

1. 2:00 P.M. Agenda

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3. No Agenda

There is no agenda available for this meeting, please review the minutes.



**CITY OF YACHATS
PARKS & COMMONS COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING
Meeting to be held via ZOOM
Thursday February 18, 2021 at 2:00pm**

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REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Written Notes from Commission Chair
- III. Reports
 - a. Facilities Manager
 - b. Trails Committee
 - c. Little Log Church
 - d. From Commissioners

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Posted: 2/12/2021

IV. New Business

- a. Review signage request from Cape Perpetua Collaborative
- b. Swallow Trails – Birdhouse
- c. Interview candidate for the Commission

V. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. Open Commons Space - Berdie

VI. Commons Other Business

- a. From Commissioners
- b. From Staff
- c. From Audience
- d. For the next agenda

VII. From Floor: Topics not listed on the agenda: 5-minute limitation per person

Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2021, at 2:00 pm via ZOOM

Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month Beginning March 2, 2021.

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Facilities Report

February 2021

Update on projects, reservations of the Commons, Pavilion, and LLC&M Buildings

I have been working on identifying Capital Improvement Projects on the Commons building to present to the budget committee.

- Paint inside and out
- Light fixture updates and dimmer switches
- Exhaust fan on stage
- Dishwasher for the kitchen
- Acoustic draping in the Multi-purpose room
- Pass through window from kitchen to Multi-purpose room

I have met with a Contractor and engineer on the Little Log Church and Museum to narrow the scope of work.

Facilities maintenance:

- An internet extender has been put into the Pavilion to allow for wider access around the buildings by users.
- Reviewing Asset Management software for tracking maintenance on the buildings.
- Winterizing buildings
- Weekly walk around through the Commons, Library, Little Log Church and Museum, and 501 buildings to inspect/check for safety and structural issues.
This task is ongoing.

Reservations:

- Many of the reservations for the current year have been moved the 2021 because of COVID-19.
- The Pavilion is receiving small reservations on a regular basis. As we move into Fall and Winter, I am assuming these reservations will slow.
- All Large events have been canceled or moved due to COVID-19; I am exploring what can be done virtual.

Many things are in an unknown status at this time because of the Corona Virus and how it will impact different reservations and projects.

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT – Parks and Commons – February 2, 2021

Work sessions – After consultation with PCC Chair, Dawn, we will resume Trails and YIPS! work sessions

Signage project – The four signs should be arriving by the middle of February. We are working with Yachats Public Works Department to get their assistance in installing them.

Trail maps – Joanne, with the assistance of Mark Shepherd, installed 6 plastic boxes on trail posts in town and filled them with folding trails maps; less than two weeks later, two were already empty. The boxes were purchased with funds from a VtF grant.

Boardwalk Project – The Yachats Trails Committee recommends that the City renew its efforts to undertake design and construction of the proposed Boardwalk, located along the south edge of Ocean View Drive between Beach Street and Highway 101 (See accompanying documents). For simplicity, this improvement has been referred to as “the Boardwalk”, but it may be constructed of materials other than those which are commonly associated with a boardwalk structure. Among the many reasons we believe this project to be beneficial for the community:

1) Safety for pedestrians and hikers: Currently there is no shoulder along the road for pedestrians, and nearly every person walks within the street. This includes the elderly, people with strollers, children, and those using wheelchairs. This is clearly a major safety issue. The existing approximately 18 inch wide gravel road edge, which drops off steeply toward the river, does not provide a safe place to walk. The safety issue is further aggravated when delivery trucks occupy one of the lanes to service nearby restaurants. Due to the steepness of the drop-off towards the river, there have been several instances with minor injuries where pedestrians have fallen into the blackberry, but lucky to have done so to keep them from falling down the bluff to the river many feet below.

2) Pacific Coast Trail: The state has mandated the completion of the Pacific Coast Trail. This section is a part of that trail, and is the only portion of the trail within Yachats where there is no actual dedicated pedestrian walking surface.

3) Erosion: Currently the south side of Ocean View Drive where the Boardwalk would be constructed has experienced significant erosion of the roadside gravel edging, and the City would benefit from a more permanent surface.

4) Esthetics: The City would benefit from the installation of this proposed Boardwalk for all of the above reasons and more. If designed properly, it could be a “feature” for the City.

The Yachats Trails Committee has prepared a narrative of recommendations concerning design of the Boardwalk; “Boardwalk – Recommendations by the Yachats Trails Committee” dated January 26, 2021. This project would be a major project for the City, which should remain the contracting entity for design, construction and administration. In addition to the aforementioned document, the Trails Committee should be consulted, especially during the design phases, as upon the Boardwalk’s completion the Committee will be tasked with its maintenance. Required archaeological investigations have been completed, and the project is ready for design phases.

A note from the leaders of the Yachats Trails Committee

In view of the significant changes that have occurred, and are likely to occur, in the make-up of the City Council, the Parks and Commons Commission and the City Administration, the Trails Committee feels that a short statement of our structure, activities and preferred mode of operation should be useful.

For several years, since the departure of Lauralee Svendsgaard, the Trails Committee has been run by a group of five, without a Chair. The five leaders are Joanne Kittel, Loren Dickinson, Jan Brown, Bob Langley and Wally Orchard. We all bring different skills to the table and, while we do not always agree with one another, we feel that we work well together and that Yachats Trails is a well-run organization. We neither want to nor see the need to have a single leader. The Trails Committee is responsible for maintaining and improving trails throughout Yachats and, through YIPS! (the Yachats invasive Plants Subcommittee), we also remove invasive weeds on city property. We have our own website (www.yachatstrails.org) and also feature on the city's website. Our regular work sessions are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month.

