

**Ashland City Council, Ashland School Board, and Ashland Parks Commission
Joint Meeting
Draft Minutes
March 16, 2006, 7:00 pm
Civic Center Council Chambers, 1175 East Main Street**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Morrison at 7:03 pm on March 16, 2006 in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 1175 East Main Street Ashland, Oregon.

Attendees:

Mayor Morrison, City Councilors Amarotico, Hardesty, Hartzell, and Silbiger were present. Councilors Chapman and Jackson were absent.

School Board Members Amerhein, Alexander, Marr, Parker, and Patton were present.

Parks Commissioners Amarotico, Eggers, Gardiner, Lewis and Rosenthal were present.

Staff:

Lee Tuneberg, Administrative Services Director
Don Robertson, Parks Director

INTRODUCTION AND AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Morrison gave an overview of the purpose for calling the three bodies together. He invited the members of the three groups to introduce themselves.

It was confirmed that the last meeting with minutes was in November of 2005. Council member Hartzell requested that we dig up the minutes from last meeting and have them mailed to all for approval at next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alice Hardesty- 575 Dogwood Way Read a brief article about the cost of housing affecting the school enrollment. Also made a statement about the need for Workforce housing to not only draw young families, but also to aid teachers in living here in Ashland. She stated that we do have land surrounding schools, and that there are parks lands not being used effectively, which could be used for housing.

Melissa Mitchell Hooge- 271 High Street. Represents Save our Schools and Playgrounds. Read a statement about the continuing efforts towards a combined maintenance of Briscoe and Lincoln schools between Parks and Recreations and the



School Board. She requested that instead of waiting for the outcome of the Youth activities levy, we come up with alternatives. The goal is that the playgrounds remain as parks land, and that they be well cared for. She invited the group to the Community cleanup crew on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. She also invited everyone to a forum on workforce housing that SOS is co-hosting with the Housing Commission on May 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ashland High School library. She also concurred with Alice Hardesty's earlier statements.

IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS REGARDING EUGUENE ACTIVITIES LEVY TAX COURT RULING

Mike Franell, City Attorney, gave an update on the tax court ruling, and how the decision might affect the Ashland levies. The tax court ruled unconstitutional an Oregon statute which tried to define where monies collected for taxes would be allocated as far as the education levy and the general education levy. He stated we don't have to rush to do anything this year, we have the time to look at alternatives and to give good education to the voters. The Eugene decision is probably going to be appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, which will take time. Also, there are differences between the Ashland Levy and the Eugene Levy, and those differences will likely be in our favor. Mr. Franell reminded us that there are many options we can look at, even with this decision, which would help us. All the potential options will require cooperation between all three entities.

The members discussed how long it might take for this decision to be appealed and/or ruled upon. Also, discussed how the differences in the percent that we use versus Eugene might aid us in not losing more funding. The members thanked Mr. Franell for keeping on top of this, and asked that he continue his efforts as well as continue to keep all three groups informed.

REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLAYING FIELDS/PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

Don Robertson gave a report on the last subcommittee meeting on February 22, 2006. They came up with three options. He gave a brief outline of these options.

The members discussed the differences between the options, and whether or not they are effective, or need to be expanded upon. The group was reminded that these options are really just to be used as a framework for discussions within each of the individual groups.

The members discussed how to balance what level of maintenance might be provided and the benefits to the community, with the potential maintenance costs. It was decided



that this would go back to each group for further discussion. Each group would give directions to the subcommittee who would then meet again for deliberation. The subcommittee would then present their decision for discussion at the next joint meeting.

UPCOMING BOND AND OTHER SPECIAL TAX AND FINANCING MECHANISMS

The members discussed that the only bond the City is currently working on is one for a Fire station, in the range of \$4 to 4.5 million.

The members discussed the upcoming school bond, and the three options they had come up with. Option one will address essential health and safety issues in the range of \$28 to 30 million, equal to the tax rate of the old bond which is expiring at the same time as this one would come up. Second option is to replace one of their older schools, Bellevue Elementary, with a new energy efficient school and one phase of replacement of some of the older parts of the high school as well as core facilities advancements and health and safety improvements at the other schools. It would be a 10 year bond in the range of approximately \$55 million. The third option would replace two complete elementary schools with new energy efficient schools, and replacing the high school, with the exception of the theater. It would be a 20 year bond in the range of approximately \$90 million. For some of the schools cost of renovation is nearly equal to cost of new construction. There will be an open house on April 8 for the community to give feedback on the school's bonds.

The members discussed ways to make sure that we prioritize funding necessities, so that all the groups are not hitting the tax payers with bonds at the same times. The members would like to see the directors of each group converse on this topic, so that we can see if there are any potential conflicts. The members would like to have the speaker from the County, who had to cancel last meeting, come and talk at the next joint meeting.

