

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION**  
Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Mike Morgan; Council President Sam Steidel; Councilors Nancy Giasson, Melissa Cadwallader and Wendy Higgins

Excused: None

Staff: City Manager Rich Mays, City Planner Rainmar Bartl and Administrative Assistant Stephanie McGuire

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morgan called the work session to order at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**(1) 2010 Sculpture Without Walls (SWW) Program**

Mays summarized his staff report and reviewed the history and development of the program. Mays noted that several members of the Committee, Robin Risley, Tracy Abel, and Hank Johnson, were present. Mays announced that three locations would be utilized in 2010, and one location would be developed in 2011 with a site-specific sculpture designed for the specific location.

Higgins asked for clarification on the 2011 site. Mays stated that the type of art chosen and the location for the site-specific piece will be determined when the program for 2011 is developed. Higgins asked why the existing program would be changed. Mays responded that the changes to the program are due to budget and lack of suitable locations. The jurors would select the commissioned piece for the site-specific location. In response to questions by Giasson, Mays said that the cost would likely go down and reiterated that the details of the 2011 program are in the conceptual phase. Johnson and Abel stated that the Committee thought that a site-specific commissioning would provide a wider variety of art media for the public art submittals. Steidel stated that he appreciated the site-specific aspect of the 2011 program and urged that the jurors be selected from the community for 2011. Steidel stated that if public voting is eliminated from the program, jurors from the community should be chosen to select the art. Morgan spoke about the importance of the durability of the art, and discussed various pieces of public art that are located throughout the community, indoors and outdoors. Giasson commented on the criteria and how it related to the locations of the public art. Mays responded that the jurors are taken to each of the sites prior to their selection.

**(2) Cannon Beach City Hall Tsunami Evacuation Building (TEB) Update by Jay Raskin**

Mayor Morgan asked Jay Raskin, Ecola Architects, to discuss the TEB concept. Raskin reported on the TEB workshop that was held in September, and the participants and representatives that attended. Raskin outlined various possible funding mechanisms, including grants, possible FEMA funds, and congressional earmarks. Simulations of wave activity with structural barriers are being modeled in Corvallis to provide additional data for the design. Raskin reviewed the preliminary schedule that has been developed, and noted that the time is approaching for the City to determine whether or not it will proceed with an RFQ for the design development. Raskin urged the Council to consider the incorporation of sustainable construction elements. Higgins asked if relocating City Hall had been considered. Raskin stated that part of the TEB concept is using the TEB facility as a "higher ground" evacuation center for citizens in the area during a near shore tsunami event. Higgins asked if funds have ever been set aside on an annual basis for the eventual replacement of City Hall. Mays stated that the

budgeted funds are for repairs and maintenance; there are no set-asides for replacement. Giasson suggested the compilation of the data that has been gathered thus far, i.e. structural engineering report on retro-fitting the building, relocation of the facility, and the TEB proposal, in order to have a more complete package of information. Steidel stated that good geological analysis and survey reports would be steps that the City could undertake now in efforts to begin the evaluation process. Morgan said that he thought that securing funding was a primary issue. Higgins reminded the Council of the two recent bonds that have been passed in the community and of the probable school district bond issue that will be forthcoming. Steidel suggested that any speakers and modeling data that could be presented to the community would be helpful in the education process.

Morgan asked if the congressional delegation should be asked to pursue a facility design earmark at the federal level. Raskin thought that the City would need to budget money for architectural and engineering design, and said that state and federal officials informed him that a 50-50 split, with the City funding fifty percent of the project would be required. Steidel thought that a public hearing or meeting to find out if there is community support would be appropriate. Higgins listed the unknown variables pertaining to the project and urged caution.

It was the consensus of the Council to have a town meeting on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, to present information on the TEB concept to the community. Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> was selected as an alternate date.

### **(3) Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Stewardship Plan**

Bartl summarized his staff report. He reviewed the overall goals of the *Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Stewardship Plan* and the history of its development. He reviewed the implementation timeline in the Stewardship Plan and summarized the completed activities to date. Bartl stated that the Council has publicly stated that the same goals in the Stewardship Plan will be used as the basis for developing the management plan for the Ecola Tract.

Bartl noted that Nancy Giasson, the Council representative on the Forest Liaison Committee, asked that there also be a brief review of forest land management issues in the Ecola Creek watershed that previous liaison committees had discussed. Bartl stated that two of the City's primary areas of concern were preserving wider riparian buffers and avoiding the application of herbicides. Minimizing the visual impacts of clear-cuts has also been an area of concern, though not recently. Giasson reported that the next liaison committee meeting is on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Morgan stated that he would like to see more attention placed on the watershed impacts of timber harvesting operations.

Jerome Arnold stated that a portion of the power line access road repair, which was referred to under implementation tasks completed in the Forest Reserve, has continued to fail. Bartl stated he will investigate the matter.

With regard to the Ecola Tract, there was a general discussion of the use of old logging roads to provide future trail locations. Giasson asked if a road map for the area exists. Bartl stated he will make one available to Giasson.

### **(4) 1st Quarter Financial Report for FY 2010**

Mays reported that the lodging tax returns have been received for the first fiscal quarter and are flat compared with last year. Expenses are on target, and most revenue is on target with the exception of interest revenue, which is lower than budgeted. Giasson asked for a report on the expenditures to date for unbudgeted items, i.e. ODOT hydrology report, NOHA, and herbicide spraying. It was her understanding that these items would be paid for using the lower priority East Second Street project budget line item. Giasson also suggested that City committees and the business community be asked to provide their input and goals for the Council prior to the Council retreat. Discussion ensued pertaining to the Council retreat activities and possible discussion subjects for the retreat. It was the consensus of the Council that the City Manager initiate correspondence with the community to obtain their written input for Council goal setting.

**(5) Literary Event**

Morgan apologized for the item on the agenda and stated that there was no report.

**(6) Good of the Order / Public Comment**

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Stephanie McGuire, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

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Mike Morgan, Mayor