered.

When asked about magnet schools at Carus and Ninety-One, Dr. Sommer said that while it was very positive for schools, it would be looked at as a long-term goal since special staff was needed and the district was in a budget crunch. More planning and discussion will need to take place.

Mayor Taylor stated grant funding has been awarded to hold a Youth Summit, a joint effort between the school district and the city, on March 30. Robin Adcock explained the summit, in cooperation with BHRD, school district, city, and Todos Juntos, would assess resources in the community by Canby students, community members, parents, and business agencies.

Keith Stewart stated the two most important areas in our community were schools and parks. He felt open spaces/green spaces were not promoted actively enough. He asked the school district to keep parks and recreation in mind as they continue searching for another school location. Charlie Stinson commented that the district was aware of problems with parking, but that facilities were not designed for mega sporting events.

Mayor Taylor stated there was an opportunity to get out of Tri-Met and set up the community's own bus line. Terry Prince commented that our own bus system could complement the current school bus system and afterschool activities. Using grant money to purchase buses, the dollars saved from Tri-Met, approximately \$600,000, should be enough to fund the city's own system.

Barry Lucas stated the Planning Commission was in periodic review, and encouraged everyone to get involved if they wanted to see a change in the way business was done. Carol Beddow asked to review "Canby by Design" maps to compare projections then versus now.

There was a consensus of the group that these valuable meetings should continue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Carroll