WORKFORCE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councilor Hartzell, Housing Commissioner Alice Hardesty and Mayor Morrison gave a re-cap of the Regional Housing Workshop. The thing that was most commonly discovered at the workshop is that this is not just a local problem. Workforce/affordable housing is becoming a national issue. Additionally, there are many options and strategies that we either haven't previously been made aware of, or are relatively new. They recognized it is important that we become more pro-active in order to work on this issue, we can't leave this issue up to the private businesses or financial organizations in order to solve the problem.



The members discussed how the Housing Commission and the City is already proceeding, and how they can bring the parks and school board in to their projects. The Members also discussed some of the options for funding, local business training, Fannie Mae assistance, etc. The members recognized that this is not an issue which will have a "quick fix", it will take long, slow work to accomplish.

The next meeting will be May 25, 2005.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Finance Issues, with Speaker from the County
- Maintenance Agreement
- Presentation of Alternative Transportation Sub-Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Diana R. Shiplet
Executive Secretary
City of Ashland
Administration Department



Option Apple

Trade maintenance of all parks for ownership of two school grounds.

Determine fair market value for designated areas at Lincoln and Briscoe.

Determine the cost of maintenance of all the school grounds.

Enter into an agreement for maintaining all grounds until the costs of Briscoe and Lincoln are paid off. City would continue ownership of Briscoe and Lincoln grounds and they would function as neighborhood parks.

In the event the schools would need to be reopened, Briscoe and Lincoln properties would serve as the playgrounds for the schools, but ownership would still be with the city.

Option Banana

Designate Briscoe and Lincoln as neighborhood parks and do a lot-line adjustment and transfer the property to the city.

Parks maintains them as parks in exchange for maintaining the remainder of the grounds around the two schools for as long as the schools continue to own the balance of the grounds and buildings.

Schools could reopen and the parks would function as the playgrounds, with the city retaining ownership.

Schools could sell the buildings and balance of property at their discretion and Parks would continue to maintain the grounds the city owns as parks, but no longer would perform the rest of the maintenance.

Option Cantaloupe

Schools could place a deed restriction on portions of Briscoe and Lincoln grounds to serve as neighborhood elements.

Schools would maintain ownership or transfer ownership to city.

Parks would maintain the properties as parks on a time and material basis for each month billed.

Ashland school district landscape maintenance

Bellview campus	cost	14730.00
Helman campus	cost	14730.00
Walker campus	cost	14730.00
Willow Wind	cost	7348.00
Ashland Middle School	cost	23703.00
Ashland High School	cost	44820.00
Playground inspections 4 sites	cost	6113.00
TOTAL COST		126174.00

Irrigation repair will be charged at time and material

Playground repair will be charged at time and material

Grade School Campuses

Turf	50 mowings 35 trim mowings 1 overseed 1 aerate 2 fertilizations	cost	6570.00
Landscape areas	Trimming weed control, cleanup	cost	6760.00
Irrigation	inspections and adjust	cost	1100.00
Spraying	labor and material	cost	300.00
TOTAL COST EACH CAMPUS			14730.00

All sites irrigation repairs will be billed additionally at time and material.

Playground inspections and small repairs 4 sites	cost	6113.00
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Ashland Middle School

Turf	50 mowings 35 trim mowings 2 aerations 3 fertilizations 1 overseed		
		Cost	11218.00
Landscape areas			
	Trimming weed control, cleanup	cost	9360.00
Irrigation inspection and adjust		cost	2700.00
Spraying	labor and material	cost	425.00
		TOTAL COST	23703.00

Willow Wind

Turf	35 mowings	cost	1628.00
Landscape areas			
	Trimming cleanup	cost	5720.00
		TOTAL COST	7348.00

Ashland High School

Baseball field

Turf	50 mowing 2- aerations 1- overseed 3- fertilizations 35- trim mowings	cost	5785.00
Landscape areas	Weeding and control	cost	1352.00
	Irrigation inspection and adjust	cost	1080.00
Spraying	labor and material	cost	300.00
		Total cost	8517.00

Football and practice football fields

Turf	60 mowings 3 aerations 4 fertilizations 2 overseeds 35 trim mowings	Cost	10925.00
Landscape areas	Weeding and control	cost	2080.00
	Irrigation inspection and adjust	cost	1620.00
Spraying	labor and material	cost	300.00
		Total cost	14925.00

Campus and admin area

Turf	35 mowings 1-fertilization	cost	1727.00
Landscape areas	Trimming weed control, cleanup	cost	9360.00

Irrigation inspection and adjust	cost	1080.00
Spraying labor and materials	cost	300.00
	Total cost	12467.00
TOTAL COST		35909.00
Painting fields		
Game football field 9 times labor and material	cost	4555.00
Practice football field 9 times	cost	2412.00
Soccer 2 fields 9 times	cost	1944.00
	Cost	8911.00
TOTAL COST LANDSCAPE AND FIELDS		44820.00