We report to the Parks and Commons Commission, and one or two of us are usually present at meetings of the Commission. We are provided with an operating budget that has always proved adequate. At first we were given a free hand with respect to expenditure against our budget. We submitted claims for reimbursement of our expenses directly to the City Office. We kept careful records of our expenditure and always stayed well within budget. This simple system seemed to work well for all concerned. More recently we were required to route all reimbursement claims through the Chair of Parks and Commons. Also, since the Covid-19 pandemic arrived, we have had to get pre-approval from City Hall for any significant expenditures.

The Trails leaders firmly believe that these new requirements are no longer necessary and that we are very well prepared to spend our budgeted funds wisely.

We are planning to resume our regular work parties, beginning on February 6th. Late last year we were instructed by the Chair of Parks and Commons to cancel a planned work party on account of the Covid-19 situation. We would prefer to be able to make such calls ourselves, subject to respecting all governmental guidelines and requirements. We have many important activities that can be done by widely-dispersed individuals. We practice social distancing, wear masks, ask participants to bring their own tools, and do not socialize. Also, we stress to our members that they have no obligation to attend and should only attend if they are completely comfortable with our self-imposed regulations.

WE five leaders have considerable expertise in various aspects of trail design and construction. When the City contemplates any work affecting trails, we should be asked for input. We would much rather get involved in the planning stage than be expected to maintain a poorly-designed trail after it is built. A case in point is the northernmost access from Aqua Vista to the ocean, where some escallonia has been removed and fencing is to be installed. What sort of trail surface is planned where the escallonia has been removed? We are concerned that it may become a muddy path like the southern access trail.

We would also like to be heard before plans for the configuration of Ocean View Drive between the Yachats State Park and 7th Street are finalized. We have given a lot of thought as to how best to accommodate

pedestrians on this section of the 804 Trail and should be able to make valuable contributions to the conversation regarding this development.

It has now been some time since the Trails Committee alerted the City to the urgent need for a pedestrian walkway along Ocean View Drive between Highway 101 and (approximately) Beach Street. "The Boardwalk" is the subject of a separate representation we are making to the Parks and Commons Commission.

In summary, the main points again:

- The five trails leaders would like to remain as five equal participants. Anyone wanting to deal with the Trails Committee can simply get in touch with one of us.
- We want to our annual budget to constitute an approval to spend those funds without having to get further approval for individual purchases.
- We want to be able to make our own decisions about holding or not holding work sessions.
- We would like to be consulted before the City undertakes any projects that may impact the Trails Committee.
- We would like to see the Boardwalk project come to fruition without further delay.

Joanne Kittel, Loren Dickinson, Jan Brown, Bob Langley, Wally Orchard

From: [Dawn Keller](#)
To: [Kimmie Jackson](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sign Project: Cape Perpetua Collaborative
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:15:37 PM

Hi Kimmie! This is one piece of business for the work session. Call it "Request for help with signage from Cape Perpetua Area Collaborative. This forwarded email and the photos are supporting documents for the packet. I am looking for one other item of business and will send it as soon as I locate the attachment for it.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tara DuBois** <capeperpetuacommunications@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 11:36 AM
Subject: Sign Project: Cape Perpetua Collaborative
To: <dawnkeller@gmail.com>
Cc: <pengelmeyer@peak.org>

Hi Dawn,

My name is Tara DuBois and I am the Communications Coordinator for the Cape Perpetua Collaborative. Paul Engelmeyer and I are in the process of putting together a grant application for interpretive signs along the 804 trail. Here are the locations and sign examples of what we are considering for topic/content. The items highlighted in red I believe fall in the city's purview.

- Yachats State Park – Viewing Platform (chat with state park re: install type)
 - Marine Reserves & Protected Areas ([template we could use](#), would need to adapt to show boundaries and discuss different between MR/MPA)
 - Whale Trail Sign [Whale Trail sign?](#)
- **7th/6th Street** (coupled with trail sign at this location – Above ground)
 - Marbled Murrelet / Land-Sea Connection ([template we could reuse/adapt](#))
- **Marine Dr**
 - **International destination/migration patterns** ([template we could reuse](#))
- Overleaf Lodge/North 804
 - Upwelling/foundations of food web ([template we could reuse](#))
 - Gray whale sign [Whale Trail sign?](#)

I spoke with Bob Langley and he recommended I reach out to you (Parks & Commons Commission) to start the process. Can you share with me what steps we need to take to look at having signs installed at the 2 locations above and the approval process? What is the timeline for approval?

