

**Canby City Council Workshop
Canby City Council, Canby School Board, Blue Heron Recreation District,
Canby Utility Board, and Canby Planning Commission**

July 19, 1999

7:00 PM

Canby Adult Center

PRESENT: Mayor Scott Taylor, City Councilors Daniels, Lucas, and Carson, Superintendent Deborah Sommer, School Board members Donald Staehely, Rod Beck, and Guy Gibson, Planning Commissioners Terry Blackwell, Jean Tallman, Derek Bliss, Jim Brown, Keith Stewart, Geof Manly, and Craig Harper, Recreation Services Director Beth Saul, Blue Heron Recreation District Representatives Tom Keenan and Joe Driggers, Canby Utility Board member Ron Berg, City Administrator Mark Adcock, Planning Director Jason Kruckeberg, and Chuck Sandsness.

Mayor Scott Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Introductions were made all around, and ground rules were set.

Mayor Taylor introduced the first topic, School District growth and demographics. Members of the School Board and staff described the planning process which will recommend a new middle school. Schools are at capacity inside the city limits, but schools at Carus and 91 could still accommodate more students. Boundaries will have to be adjusted eventually— not a popular topic with parents.

Modular buildings are enabling the district to accommodate the extra students in town, but eventually a bond issue will have to go before voters to seek approval for the new school. The School Board and staff explained that it did not make economic sense to build a new school until enough students are available to go quite a ways toward filling it. Modular buildings are an interim step that is more affordable. Keith Stewart asked whether there is any data regarding the benefits and drawbacks of modular buildings to students. Superintendent Sommer will check into it. She was not aware of any studies indicating drawbacks or harm to students from the use of modular buildings. These buildings are probably needed until 2005 when a new bond issue could be passed to replace the expiring one.

ESL student populations are the fastest growing. Planning Commission members alerted the School District to the new Casa Verde development which will bring another eighty or so kids into town.

Planning Commission members described their need for more specific information from the School District when the comment forms on new developments go out. Superintendent Sommer and Jason Kruckeberg will get together to further refine the comments form so that the School District can more easily provide the kind of information needed by the Planning Commission. Planning Commissioners indicated that there has already been improvement in communication since the last Summit Meeting. There was also a suggestion that Planning staff reports or other pertinent information should routinely be sent to the Superintendent's office. Deborah Sommer

and Administrator Mark Adcock will coordinate this.

Joint City/School purchase of land/buildings for joint purposes: Joe Driggers spoke in favor of this concept, and the Mayor also pointed out that quite a bit of discussion has happened. Jim Brown of the Planning Commission expressed his belief that a downtown facility would be ideal, especially in terms of downtown redevelopment. Councilor Daniels reminded the group that some study of the shared facility concept has already happened. Chief Giger was on that study group. The study group should perhaps be revitalized.

The Utility Board representative reported that the restructuring bill has passed at the legislature for competition in the electric utility business. He said it won't affect Canby that much. He also reported that the Molalla River will eventually "run out" of water for public use and the Willamette will have to be used. Some steelhead runs on the Molalla may have an impact. He was asked about master planning by the Planning Commission. The Utility Board has several master plans, as does the City, the School District, and the Recreation District. It was suggested that master plans of all types be made available to all of the other entities for better coordination. Commissioner Brown also mentioned "macro goals" set by the community as a tool to manage growth.

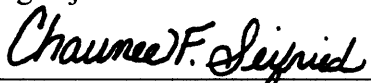
Urban Renewal was discussed. It was explained that there was minimal impact on the School District. Also, the Urban Renewal Plan includes a public improvement project that could be a "public services building", a shared use facility for two or more entities such as the City and the School District.

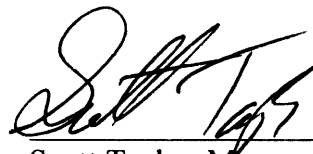
Joe Driggers reported on an offer of land donation from Bob Traverso for the Blue Heron Recreation District. The land would include more of the Logging Road trail and many acres of land around the old swimming hole at the Molalla River near Elisha Road. The donation will probably be contingent on BHRD getting a tax base passed by the voters for development and maintenance of the property. BHRD will try in November of 2000 to get a tax base.

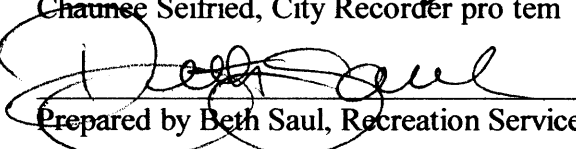
Walt Daniels reported on the option approved by the legislature for Canby to remove itself from the Tri-Met District and form its own transit district.

The participants agreed that the Summit Meeting had been informative and it was decided to meet again in October 1999.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.


Chauncey Seifried, City Recorder pro tem


Scott Taylor, Mayor


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