

Canby Kids Special Meeting
March 23, 2011

The meeting started about 6:30 at Godfather's Pizza meeting room. This special meeting was called for Canby Area Parks & Recreation District (CAPRD) who requested to give a presentation regarding the tax measure 3-374 that will be on the Clackamas County May 17th ballot.

In Attendance:

President: Shantel Harney

Baseball: Ryan Oliver

Sec Treas: Vicki Pounds

Soccer: JD Elder

Turf Coordinator: Tom Zauner

There was not a quorum.

Special guests were: Debbie Pearson and Janie Malloy from the CAPRD board and John Haring, president of the Gator Swim Club.

CAPRD gave their presentation. CAPRD is a district with publically elected board members. They used to be called the Blue Heron District. The district encompasses the Canby School district, excepting the Charbonneau area (as they are part of Wilsonville's parks).

CAPRD has put a tax measure on the May 17th ballot to secure permanent funding for their district at 42 cents per thousand on property assessed value. It has been placed on the May ballot so if it fails, people interested in funding the pool can put another levy to the voters before the levy ends in 2012. The proposed mill rate for the entire district will be the same as what Canby property tax payers pay currently with the pool levy. If the CAPRD tax measure passes, they project that they will have revenues of \$840,000, 50% of that revenue will to the Canby Swim Center facility owned by the city (the same amount they currently receive with the levy) and the swim center will be permanently funded by the district taxpayers. The remaining funds will be divided up accordingly: 10% legal, insurance and contingency, 10% programming and 30% future development. There is no plan to have paid staff to handle the work for CAPRD.

With the Programming portion, Canby Kids could have access to funds by way of the grant process. Using their current funding breakdown, there is expected to be \$80,000 available to distribute grants to selected stakeholders. How that would be distributed is unknown by the CAPRD board members present at the meeting;

they stated that if the measure passes, they will meet with all the stakeholders and decide what to do. The funding of the Canby Kids office was of concern; the running of the admin office costs about \$25-28,000 a year and currently the admin is funded by way of a player fee of \$18 per player registration. Several months ago, CAPRD had inquired about helping with field maintenance when putting together the tax measure. The cost of maintaining fields averages \$45,000 a year. The members from CAPRD present at the meeting would not commit to financially support our office (as they have with the pool) or field maintenance if the tax measure passes and Canby Kids would have to request for grant funds annually.

The Future Development portion could go to project such as field development, parks improvement, horse trails and other projects. Allowing funds to be held in reserve, they could provide matching funds for larger grants to develop fields, something the Canby Kids sports, as well as other organizations could make use of. The Trost project of developing the property at Trost School to hold 6 soccer /athletic fields could ask for funds from the Future Development portion.

There were some concerns expressed about the funding breakdown presentation. The breakdown seemed a bit vague and that could be an issue for voters as they decide this measure. It was suggested that a listing of cost items such as insurance, legal costs and the oversight agency should be ascertained and available to interested voters. At present, the CAPRD board does not know what those costs will be.

Debbie Pearson had to leave at 7:30 but asked Canby Kids to support this tax measure. She suggested that writing a letter to the editor in support to the measure would be one way that could help.

Meeting ended about 7.45 pm

Respectfully submitted
Vicki Pounds, secretary