

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION**  
Thursday, February 4, 2010  
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, Public Works Director Mark See and Administrative Assistant Brandy Brien

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morgan called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**(1) Community Gardens - Siting**

Morgan introduced the item and noted that \$15,000 has been budgeted for the construction a community garden. He stated that City staff and supporters of the community garden have examined both the “East Site” (former Sports Park site) and the “West Site” (ODOT site) as to their feasibility for a community garden.

Mays reviewed his staff report and compared the two sites. Council, City staff and members of the audience discussed and reviewed the pros and cons of the two potential sites.

Mary Peterson, 4672 Logan Lane, Cannon Beach, stated that she supports community gardens. However, in her opinion, the “West Site” would create a safety hazard, due to the configuration of the intersection of S. Hemlock and US Highway 101. She expressed a concern about the proposed on street parking and its adequacy and safety. She also stated that there could be a safety hazard with the “East Site” as southbound vehicles would have to cross the northbound travel lane of US Highway 101.

Supporters of a community garden reviewed the many months of effort in identifying an appropriate site and why the “West Site” was selected. They stated that although it has limitations, the City should proceed with this site.

Mark and Kristin Albrecht, Cannon Beach, concurred with Peterson’s safety concerns at both sites and with the character of the “East Site”. Mark Albrecht noted that, at one time, a portion of the City RV Park was considered and maybe the site’s viability needs to be reassessed. Mays reviewed the reasons why this site was found to be inappropriate. It was also mentioned that as an alternative, perhaps the focus needs to be on having small gardens in conjunction with private residences.

Marty Schwab-Harris, 4015 Ocean, Cannon Beach, concurred with statements made by Peterson and noted that it is unlikely that people will use the shuttle to get to the garden site.

Bartl stated that a community garden requires a conditional use permit. He stated that it was his opinion that it may be difficult to make findings that the “West Site” site can make adequate provision for parking in a safe manner.

Following a lengthy discussion, Council consensus was that neither site was appropriate. Staff will continue to evaluate potential sites and/or evaluate proceeding with the concept of smaller dispersed gardens on private property.

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Brandy Brien, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

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Mike Morgan, Mayor