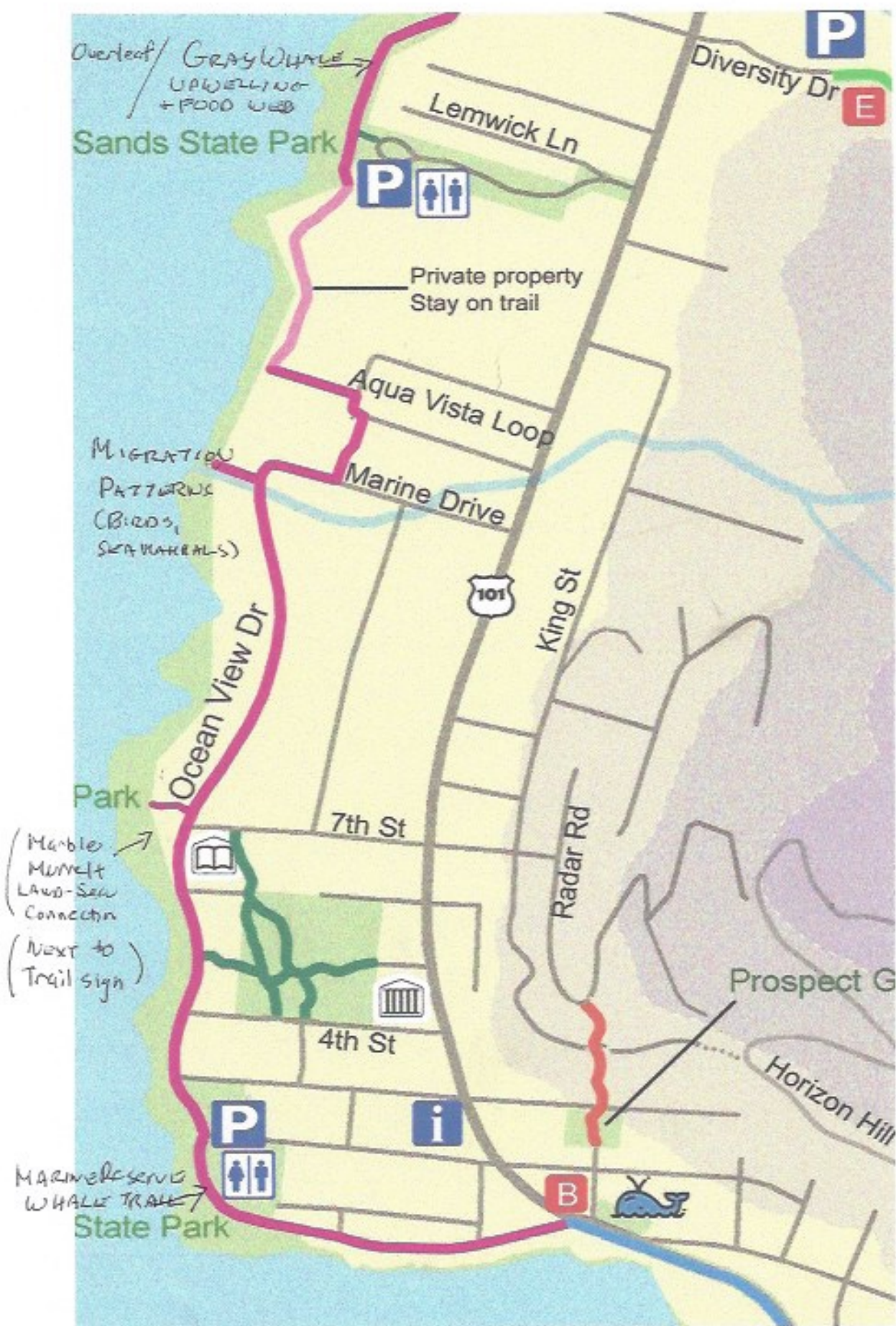
Any information you can share would be wonderful. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Tara DuBois

Communications Coordinator

Cape Perpetua Area Collaborative

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Cape Perpetua Collaborative – Interpretive Sign Proposal

Presented by Tara DuBois

(The 2 bolded proposed signs and locations are on city owned property. The remainder is on OPRD and private property. The websites show samples of the subject matter for each sign. each sign.)

Yachats State Park – Viewing Platform (chat with state park re: install type)
Marine Reserves & Protected Areas (template we could use, would need to adapt to show boundaries and discuss different between MR/MPA). Draft design
idea: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=14xK8Baxt2RVKisJBJ5oQQC1aI0EAmPJ0>

Whale Trail Sign. Draft design
idea: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=19vGiqU3CbYih0EcEQQe17vSTvBhHFWNv>

7th/6th Street (coupled with trail sign at this location – Above ground)
Marbled Murrelet / Land-Sea Connection (template we could reuse/adapt: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1BIVpRaWkHFh4yRgtRsQEMnRSF5cUC5Cr>)

Near Marine Dr (where hopefully there will eventually be a deck on city owned property - Above ground)
International destination/migration patterns (template we could reuse/adapt: https://drive.google.com/open?id=190H_wAsTjVb3hMxf8FdZ6DyoW1bK0mut)

Overleaf Lodge/North 804 (Likely above ground)
In front of Overleaf Lodge on 804 N.
Upwelling/foundations of food web. Template we could reuse: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1M8kDxriU5mXyPtFn0oebAM51OrV_eOlK

Gray whale sign Whale Trail
sign: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=19vGiqU3CbYih0EcEQQe17vSTvBhHFWNv>

We will be adapting signs to fit the 24" x 36"
We will adjust to include a legend/sidebar with QR codes for more information to include: Safety Etiquette (pets & tidepool/ocean), iNaturalist (get involved, comm science app) and a link to learn more info on topic of sign

