

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 3, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Mayor and City Councilors attended the meeting virtually. The public was asked to view the meeting live on CTV Channel 5 or on YouTube. Seating was available in the Council Chambers in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding social distancing.

PRESIDING: Mayor Brian Hodson.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Trygve Berge, Tim Dale, Traci Hensley, Greg Parker, Sarah Spoon, and Shawn Varwig.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Zeiber, Interim City Administrator; Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney; Melissa Bisset, City Recorder; Sandy Freund, Planning Director; Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director, and Carol Palmer; Vice Chair of the Heritage and Landmark Committee attended virtually.

OTHERS PRESENT: Consultant Katie Pratt of Northwest Vernacular attended virtually.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hodson called the Work Session to order at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Katie Pratt, consultant with of Northwest Vernacular presented the Historic Preservation Plan. The project was funded with a grant from the Kinsman Foundation with assistance of a matching grant-in-aid from the Oregon State Historic Preservation office, the Historic Preservation Fund, National Park Service and Department of the Interior.

The Request for Proposals for the Plan explained that the plan should identify strategies to:

- Promote preservation as a tool for revitalizing Canby's unique neighborhoods and historic commercial areas;
- Engage the community in historic preservation efforts;
- Enhance local tourism and cultural activities;
- Prepare Canby for National Heritage Area status and the National Park Service's requirements for National Heritage Area Management Plans;
- Provide appropriate guidance to elected and appointed officials when making development decisions that could affect the character of the community; and
- Strengthen the City's existing historic preservation program.

She reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan process which included:

- Background review of preservation ordinance, related ordinances, and past preservation efforts;
- Community survey and stakeholder interviews;
- Context overview; and
- Development of goals, policies, and proposals.

A community survey was conducted and there were 168 responses and there was a 95% confidence level with 8% margin of error for the survey results.

The vision statement of the Plan was: A vibrant Canby that knows, preserves, and shares its heritage for the good of the community and its future. The mission statement of the Plan was: Support and develop an inclusive understanding of Canby's place within traditional Tribal lands and the many histories that shaped the community's unique heritage to foster a collective approach.

The goals and corresponding policies were reviewed:

Goal 1: Preserve and strengthen Canby's identity.

Policy 1.A. Prioritize the preservation of agricultural lands within and around the city.

Policy 1.B. Identify, evaluate, educate, and nominate historic properties.

Policy 1.C. Update the comprehensive plan to reflect community vision for historic preservation.

Policy 1.D. Support the retention of historic buildings through compatible uses.

Goal 2: Utilize Historic Preservation to inform City decision making.

Policy 2.A. Connect the Heritage and Landmarks Committee with all city departments and commissions, as well as city council.

Policy 2.B. Recognize May as Historic Preservation Month.

Policy 2.C. Integrate sustainability measures with historic preservation.

Policy 2.D. Ensure new construction and development reinforces the historic character of the city.

Goal 3: Foster Public Understanding of Historic Preservation's Community Benefit.

Policy 3.A. Promote broad understanding of historic preservation and its benefits.

Policy 3.B. Support interpretive efforts.

Policy 3.C. Foster relationships within and outside the city with heritage-related and civic oriented organizations.

Policy 3.D. Encourage integration of historic preservation in school curriculum.

Ms. Pratt stated that they conducted a review of the Willamette Falls and Landings National Heritage Area. She felt that the City was in a great position to support interpretation of and

public education of the significance of the proposed heritage area because of the natural, cultural and educational resources.

The next steps would be the adoption of the preservation plan at a future City Council meeting. She also asked that the Council consider the overarching themes:

- Incorporate preservation throughout city policies.
- Establish a vision for future Canby.
- Understand role agricultural heritage holds in Canby's future.
- Determine appropriate density for Canby.

Councilor Parker asked that the Planning Director conduct a technical review of the Plan. He noted that he was on the Fair Board and there were historic buildings on the Fairgrounds and it would be helpful for someone to keep track of what they were doing. He thought that it would be fun to have a heritage area at the fairgrounds. He stated the waterway had been occupied for 1,000 and questioned the history near the Willamette River.

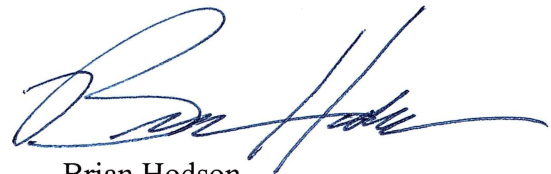
Mayor Hodson felt there were a lot of actionable items to be integrated.

Planning Director Freund thanked Ms. Palmer and Ms. Pratt for their good work. She stated she would make sure that they integrated whatever policies they could into the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Melissa Bisset, CMC
City Recorder



Brian Hodson
Mayor

