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Hello Tracy!

Per our previous discussions with Commissioner Martha Schrader, the Canby Area Parks and Recreation District (CAPRD) intends to vote on a resolution to reduce the size of the district from the current Canby School District boundaries to the City of Canby plus Urban Growth Boundary.

This action will be formalized with the new CAPRD Board on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

We intend to forward the resolution to the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners immediately thereafter.

Attached, please find the following exhibits:

- CAPRD Fact Sheet (including information on new Board members)
- Draft letter and resolution by CAPRD to reduce the size of the District
- Existing and Proposed CAPRD Boundary Map

We are in the process of gathering Letters of Support from the following entities:

- City of Canby City Council (Martha Schrader, Scott Archer and Brian Hodson met and discussed this on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>)
- City of Canby Chamber of Commerce
- Canby School District
- Canby Kids
- Canby Parks Volunteer Board

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information prior to the County Commission work session on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

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## CANBY AREA PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT (CAPRD)

### **About Us**

CAPRD is a special park and recreation service district whose objective is to be funded primarily by property taxes and program fees.

It's current service area spans roughly the same area as the Canby School District boundary.

The current Board's intent is to reduce the current CAPRD boundary to City of Canby City Limits (a combination of voting districts 122, 124 and 125) in addition to the undesignated properties adjacent to and within the Urban Growth boundary.

### **Mission Statement**

CAPRD is a special park and recreation service district created to provide high-quality park and recreation facilities, programs and services that support the goal to build a community connected to nature, active lifestyles and one another while strengthening community and enriching lifestyles.

### **Board of Directors**

Don Morgan (Chair) Position 5

Shantel Harney – Position 1

Andrew Hale – Position 2

Dick Dowdy – Position 3

Ryan Nelson – Position 4

Debbie Pearson (emeritus member)

### **History**

In 1964, a group of citizens spearheaded a campaign to create South Clackamas County Recreation District (SCRD). Their goal was to build a swimming pool at Wait Park, which at that time was a partially-open block containing the band hall and ball fields.

At the time, the voters did not approve a corresponding tax base for the District. Because of that, the District is currently unfunded.

The group fronted two levies in the 1960's: both were defeated. The group went on to form a non-profit group, got a federal loan, and signed a 99-year lease with the elementary school district to build a swimming pool (back when the elementary and high school districts were separate).

The pool opened in 1970 on elementary property near Lee and Ackerman schools. After five years, the non-profit group was able to pay the interest, but never any principle on the loan. Realizing the community value of having a swimming pool, the city passed a \$150,000 levy to buy the pool from the non-profit group and also buy land for Maple Street Park. The funding package included a \$29,000 matching grant.

The Board of Directors has subsequently presented other proposals for a tax base to the voters which has yet to be approved.

Over the past four decades the name of the South Clackamas Recreation District was changed to the Blue Heron Recreation District (BHRD), and in November 2006 changed to the current Canby Area Parks and Recreation District (CAPRD). The Board of Directors at that time felt that the current name more aptly describes where the District is located, and what services they wanted to provide. ■