

Minutes of the  
**CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Barb Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Gary Hayes and Lisa Kerr

Excused:

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, Administrative Assistant Tessa Schutt, Community Development Director Steve Sokolowski and Planner Robert St. Clair

Other: Special Counsel Bill Kabeiseman and CIDA representative Dustin Johnson on Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda; Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: Hayes, McCarthy, Ogilvie, Kerr and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Knop reminded the body that public comment could only pertain to matters unrelated to the evening's action item. She also reminded the body to be kind and respectful and limit speaking time to three minutes.

Michael Skehan, P.O. Box 1040: Skehan said wanted to speak to action item #2 on the agenda. He said he had only lived in Cannon Beach and so was still trying to catch up. He said he was opposed to the school renovation project as currently outlined for three reasons considering its cost. Skehan said that financial resources are limited in Cannon Beach, as in most small communities, and believed there are higher priority needs like affordable housing, parking challenges, emergency services, a suitable workspace for water department employees, climate change, etc. Skehan said the estimated annual costs were of concern to him and the funding could be well-spent elsewhere. He urged the Council to continue to weigh the project against more pressing needs. He said it would be prudent to slow down the project and do a full-fledged community survey and talk with other municipalities. He suggested looking at new revenue streams or curtailing expenses because the days of adding taxes would be limited.

ACTION ITEM

- ( 1) Approval of Findings of Fact regarding Stanley A. Roberts, remand from LUBA of an approval of a type I development permit in conjunction with a building permit (164-22-000006-DWL) for the development of a new residence and accompanying road development. The property is located west of Hemlock at its intersection with the**

**undeveloped Nenana Avenue right-of-way, just north of the ‘S’ curves.**

Knop stated: “Tonight is a continuation of the Council’s consideration of this land use matter. The Council held a hearing on this application on July 10, 2023, then held the record open for additional testimony and argument consistent with state law. Last week, on August 9, 2023, the Council began its deliberations and adopted a tentative decision and directed staff to develop findings to document our decision.

The Council received a draft set of findings yesterday afternoon and, hopefully, has had a chance to review them. Now is the time for the Council to identify any concerns or changes that they may have with the draft findings and, if necessary, we can send it back to staff for further refinement or, if the findings look appropriate, we can adopt them as our final decision.

With that, I will open the matter for the Council’s consideration.”

Kerr said findings and conclusions were very thorough and very well done.

Hayes said they reflected exactly what he expected based on the Council’s feedback at the meeting.

Ogilvie said he felt the same way, had no amendments, and was willing to adopt the findings as they stood.

Motion: Kerr moved to approve the Findings of Fact regarding Stanley A. Roberts, remand from LUBA of an approval of a type I development permit in conjunction with a building permit (164-22-000006-DWL) for the development of a new residence and accompanying road development; the motion was seconded by multiple.

Vote: Kerr, Knop, Ogilvie, McCarthy, and Hayes voted AYE; the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The Findings of Fact were approved.

**( 2) Review of Cannon Beach Elementary School Design for DRB Submittal**

St. Denis explained that material for DRB approval on September 21, 2023, must be submitted by August 24, 2023. He said he wanted the Council to have an opportunity to review the plans and ensure they reflected the community’s desires.

Dustin Johnson of CIDA shared plans for the facility on his screen. He explained options and talked about how feedback received was incorporated.

A discussion ensued regarding preferences identified by the Cannon Beach Elementary School Rejuvenation Advisory Committee.

Council shared their thoughts about the plans with CIDA and St. Denis.

**( 3) Good of the Order**

Ogilvie recalled that there would be an executive session and community outreach event on August 23, 2023.

Knop noted that the August 22, 2023, meeting would no longer be needed.

Hayes mentioned a Travel Oregon grant opportunity and asked St. Denis about its status. Hayes discussed the grant opportunity with the body and explained that it could potentially fund programming for the Ne'Cus facility. A discussion ensued regarding facility funding. St. Denis said he would like to discuss Kerr's concerns about the Chamber of Commerce further at a September workshop.

Knop invited the body to attend a work party meeting at Madison Park on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10:00-12:00 to remove invasive plants.

McCarthy recalled that Monday, August 21, 2023, would be Coffee with Councilors at 10:00. Kerr wished that people with concerns would come to this so they can have a dialogue with Councilors.

St. Denis said he had continued discussions with Paul Lewicki about bus routes, but that he was told the state was still withholding funds from the transportation district.

#### ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tessa Schutt, Administrative Assistant

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Barb Knop, Mayor