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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

I. Announcements, Correspondence, and Proclamations
II. Public Comment:
Topics not listed on the agenda 5 Minute limitation per person
III. New Business
a. Recommendation from Parks & Commons concerning pocket parks
IV. Old Business
a. Drought water restrictions
V. Reports
a. Financial
b. Council
c. City Manager
VI. Other Business
a. Mayor
b. Council
c. Staff

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City of Yachats

PROCLAMATION

City Council

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic and sexual violence crosses all social groups; but people who are women, transgender, LGBTQ, poor or working class, Native, of color, immigrant, non-English speaking, disabled, young, elderly, or otherwise marginalized not only shoulder the burdens of oppression but also experience high rates of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting the health and wellness of individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, preventing interpersonal violence is not only possible but is our collective responsibility, and prevention requires significant changes to our social norms regarding gender roles, strength, sexuality, relationships, and the normalization of violence; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis, including advocates, law enforcement officials, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned individuals are helping in the efforts to end domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by My Sisters' Place and other domestic violence service providers, the members of the Yachats City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2021, as **Domestic Violence Action Month** in Yachats, and we urge citizens to work with these invaluable community agencies to help alleviate this problem in our community.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2021

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YACHATS CITY COUNCIL

POCKET PARK PROPOSAL

This proposal suggests ways to make the stretch of Ocean View Drive north of the state park and south of 7th Street more usable and more visually appealing.

What we know

- This stretch of Ocean View Drive is a heavily used part of the 804 S Trail.
- The recently-installed 20' wide asphalt has been designated as a 12' vehicle roadway, one-way going south, and an 8' trail.
- New guardrails have been installed immediately to the west of the asphalt.
- Delineators exist along the border between the vehicle and pedestrian parts of the paved surface.
- For much of this section, there is only a narrow strip of land between where the vehicle barriers will be installed and the edge of the bluff.
- There are two sections in which the land between the trail and the bluff is somewhat wider:
  - Starting about halfway between 3rd and 4th Streets and stretching north to past 4th Street
  - Starting just a bit south of 6th Street and stretching north about 1/3 of the way to 7th Street
- Each of these two sections currently has a bench and a relatively wide section of gravel on which cars have parked. The City has already made the determination that, going forward, parking will not be allowed in these areas. There is ample parking available a relatively short distance away on 4th Street and the State Park provides parking and viewing for those with limited mobility.

Philosophy – this proposal is based on the following premises:

- Keep it simple --The ocean is the attraction; there doesn't need to be anything else to draw people to the area.
- The area currently looks like what it actually is = the side of a decommissioned roadway.
- Some simple things can be done to make it much more visually appealing. The most impactful will be replacing the existing gravel areas with grass; compare picture 1 with picture 2.

3rd to 4th Streets – Recommendations (see picture 3)

- Dig up top layer of gravel and replace with grass (sod or seed, preferably sod)
- Clear an open area in the midst of the southern patch of salal
- Clear a trail through existing salal north and south of open area where existing bench is located

6th Street – Recommendations (See picture 4)

- Dig up top layer of gravel and replace with grass (sod or seed, preferably sod)
- Move existing rocks to the border between trail and grass (will this cause a mowing hardship?)
- Keep the existing bench and add 1 bench and 1 picnic table
- 1 – 2 interpretive signs are in the planning stages
- Consideration should be given to:
- Protection along the edge – maybe, plant salal

- Something to dissuade folks from walking down the existing unsafe route to the beach. Signage directing people to beach access 2 blocks north

<u>Other considerations</u>

- Add dirt and plant grass between west edge of asphalt and existing grass in all areas where new vehicle guardrail is installed.
- Install a pedestrian walkway from trail to entrance to Urban Forest Path (what would be 5th Street)
- Install signs at 4th Street directing people to parking areas