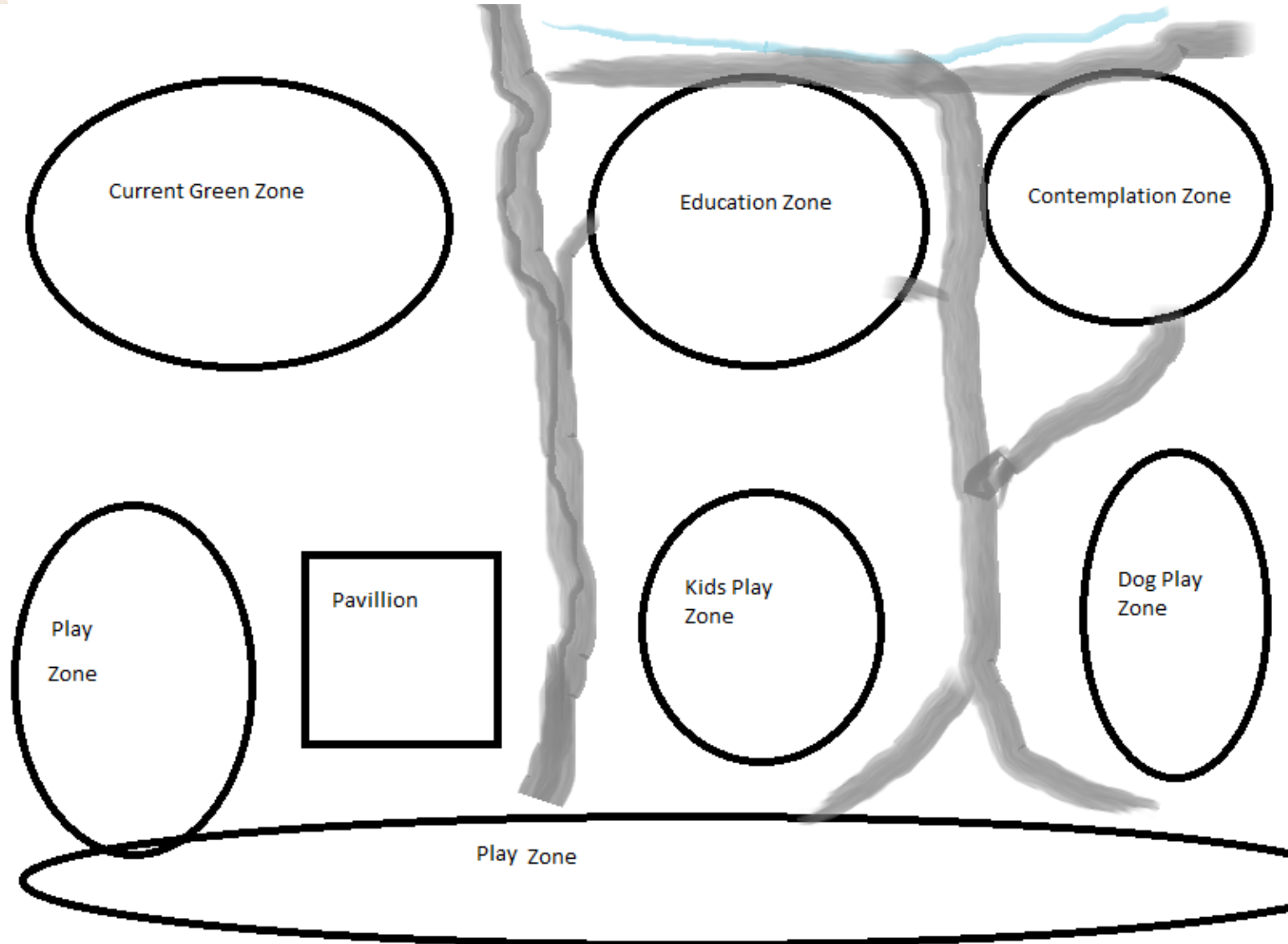




Common Visions

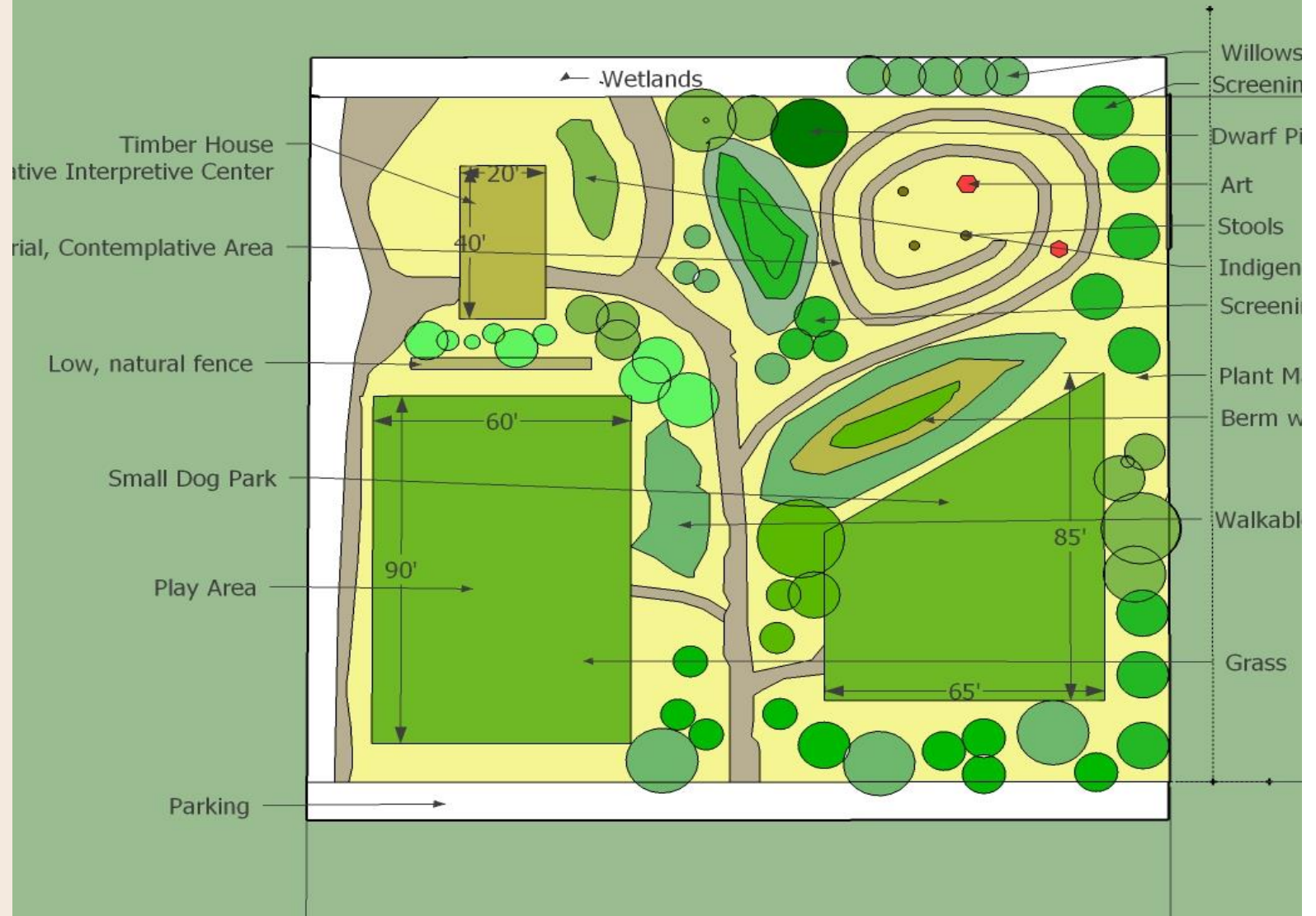
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Functionally Group Projects



