

City of Canby Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Meetings ...  
September 17, 2019

In attendance: Board Members Jim Davis, Barry Johnson, Ryan Oliver, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Scott Sasse, Mark Triebwasser. City Representatives Brian Hodson, Eric Laitinen, Ryan Potter

Jeff Carr was not at the meeting so there were no minutes of the July meeting, we will approved at the October meeting.

It was agreed that a thank you from the board should be sent to David Biskar on his retirement after 30 years.

More detailed renderings of the 3 options for the splash pad were distributed.

The Ackerman project is still on the school board radar. The Mayor Hodson met with the Mayor of Sherwood to discuss their use of the YMCA managing the Sherwood Community Center. The YMCA would be interested in the Canby Ackerman project if it was to move forward. The School Board is now exploring turning the Ackerman buildings into a trade school. CAPRD needs to be brought into the discussion, they have a permanent tax base but shrinking the tax base to less than the school district would improve the possibility of passage. This could help with the management of an Ackerman project with yearly operational expenses of 300k to 400k. Still would require a bond for an estimated 14-million-dollar construction cost.

This led to discussion of recreation services in the city. The school district controls much of these services by owning the property of the swim center and adult center and these are on yearly leases. The yearly lease prevents making improvements. Noted that the adult center is a capacity and could use more space. We need the school board to give long term lease to allow development or expansion. If Ackerman can't proceed then need to investigate use of Willamette Wayside for development. Finally, if CAPRP shrinks district and is able to pass a tax base what development would be possible.

It was proposed by Davis that the city investigate a long-term lease and/or purchase of the Ackerman buildings and fields. Passed 6-0.

We would like the City to give us an update on what has been accomplished with the park maintenance fee and what remains to be completed.

Finally the Bike and Ped committee is interested in extending the Logging Road Trail at lease through the Traverso Property. We need to determine where this fits on our list of priorities. Future discussions should include Bike and Ped Committee include the County and City of Molalla.