PICNIC TABLE - SOMEWHERE TO BE DETERMINDED
642
NEW BENCH
Ocean View Dr
EXISTING BENCH
622
DIG UP 3 - 4" OF EXISTING GRAVEL AND REPLACE WITH GRASS
RELOCATED BOULDERS
6th St
6th St
Ocean View Dr
WARNING SIGNAGE AND DIRECTION TO BEACH ACCESS 2 BLOCKS NORTH
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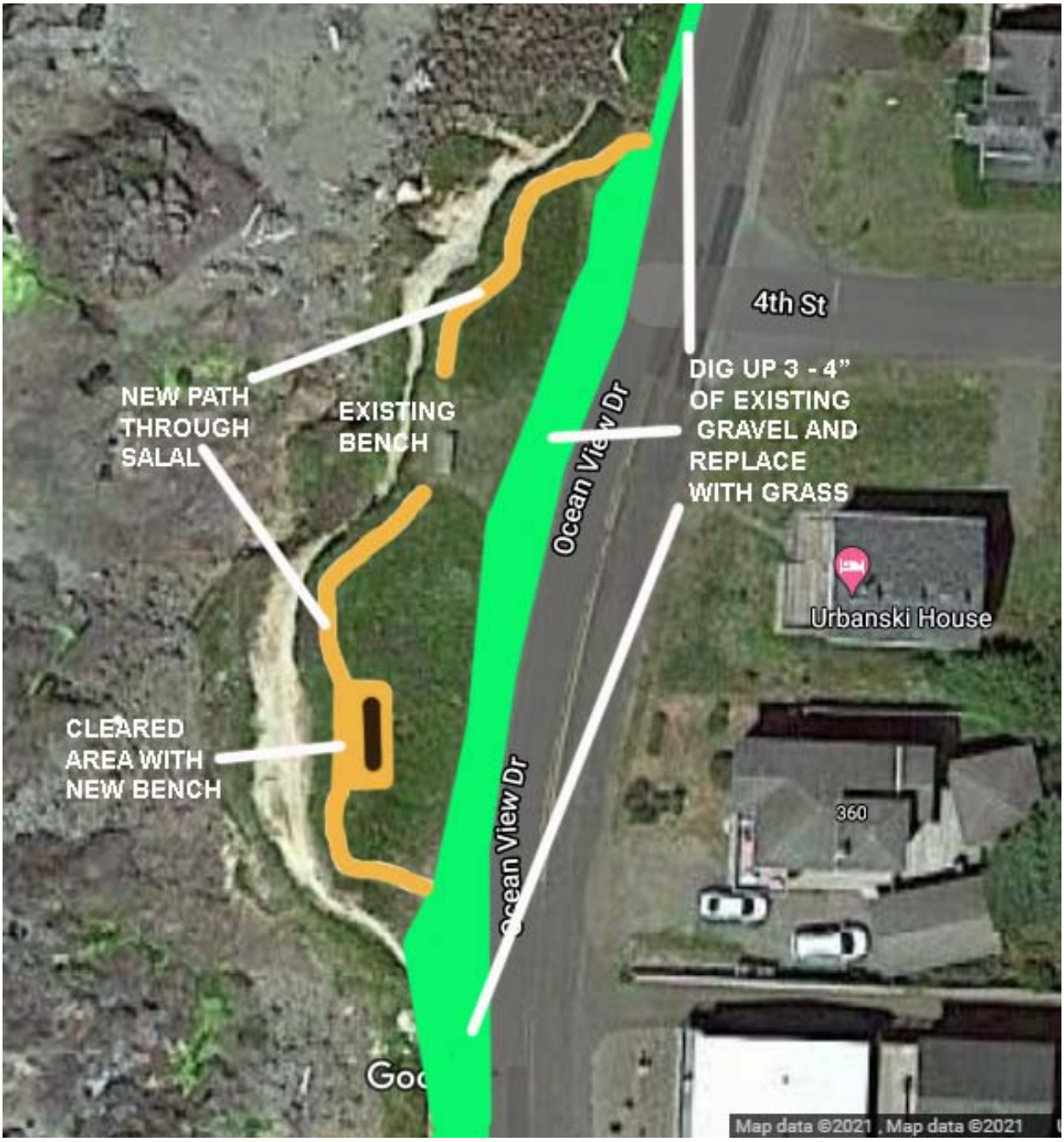
4th St
NEW PATH THROUGH SALAL
EXISTING BENCH
DIG UP 3 - 4" OF EXISTING GRAVEL AND REPLACE WITH GRASS
Ocean View Dr
Urbanski House
CLEARED AREA WITH NEW BENCH
360
Ocean View Dr
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Conceptual Drawings of Pocket Park: Exact placement and number of benches to be determined.

6th Street Park

4th Street Park

Pocket Park Initial Cost Estimates -

	Length	Width			
7th Street Parklet	21	8			
	22	14			
	16	15			
	25	9			
Sq Ft	84	11.5	966		Google Earth = 1236
4th St Parklet	25	8			
	25	10			
	18	11.5			
	25	9			
	25	8			
	25	9			
Sq Ft	143	9.25	1322.75		Google Earth = 914
Total Area Sq Ft			2288.75		
Cubic Feet Fill / Removal		0.3	686.625		
Cubic Yards		27	2.54E+01		
Loads at 6 yds		6	4.24E+00		
Dump Load Cost		40		$ 200.00	
Soil Cost/Cu Yd		40		$ 1,017.22	
Gravel Removing*	5	150		$ 750.00	
Gravel Hauling		0		$ -	
Plant Cost 1/ft		3.75		$ 8,582.81	
Basic Cost				**$ 10,550.03**	
Additions					
"Furnishings"				$ 1,500.00	
Signage				$ 1,000.00	
				$ 2,500.00	
Total				**$ 13,050.03**	
Planting Labor (Volunteer Equiv)	50	100		$ 5,000.00	