Ideate

- **One** approach
- Requires public input
- Solicit landscape designer input
- Leverage existing input
- Stage Implementation

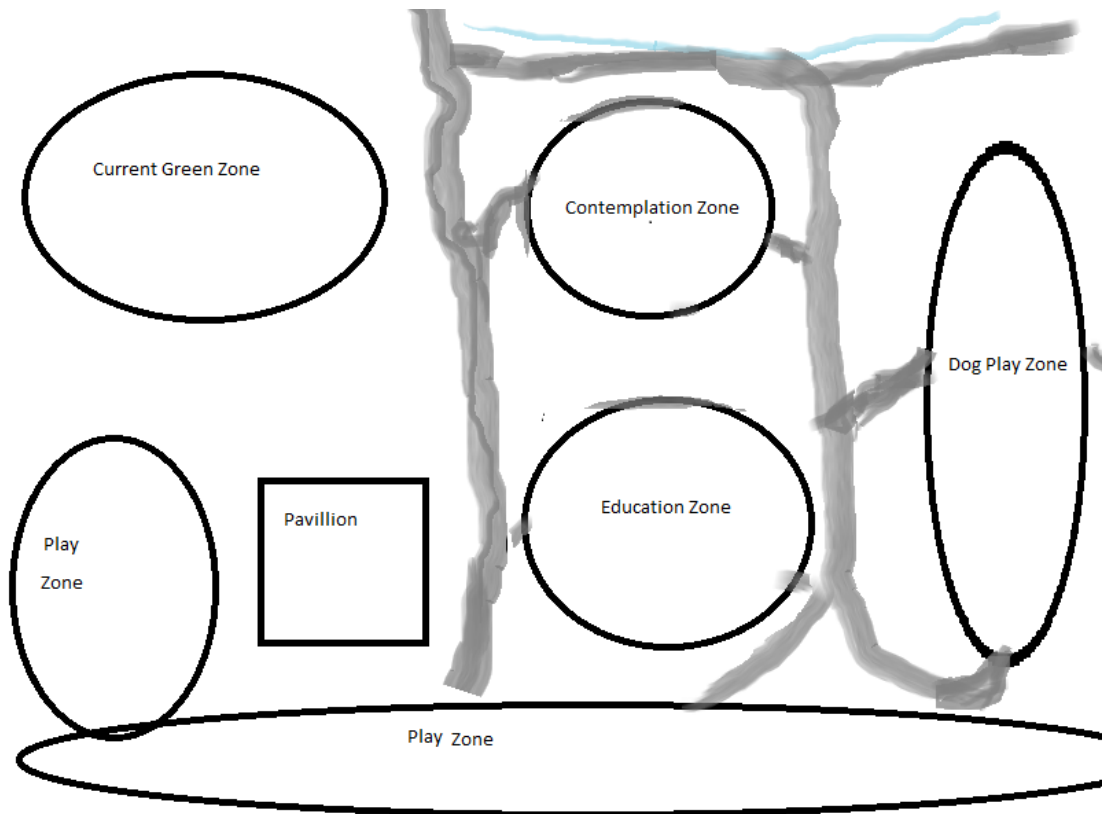


Ideate

- **Many** approaches
- Plants as emphasis
- Plants and berms define spaces
- All should be stageable



