

1. 2:00 P.M. Agenda

Documents:

2025-06-03 Parks And Commons Agenda (1).Pdf

2. Meeting Material

Documents:

Sterling Resignation Letter.pdf
2025-05-06 Draft Parks Summary Minutes (1).Pdf
June PCC Report (1).Pdf
Commons RR Plan PDF.pdf
Commons North Side WC Additions - Phase 01.Pdf
Commons North Side WC Additions - Phase 02.Pdf
Commons North Side WC Additions - Phase 03.Pdf
Commons Building Plan - Updated 250530.Pdf
Backup Documents -Commons Report.pdf
Copy Of Commons Report - Commons Management (2) (1).Pdf
Copy Of Commons Report - Grants (1) (1).Pdf
Copy Of Commons Report - Infrastructure (3) (1).Pdf
Copy Of Commons Report - Maintenance (1) (1).Pdf
Copy Of Commons Report - Work History (1) (1).Pdf
Copy Of Jan - Mar 2025 Quarterly Usage - In Use (2) (1).Pdf
Parks Maintenance Report - Report (1) (1).Pdf
3A1 May 2025 City Staff Report (1).Pdf
City Of Yachats Workgroup Report-May 2025.Pdf
BirdCity.pdf
Ord_244 Noxious Vegetation Working Copy SANS NUISANCES CHAPTER 5.08,
But INCLUDES FIRE HAZARD Section - USE (4) (1).Pdf
Noxious Weeds In YMC Revision (Berdie) V1 (3) (1).Pdf
Cross Reference Of PCC Comments And Guidelines Draft Doc - Cross
Comparison_ PCC Comments Draft Guidelines (1) (1).Pdf
Bb-City Ordinance Vs Commission Rules For PCC - Sheet1 (4) (1).Pdf
PCC- Combo Mayor CM (1) (7) (1).Pdf
PCC Ordinance Should Integrate Workgroups Into Its Mandate (1) (4) (1).Pdf



CITY OF YACHATS
PARKS & COMMONS COMMISSION
441 Hwy 101 N. Commons Civic Meeting Room 1
Yachats, OR 97498
Tuesday,
June 3, 2025, at 2:00 pm
To Be Held In-Person & Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83554861795>
Meeting ID: 835 5486 1795

AGENDA

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** (reminder to silence phones)
- II. **Announcements**
- III. **Public Comment**
 - Limited to items not on the agenda (5 min. limitation per person)
 - Concerns/issues may be considered for inclusion in future agendas by PCC
- IV. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**
- V. **Reports (an opportunity for Commissioner questions and comments)**
 - a. [Commons Report](#)
 - b. Workgroups Report link; This doc may contain any of the following
 - Trails/YIPS!
 - Keeping Yachats Beautiful
 - Estuary Walkway
 - Landmark Property
 - Commons under-stage project
 - c. [Parks Maintenance Report](#)
- VI. **New Business**

Public comment will be permitted on agenda items prior to and after Commission deliberations and as determined by the Chair (2 min max per person per agenda item)

 1. [Discuss and vote on proposed Bird City designation](#) (10 min)
 2. **Scharen Design Studio update presentation on Greater Commons Master Plan (30 min)**
 3. **Continued discussion on the scope of the signage project for the wetlands boardwalk (10-15 min)**
 4. **Consider Mayor Berdie's proposed replacement of the Yachats' noxious weed policy – Yachats Municipal Code Section 5.08.110 Noxious and Invasive Vegetation (20 min)**
 - a. [Ord 244 Noxious Vegetation](#)
 - b. [Noxious weeds in YMC Revision \(Berdie\) V1](#)

5. Discuss reimagined PCC Guidelines (25 min)

- a. [Cross Reference of PCC Comments and Guidelines Draft Doc](#)
- b. [City Ordinance vs Commission Rules for PCC](#)
- c. [DRAFT Proposed PCC Guidelines \(Mayor-City Manager\)](#)
- d. [George's Work Group document](#)

VII. Updates on Previous Business (Action Items and/or Other Business) (5 min)

- a. Civic Master Plan Advisory Group (Adam or George)
- b. Other

This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. This meeting will be audio taped. All items to be considered by the Commission must be submitted to City Hall no later than one week prior to the meeting. Minutes of all public meetings are available for review at City Hall, or on the City website at www.yachatsoregon.org. In accordance with ORS 192.630, City of Yachats will make a good faith effort to provide accommodations for any person desiring to attend a public meeting, if the request is made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting time. The meeting room is physically accessible to persons with mobility devices; a sign language or foreign language interpreter may be available, with advance notice. Call City Hall at 541-547-3565 or Oregon Relay 1-800-735-2900 (TDD) two days in advance. POSTED 02/29/24 By: Kimmie Jackson, Deputy City Recorder

From: [Dan Sterling](#)
Cc: [Dan Wright](#); [Adam Altson](#); [John Pravel](#); [Dan Sterling](#); [Meg Simans](#); [Ron Simans](#); [George](#); [Mayor](#); [Bobbi Price](#); [Kimmie Jackson](#); [Neal Morphis](#); [Rosa Marchand](#)
Subject: Resignation letter
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:35:29 PM

Dan Sterling
35 Joni's Way
Yachats, OR, 97498

May 27, 2025

To Yachats leaders, staff, and my PCC colleagues,

This is to convey my resignation from the Parks and Commons Commission, effective June 4th, 2025.

