

CANBY CITY COUNCIL, PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, AND
BLUE HERON RECREATION DISTRICT JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION
AUGUST 20, 1998

PRESENT: Mayor Scott Taylor; Ray Bartlett, Financial Analyst; Mike Swanson, Consultant; Councilors Lucas, Strong, Daniels, Nolder, and Harris (briefly); Brooke Cates, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Blue Heron Recreation District (BHRD) Board; Pat Ewert, BHRD; Tom Keenan, BHRD; Randy Carson, Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Carol Meeuwsen; and Beth Saul.

Mayor Taylor called the workshop to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

The purpose of the workshop was to hear from the park and recreation group regarding how a partnership might be struck between the City and the Blue Heron Recreation District (BHRD) in order to realize the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Mike Swanson began by describing a proposed caption, question and summary for a ballot measure that BHRD could put on the November ballot. He also explained the draft intergovernmental agreement that could spell out the partnership between the City and the BHRD. Discussion followed. Councilor Strong noted that the language in the "Question" might lead people to believe that the vote was for a one-year period. Changing the word "effective" to "beginning" would solve that problem. Mayor Taylor asked whether the City could be reimbursed for financial services it would provide to BHRD. Slight changes in the wording of the Agreement would make that possible if needed. Mayor Taylor also initiated a discussion of the City's commitment to maintenance which led to a discussion of commitments on both parties' sides. Councilor Nolder noted that paragraph 1 of the Agreement under "Recitals" spells out commitment on the part of both entities to achieve the joint implementation of the Park and Recreation Master Plan. Carol Meeuwsen also explained the thinking of the park committees that there would be three benefits to the Canby community if this partnership results in a permanent tax rate for BHRD: (1) the proposed regional park and the rest of the Park Master Plan will be built in a reasonable time frame for all to enjoy; (2) funding for the non-profit program providers will be stabilized for the future; and (3) it will be possible to provide for maintenance and improvements of the existing City parks.

Mr. Bartlett briefly explained the financial side of the picture and answered questions.

Councilor Lucas then explained that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and BHRD Board would like to know if the Council will support taking the plan to the voters. The Mayor and all four Councilors present indicated support for the plan and the tax measure. At this point (about

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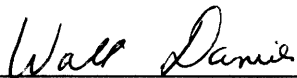
7:45 PM) Councilor Harris dropped in to say that he also supports the plan.

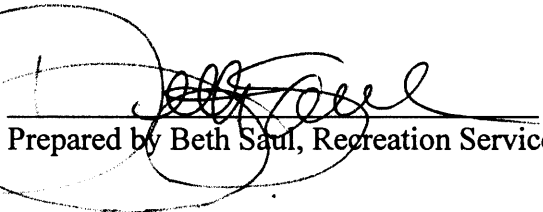
The Mayor then indicated that the Council can put a resolution in support of the BHRD permanent rate levy on the September 2nd agenda. This met with support.

Tom Keenan thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the BHRD for their support not only tonight, but also earlier this year in funding the planning for the proposed regional park. Mayor Taylor in turn thanked the BHRD and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for their untiring efforts on this issue and on behalf of parks and recreation for the Canby community.

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



Michael J. Jordan, City Recorder pro tem

Walt Daniels, Council President

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