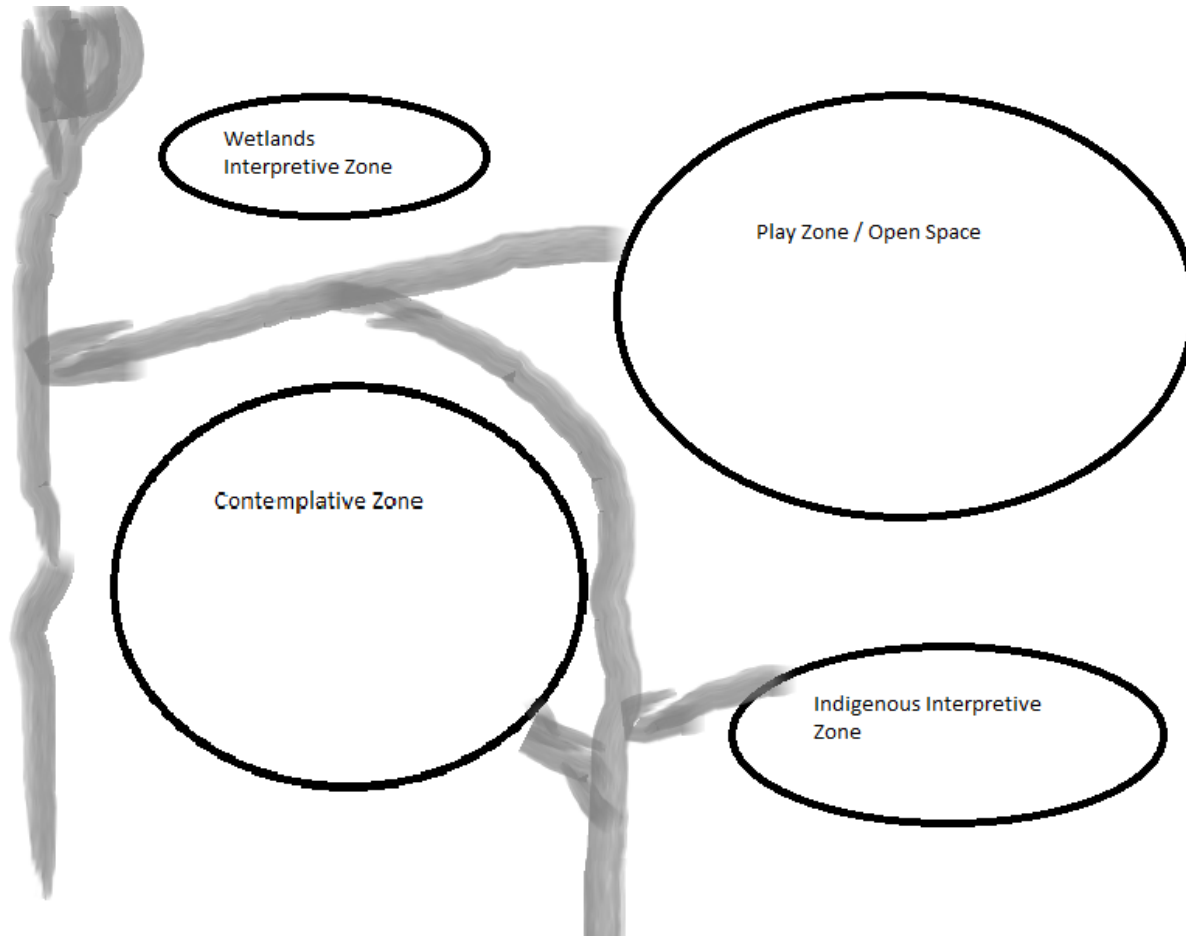
Flexible in Approach



Option 2

- Contemplation Zone further from treatment plant
- Education Zone becomes visitor focal point
- Large dog park
- Eliminates kid play park

Flexible in Approach



Option 3

- Can split zones if desired
- Plant density can vary
- Plants designate zones

Wetland Interpretation
History and Plant Identification Signage

Plank House

Native Interpretive

Only with Tribal Support
Open vs Closed?
Ongoing Maintenance

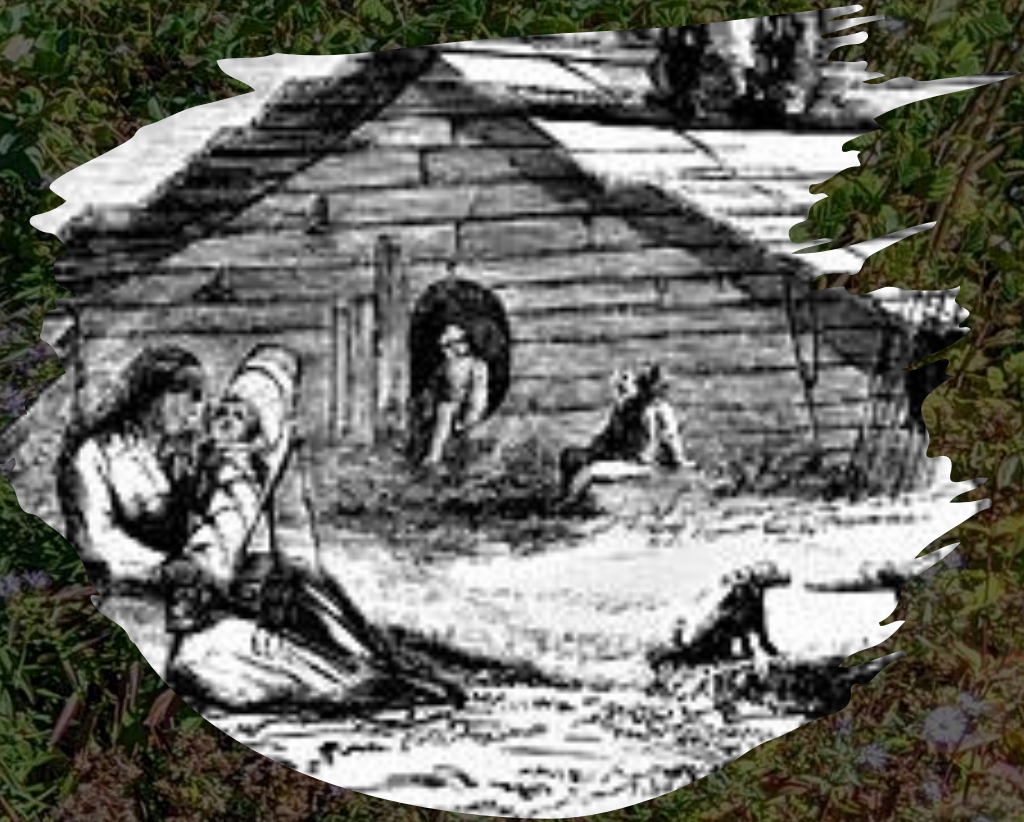
Garrya

Low Shrubs

Garrya

Camas and other garden

Native Plants: Huckleberry, Ocean Spray,
art



*Detail: Education
Zone*



Detail: Contemplation Zone

- Berms to create a reflective space
- Stools to discourage overnight sleeping
- Incorporate public art, memorials



Consider Priority Based Gaming Input

- \$1000 to spend on each component. Spend it all.
 - Requires “forced choice” within categories.
- Possible Choices
 - Open green space
 - Child play space
 - Dog park
 - Memorial space
 - Planted spaces
 - Local history
 - Native historical culture
 - Current native life



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Request for Information

Project Intent

- Transform the existing grass field into a truly inviting park environment aligned to the natural world.
- Demonstrate how native plants can be used in landscaping.
- Better utilize the centralized park by attracting visitors and residents.

Overview

The City of Yachats, Parks and Commons Commission (PCC) is seeking a landscape design firm to expand on the attached conceptual design. The open space adjacent to the Yachats City Hall and Commons building has been underutilized. The PCC would like to see the area actively used by citizens and the many visitors to Yachats.