Gravel Disposal: City will reuse

* City Staff

Pocket Park Recommended Plants

Carex pansa 	**California meadow sedge** is native to stream banks, and vernally wet places at the beach from British Columbia south in to Baja. A deep green winter growing sedge which each plant reaches about 18″ across and 10″ or so inches high. It flops over gracefully and has a very uniform appearance through the year with light irrigation. This is a winter growing plant that resumes growing and greens up with winter rains. In very cold weather (below 20ºF) it can take on russet tints. A FANTASTIC LAWN SUBSTITUTE where it has been used extensively for that application in California. We should use it here too. Plant on 1′ centers for a lawn (faux lawn) cover from one gallons and water regularly through the first season. No water plantings can go summer dormant but in wetter environs this can be avoided and it will remain green and verdant. Water once a week in summer to remain green. Fantastic ground cover, slope cover as it will out compete weeds and form a uniform cover. Tolerates clay soils well, but some amending will reap rewards with a faster growing plant. Tolerates mowing very well. **Oregon native plant.**
Festuca rubra ‘circincula’ if available, if not Festuca rubra ‘juncea’ 	**Red Fescue** ‘juncea’ is a west coast native grass that ranges from British Columbia to Southern California- usually near the beach. This form is exceptionally blue and so pretty as a year round evergreen presence. To 9″ tall and spreading at a measured rate by stolons slowly expanding the plant to several feet wide. Forms an incredibly dense cover and weeds will seldom compete with this climate adapted grass. In late summer and not profuse 8″ stems hold gray floral spikes. This is along lived, easy to grow grass that does not die out in the center or poop out after a few years. In fact it would make an admirable lawn substitute. This form is from Humboldt, County in CA and was named for the small town where Greg lived as a child- so we had to grow it. And damn it turned out to be a fine, evergreen,

	native grass. Full sun to light shade and little to no summer water once established. Not fussy about soil and not a rambunctious thug unless soil is overly enriched- instead give it oxygenated average soil. Excellent among drought adapted shrubs and especially nice interplanted with Pacific Coast Iris. Fine dense foliage is bright blue in summer turning to more of a greenish hue during the cooler months. Excellent winter appearance. High deer resistance. **Oregon native plant**.
Trifolium wormskioldii 	Springbank Clover. Fascinating perennial clover that was once widespread in wet areas of the Willamette Valley and is now found in restricted sites there but is much more prevalent on the coast and east of the Cascades. A pretty spreading spring wildflower with heads of brilliant magenta/purple flowers. Mainly in spring but also in summer if wet. To 4″ tall it can be up to 2′ wide in favorable conditions. Though mostly restricted to seeps and wet areas now it once made life under native white oaks and there indigenous people would use it as a food source. The creeping green stems root where they touch the ground. Stems were harvested and steamed as a vegetable and they replanted as they harvested the remaining stems ensuring another crop. Not a long lived perennial 3-5 years but it sets copious seed. Wet sites in moisture retentive soil. Mainly riparian in habitat. It can dry considerably in summer and still thrive. But regular water is what it wants. Fun plant to grow that has lost a LOT of its native range. In habitat it is best seen on the wet cliffs adjacent to the beach. Great pollinator plant. Easily overwhelmed by invasive exotics. (Photo from Depot Bay)

Resolution: Sixth and Fourth Street Pocket Parks

Be it resolved that the Yachats City Council release funds of up to $25,000 from Visitor Amenities to develop two pocket parks at Ocean View Drive, one at Sixth Street and the other at Fourth Street.

- With the turn-over from Lincoln County to the City of Yachats we have a unique opportunity to develop destination parks for our visitors. These parks will increase Yachats's appeal for citizens and visitors.
- The parks will have dramatic views of the ocean and Cape Perpetua, integrate benches, paths, native plants recommended by local native plant specialists, limited signage, and incorporate natural barriers to vehicular traffic.
- The project requires City staff involvement to scrape and store existing gravel surfaces (pending Archaeologist approval), installing stone barriers, spreading replacement soil, moving concrete bench pads, installing new pads, installing signage, probable water delivery in year 1 and 2, and infrequent mowing of the new area.
- Volunteers will plant ocean bluff appropriate plants and create limited paths
- Preliminary costs and design are attached. Final design will be presented later in 2021 or early 2022. Approval at this point is required as native plants in the desired quantities must be ordered immediately to be available by March 2022.
- Any additional benches will be at City expense or via donation per Parks and Commons bench policy and cost schedule.
- While there are risks associated with this project (E.G., cliff erosion and fall danger), they are no greater if a park is present or if the area remains as is. Benches can be made "traveler" resistant.
- Preliminary costs and renderings attached.

This proposal supports the following City Council Goals:

Prioritize and demonstrate environmental responsibility in all actions and decisions

2) This project will incorporate native plantings thus protecting the area's natural resources
4) Information about planting may be made available to help inform citizens and visitors Native plantings restore the natural order, create habitat, are sustainable and thus help community well-being.

Strengthen relationships with Community

3) This project includes public input to the Commission. Open Parks and Commons meetings will provide a public forum to provide additional input and to discuss the final design.

Provide a safe environment

1) This is part the completion of the Ocean View Drive Project.
3) Separating the park from traffic and adding signage improves public safety