

# Municipal Memo

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### CITY COUNCIL

- Appointed Ann Kramer to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Community Services Committee created by the resignation of Minnie Webber.
- Received a report from an ad hoc sports park committee and discussed expanding the scope of study to have one "blue ribbon" committee consider many priorities that have been identified for Cannon Beach such as a new school location, an arts center site, a sports park and undeveloped open space. Mayor Schwab and City Manager John Williams will provide recommendations on the charge and membership of such a committee at the next Council meeting.
- Adopted final findings of fact denying the Holland Subdivision Tentative Plat request for the creation of a twelve lot subdivision on a 4.04 acre parcel of land east of Hemlock Street in the S curves area. (B)
- Adopted final findings of fact denying the Breakers Point Homeowners Association request for a Comprehensive Plan amendment to incorporate a sand management plan for Chapman Beach. (C)

- Approved recommendations from the Parks and Community Services Committee for the awarding of community fund grants. Organizations receiving grants from the city in this round of funding are Cannon Beach Arts Association, Clatsop County Women's Crisis Center, Clatsop County Mental Health Services, School District #10, Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District, Cannon Beach Historical Society, CTC senior meals program, Seaside Youth Center and Cannon Beach Chorus. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$2000.

### DESIGN REVIEW

JULY 21

- Tom & Barbara Ayres requested a consultation for the construction of a new duplex located at 272 East South. (D)
- Held a public hearing for Coastal Properties/Maure Clark application for remodeling of Coaster Theater to include new restaurants and fire exit to meet Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements. The property is located at 108 North Hemlock. (E)

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

- JULY, 1994
- 28 PLANNING COMM., 7 P.M.
- AUGUST, 1994
- 2 CITY COUNCIL, 7 P.M.
- 11 PUBLIC WORKS CMTE., 4:30 P.M.
- 17 ENERGY CMTE., 8:30 A.M.
- 18 PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, 9 A.M.
- 18 DESIGN REVIEW, 6:30 P.M.
- 25 PLANNING COMM., 7 P.M.

### REMINDER

It is illegal to dump yard clippings on public property, beach accesses etc. The burn pile is located at the treatment ponds on 2nd St. and is open SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00 TO 12:00 and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS 4:00-4:45 P.M. Your cooperation is appreciated!

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 23

- Held a public hearing on requests from the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District. The Fire District requested a conditional use permit to allow the construction of a new fire station on a 0.5 acre parcel of land at Sunset Blvd and Spruce Street. The Fire District also requested variances to allow the deletion of a landscaped border and to allow wide access driveways on both Sunset Blvd and Spruce Street. Before the conclusion of the public hearing, a participant requested that the record be held open for additional written testimony to be submitted over the next seven days. Planning Commission set a special meeting date of July 7 to consider the Fire District requests. (F)

- Continued a public hearing on the proposed wetland standards and mapping. The first hearing was held on May 7. After taking additional testimony and closing the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to forward recommendations to City Council to adopt the wetland mapping and standards to be applied to all identified wetland areas in Cannon Beach. City Council will hold its initial hearing on the matter on August 2. The proposed standards and other information related to the proposal are available at City Hall.

- Held a public hearing on a request by Bill Alford, representing Bill Hay, for a zone change for a 1.44 acre parcel of land located east of Highway 101 and north of Elk Creek Road. The applicants requested a zone change from RVL Residential Very Low Density to R2 Residential High Density to permit the construction of an apartment project. (G) The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the zone change to the City Council. Council will hold a public hearing on the matter at the August 2 meeting. Planning Commissioners also determined to hold future workshops/discussions on a comprehensive development plan for the property east of Highway 101 where several development projects have been proposed or are underway.

- Held a public hearing on an application from Intranational Marketing

### PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 7

- Approved the final subdivision plat for four lots in Spruce Park Subdivision owned by George Vetter. (I)

- Continued a public hearing on the additional correspondence received since the close of the public hearing on the Cannon Beach Fire District requests for a conditional use permit and variances to permit the construction of a fire station at Spruce Street and Sunset Blvd in the C1 zone. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the requests.

### RECYCLING SCHEDULE

- AUGUST, 1994
- CURBSIDE
- MON collection 8th & 22nd
- TUES collection 9th & 23rd
- WED collection 10th & 24th
- FRI collection 12th & 26th
- RECYCLE SATURDAY
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 6th & 20th

- Corporation for a variance to permit the creation of a lot without the required 25 foot street frontage for a parcel of land west of Hemlock Street in the S curves area at 1816 S. Hemlock. The applicants proposed that street access be provided to the new lot through an easement across an existing driveway. The Planning Commission approved the variance request. (H)

- Held a public hearing and voted to recommend approval to the City Council of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to require that a commercial and motel freestanding signs be made subject to the Design Review process.

- Held a public hearing and voted to recommend approval to the City Council of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to limit impervious surfaces to not more than 50% of the required front yard area. The amendment is intended to discourage property owners from paving or graveling entire front yard areas to provide for parking without any landscaping.