The open space is approximately 180' x 200'. To the north is a road, church parking and the city sewage plant, the west is bounded by a restored wetland, the south is a path, greenspace, an enclosed outdoor pavilion and a small open space, the east will abut a newly refurbished access road and parking (La De Dah Lane). Across that road is a skate park abutting the city hall and the Commons Community Center.

The PCC has reviewed the attached conceptual presentation. Our interest is to prioritize items, reach agreement on a final design, and then move to implementation. Designers are welcome to modify the design approach or present a different approach that follows the guidelines and points below.

Overall Design Approach:

- Plants and landscaping features (berms, paths, etc.) define spaces. Current hardscape features must be integrated into the plan (not removed). Additional hardscaping is allowed but only to further a purpose like signage, seating, etc.
- Native plants must be featured with native allies allowed but only as necessary.
- The current zone concept is fungible – size and position can morph and even merge, as necessary. PCC would be open to alternative approaches, but the concept of multiple congruent uses is key to the acceptance to date and decision to move forward.
- The design should provide visitor and structural security while discourage camping or loitering.
- Staged implementation is critical as it is unlikely the entire design can be done at one time.
- The attached conceptual design Incorporates input from the 2010 Park Master Plan. For this revised open space use there is a need gather public comment 1) for buy-in and 2) priorities and 3) answer specific questions like dog park and/or children' play area sizes.
- An expectation is that the new park will naturally pull in visitors from the new parking spaces.
- A major issue needing to be addressed is maintenance, both initial and long-term, including control of invasive species.

Specific Design Elements

The 2010 Park Master specified several items that were not implemented. An analysis of these unfulfilled items drove the existing conceptual design which groups them in the conceptual design versus being distributed in the original approach. This grouping has been dubbed the zoned approach. Design approaches specific to the zones follow.

Education Zone

Yachats has a complicated relationship with the Indigenous people of the area as it was the site of an internment camp. Over the last twenty-five years, Yachadians have worked diligently and humbly to try to build relationships by acknowledging the genocide committed in the area. Relationships have improved through the establishment of the Amanda trail, the annual Peace Hike, and other initiatives. Key to developing this trust is a willingness to listen, learn, support, and work collaboratively.

Given that, the first item below *will only proceed with Tribal agreement and input*. (Both the Siletz Band and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw). It is the PCC's hope that we can align our desire to honor and promote their mission through our initiative.

Timber House Native Interpretive Center

- Needs a collaborative process with Siletz Band, Confederated Tribes from start to finish.
- Tie historical injustices to current accomplishments: not a memorial but rather a celebration of our neighbors, their traditional roots, and their current successes.
- Describe Tribal government and accomplishments without minimizing challenges.
- Opportunity to feature local native visual, written and spoken word artists.
- Do tribes want to encourage visitors to Siletz, Casinos, etc.?
- Serve as the official, permanent northern starting point of the Amanda Trail.
- Note: A knowledgeable person reports that the water table is too high to create the typical below grade portion of the structure. This needs to be confirmed and may limit the structure to only the above grade portion.
- The original design shows a small area behind the pavilion dedicated to a similar purpose. Some community members feel that this is too "tucked away" and poorly suited for plantings.

Native Plant Garden

- Native plant garden including identification, contemporary and traditional uses, and suggestions for integrating native plants into gardens and landscaping.
- Focus on Coastal rainforest plants but can incorporate non-coastal Oregon plants.
- Information on identifying and how and when to best remove locally invasive plants.
- (Note: incorporate native plants throughout. E.G. *Myrica californica* to cover sewer plant fencing.

Wetland

- Describe, via signage or other means, the value of wetlands. Consider noting how filling wetlands in Yachats and surrounding areas impacts the environment.
- Description of plants and wildlife found in the wetlands.
- Include information on the need to maintain a wetland.
- Historical description of the wetlands with acknowledgement of those involved in its creation.

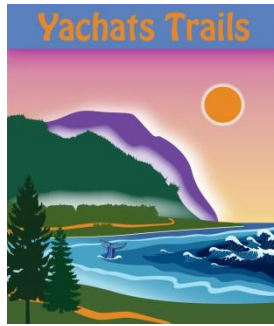
Reflection Zone:

- Create a suitable atmosphere free of sewage plant odors, traffic, pedestrian and play noises.
- Include an expandable memorial zone for those who have contributed to preserving the natural environment of Yachats. (Or, should it include anyone who contributed to Yachats life?)
- The area should be usable in Winter with some semi sheltered space.
- Incorporate local sculptural art – segue art from the Native Interpretive center?
- Include contemplative / meditative elements like mandala, bells, etc.

Play Zone

- Currently there are two competing visions for these areas.
- An open space for the Yachats Youth and Family Program (YYFAP). Primarily children 7-14
- A Dog Park and if so, how big? If a dog park is included, who/how is the dog park maintained, is it only for small dogs, and other questions.

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BOARDWALK RECOMMENDATIONS By YACHATS TRAILS COMMITTEE

Revision - January 26, 2021

DESCRIPTION:

Often referred to as the “Boardwalk”, the subject is that section of the Oregon Coast Trail along south side of Ocean View Drive, between the pavement’s edge and the Yachats River, a short distance west of Ocean View Drive’s intersection with Highway 101. There is no appreciable shoulder on the south side of the roadway, and the existing grades fall-off steeply to the River’s edge below. Ocean View Drive in that location is a narrow road, one lane in each direction, that experiences relatively heavy traffic as it serves as the entrance to Oregon State Parks’ “Yachats State Recreation Area” a short distance to the west, the Post Office, some businesses, and some residential areas. That section of the roadway is often utilized by parked trucks servicing nearby restaurants and businesses. The location offers great views of the Yachats River and beyond. See attached “Exhibit A – Aerial”.

PURPOSE:

In addition to providing a pedestrian way for walkers and hikers, that section provides a connection for the Oregon Coast Trail between the State Park to the west and Highway 101 to the east. The Oregon State Legislature has prioritized the completion of the Oregon Coast Trail.

CONCERNS:

The primary concern in that section is **safety**. Because there is no shoulder, pedestrians and hikers are forced to walk within the street. Often, there are groups of pedestrians, walking side-by-side, parents with strollers, people walking their dogs, and the elderly. The mixing of vehicles and pedestrians presents a very dangerous condition. A secondary concern is that, due to these conditions, the safety and continuity of the Oregon Coast Trail is broken in this location.

DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS:

General: Separation of pedestrians and vehicles is of primary concern. If possible with respect to drainage requirements, a curb or other barrier between the improvements and the road's edge would be imperative. More substantial barriers may be necessary, and would be at the discretion of the City. Such barrier would be needed to separate pedestrians from vehicles, and to prevent vehicles from driving onto the walkway / decking structure. Also at the discretion of the designer, it may be determined that the walkway / deck may be elevated slightly above the roadway, with appropriate means to protect it from vehicular traffic.

Surface: The surface of the walkway / decking should be non-slip, especially considering the rainy environment at the Coast. Options would include metal grating, composite decking boards, non-slip treated planking, or similar material. The structure's walking surface should be as level as possible, without cross-slope, and free from steps or other changes in level. Examples of these options are included in the following photos.



Beaver Creek, Oregon



Newport Docks, Oregon

Width and Layout: The walkway / decking should be not less than four and one-half (4.5) feet wide and preferably 5 ft., clear dimension, to allow pedestrians and parents with children or strollers to comfortably walk side-by-side. The length of the walkway / decking should be provided with surfaces and interim widened areas to act as easy pedestrian passing locations. If of an appropriate size, these widened areas could also serve as stopping places for users to overlook the Yachats River and the mountains beyond, perhaps with seating and interpretive signage.



Old Town Park, Florence, Oregon

Length: Starting at the east end, the beginning point of the walkway / decking should occur at the first level area of sufficient width to accommodate the east edge of the structure and its transition to the existing pavement surface. This may occur approximately twenty-four (24) feet east of the existing power pole that serviced the old Landmark. There may be some advantage, at the City's discretion, to place the beginning point even farther to the east. From that easternmost beginning point, a 57 meter (approximately 187 feet) walkway / deck would place the westernmost end of the structure at approximately four and one-half (4.5) feet west of the existing "No Parking" sign. There would be some advantages in design and construction for extending the westernmost end of the structure even farther west. All stated dimensions are approximate and should be verified by the designer.

Protective Railings: The southern edge of the walkway / decking should be provided with a safety railing conforming to all applicable codes, laws and ordinances. It would be preferable if the railings could be “open”, utilizing tensioned stainless steel cable or similar materials, to preserve views. Cables could be supported by either wood or weather-resistant metal posts. Alternatives could be appropriately spaced horizontal weather resistant metal strips or channels. Examples of these options are included in the following photos.



Old Town Park – Florence, Oregon



Newport Docks, Oregon

Obstacles: There are existing obstacles in the proposed walkway / decking location: a power pole, some traffic control signs, a communications pedestal, and related items that may need to be removed or relocated. Furthermore, further to the west there is an existing power pole serving the Underground Restaurant (with lines continuing to the aforementioned Landmark pole), that might be in the way of trail improvements and may need to be relocated.

Drainage:

Drainage would have to be controlled so as not to flow across the walkway / decking, and to prevent wash-out of the riverbank below the structure. There is surface flow across the street toward the south that will need to be dealt with. Care should be taken to prevent trail surface washout of the trails at each end of the walkway / deck.

It should also be noted that there is already an erosion problem that is threatening to undermine the integrity of the road sub surface and shoulder. The boardwalk – deck will need to be put in place attending to this existing problem, with a means to access that surface in future if repairs are needed,

Measure-Up Drawing: Attached is a measure up indicating approximate locations for the existing conditions. These dimensions are intended to be used for purposes of this narrative only, and must be confirmed by the designer. See attached “Exhibit B – Measure-Up”.

ANTICIPATED COST:

Discussion of funding methods will be addressed in other correspondence.

For purposes of preliminary cost estimates, not having preliminary designs to utilize, construction costs can only relate what would be found to be costs for other similar projects in other communities. There are many influences on final cost of such walkway / decking; final configuration, structural requirements that are unknown at this time, design and engineering fees and costs, site determinants and conditions, etc.

DESIGN PROCESS:

Subject to the City's legal procurement requirements, it is expected that an engineer / designer would be hired to first provide preliminary designs and layouts, describe proposed materials, and provide preliminary cost estimates. The Yachats Trails Committee should be consulted, particularly during the design phases, as the Committee will be tasked with its maintenance upon completion. The preliminary designs would eventually be completed as formal construction documents outlining all construction requirements. Construction would then be procured in a manner as required by City procurement requirements and processes.

SUMMARY:

Whereas the Boardwalk project has sometimes been referred to as the “57 meter” project, this length reference may, and should, be extended as noted above to improve safety access and maintenance aspects.

This document and the recommendations herein are intended to provide information to the City of Yachats, and to provide input to the designer. It should not be used in conjunction with soliciting services and fee quotations from designers or contractors, as it does not contain a complete or detailed scope of work. No efforts have been made to determine the applicability and effect of applicable governmental laws, codes, ordinances, rules, or regulations, to this project – which shall be the responsibility of the City’s designer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

BOARDWALK RECOMMENDATIONS

Aerial Photo from Google Earth, showing the Boardwalk and general vicinity



ATTACHMENT B

BOARDWALK RECOMMENDATIONS

Concept Plan, Boardwalk and general vicinity