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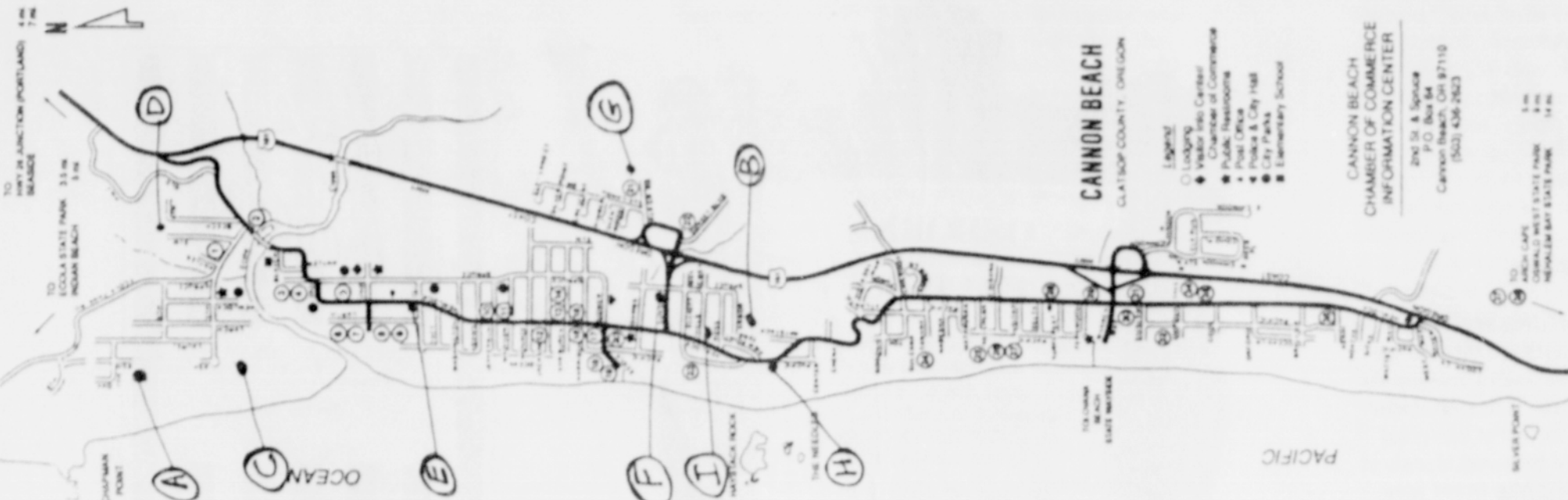
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Speaking of Cannon Beach's Environmental Programs, Kim Bossé offers this list of the accomplishments that we are justly proud of and would like our guests from around the world to take home and discuss with the folks in their hometowns.

### Conservation & Environmental Accomplishments in Cannon Beach

The following accomplishments have placed the City of Cannon Beach in the forefront of the conservation movement. These achievements have been reached by members of the community, civic groups, businesses and municipal involvement. Initially many of the projects were begun by volunteers and after successful implementation and operation of these projects, the responsibility to administer them was assumed by the City. While there are many more conservation projects and recycling behaviors that could be addressed, let's pause and reflect on our good efforts to date.

**1. Wastewater Treatment System**  
The Don Thompson Memorial Wastewater Treatment Plant recently won the 1994 Regional Award of Excellence from the Environmental Protection Agency. The system utilizes a unique natural environment to treat sewage organically. Once water is cleaned it is returned to the municipal watershed system. A free tour of the treatment plant is available through the City. For more information please contact City Hall 436-1581.

- 2. Volunteer Recycling Program**  
The program was begun in 1975 by a group of volunteers who continued the development and implementation of the program until 1989 when they requested that the City administer it.
- 3. City Recycling Program**  
In 1989 the city assumed management of the previously mentioned recycling program. They hired a Recycling Specialist, continued to develop partnerships between civic, business and individual interests, and made a commitment to continue ongoing components of the program, as well as develop new projects. Recently the City was awarded the 1994 Recyclers of the Year Award for Education & Promotion by the Association of Oregon Recyclers. The City currently accepts and recycles the following products: glass, newsprint, greyboard, cardboard, phone books, magazines, tin and aluminum.
- 4. Off-Shore Drilling**  
In May of 1989 a lengthy grass roots movement by residents of Cannon Beach, Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey and Carol Ann Heikkila addressed a congressional hearing regarding off-shore oil drilling. They were helpful in persuading the government to abandon the implementation of off-shore oil drilling in Oregon. This issue was the catalyst for the formation of the Energy Conservation Task Force.
- 5. Energy Conservation Task Force**  
The task force was begun on July 1989 and was successful in organizing the community at large to work together to accomplish numerous conservation issues.
- 6. Energy Committee**  
In 1991 the Energy Committee was established as a

- standing working committee within the municipal government, making us one of the few cities in Oregon to designate a committee to work on conservation issues.
- 7. Source Reduction**  
In the first year the city assumed responsibility for the recycling program, the volume of recycled materials doubled. Each year thereafter the volume has increased 10% from the previous year.
- 8. Curbside Recycling**  
Twice monthly pickups were established in 1991. This is unique in a city with a population under 4000.
- 9. Shuttle**  
A free shuttle service was instituted in June 1990 to help reduce the use of private vehicles, parking congestion, gas consumption, and accommodate residents who need transportation services. The shuttle has continually increased its ridership.
- 10. Conversion of City Vehicles to Natural Gas**  
Eight City Public Work vehicles, including the new dump truck and the shuttle van, use natural gas. Natural gas is considered one of the cleaner burning fuels. The cost of the fuel and electricity used for the compressors to fuel the vehicles is 1/3 to 1/2 less than gasoline.
- 11. Household Hazardous Waste Pick Up**  
In 1992 Cannon Beach was one of the participating cities in the largest single pickup of hazardous materials ever by the Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ recently awarded another grant to Clatsop County to hold a collection day for household hazardous waste pickup next spring.
- 12. Recycling Plant Improvements**  
In 1993 capital improvements for recycling equipment and the processing facility were completed and the

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