It has been a pleasure serving and a joy to collaborate with teammates, city staff, the Council, and Mayor. I apologize for not completing my allotted term; personal circumstances have necessitated that I reset my focus at this time.

Sincerely,

Dan Sterling

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Yachats Parks & Commons Commission



**CITY OF YACHATS
PARK & COMMONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Civic Meeting Room 1, 441 Hwy 101 N. OR 97498
Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 2:00 pm**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Commission Members	P/A
Meg Simans	P
Dan Sterling	P
Ron Simans	P
George Giroux	P
Adam Altson	p
John Pravel	p
Dan Wright	P

Staff Members	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kim Jackson, City Recorder
Neal Morphis, City Clerk	Rosa Marchand, Commons Coordinator

III. [Announcements](#)

- a. Scharen Designs will hold its last public input meeting on May 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Commons and will meet with the Parks & Commons Commission on June 4, 2025, at 2:00 PM.
- b. Wildfire Emergency event is scheduled for May 19th from 3 to 5:30 PM in the Commons, focusing on emergency shelter discussions with Red Cross sponsorship.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

- a. [Jim Welch presented the Bird City initiative](#), recognizing communities committed to wildlife protection and conservation. Yachats aims to achieve this designation by joining many communities across North and South America.

Jim Welch and local members are forming a steering committee and have met with the Bird City, Oregon, director to discuss the application process. The initiative highlights Yachats' conservation efforts and aims to address threats to wildlife, such as light pollution and invasive species. Interested commissioners can contact Jim Welch for more information.

- b. [Catherine Whitten-Carey, E 3rd Street](#), Whale Tail Park, needs improvements in areas such as park maintenance, more seating, upgrading facilities, and enhancing signage to improve accessibility and safety for visitors.

Would like to see a memorial somewhere on the 804 Trail for Sean, who passed trying to save two people from drowning. Lastly, safety concerns would be to see boulders of some size at the end of the road or the cliff's edge at Ocean View Drive and Pontiac Street. This cliff to the ocean is perilous without a visible physical barrier, especially at night or in the rain, for those unfamiliar with the area.

V. [Reports](#)

- a. Review & Approve [April Summary Minutes](#)
- b. Commons Data Report [Link](#)
- c. Commons Narrative Report [Link](#)
- d. Workgroups Report [Link](#)
- e. Parks Maintenance Report [Link](#)

VI. [VI. New Business](#)

- a. [Beginning discussion on the scope of the signage project for the wetlands boardwalk](#) - Highlights mentioned were the scope of a signage project for the Wetlands Boardwalk, which aligns with a city Council goal. The commission is tasked with determining the content for signs that will enhance public information in the park. The city manager will handle the design and ordering of the signs. A subcommittee may be formed to streamline the project, aiming for completion by early summer, and focused on establishing clear objectives for the signage project to enhance the visitor experience at the Wetlands Boardwalk. After the discussion, the sub-group was formed with members Meg Simans, John Pravel, and Adam Altson.
- b. [Consider Mayor Berdie's proposed replacement of the Yachats' noxious weed policy](#) - Yachats Municipal Code Section 5.08.110 Noxious and Invasive Vegetation: The discussion on noxious and invasive vegetation discussed a range of viewpoints among the participants, such as Concern for Ecosystem Health. Many participants express strong concern about the impact of noxious and invasive species on local ecosystems. They highlight that these plants can outcompete native species, disrupt habitats, and harm local wildlife populations, leading to a loss of biodiversity; a proactive management plan is necessary to control and mitigate the spread of invasive vegetation; educational signage about these species could inform park visitors and residents about the threats posed by invasives; balancing Human Use and Nature Conservation; and long-term Commitment and ongoing efforts, rather than a one-time removal initiative.
- c. [Discuss reimagined PCC Guidelines](#) - The discussion on reimagining the Parks and Commons guidelines focused on enhancing community experience and accessibility. Commission members identified improvements to promote inclusivity and ensure that amenities meet the diverse needs of visitors. Key points included enhancing signage for clear information, gathering community input to inform better programs and events, and emphasizing sustainability in both maintenance and design. The goal is to establish guidelines that promote safe, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible use of parks while fostering community connection. The document will require some editing and will continue the discussion at the June meeting.

Adjourn Parks & Commons Commission Meeting 4:08 pm

Minutes prepared by Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder

June PCC Report

Links and documents to review

Commons Report

[Link for Schedule Spreadsheet](#)

Quarterly User Charts

[Link for Community Space Usage Chats](#)

Improvements and Highlights in the Commons

- Airrow Heating came out for maintenance and a tune up.
- Pioneer Connection came out to the Commons to see how the connection can be improved.
- A Structural Sound Engineer came out to check the stage to see if the stage will support the new speakers. Waiting for an ETA at the start of work.
- CPR/First Aid/AED training scheduled at the Commons for June 12th at 1pm
- The under the stage project continues
- George, Stephen Farish and I have started a work group to get the ADA Bathroom project underway.
- Bobbi Price, Nichole Hedlund, Kristi Anderson and I have started a work group to begin looking into the Child Care Infrastructure Grant for the YYFAP Expansion.
- Parts for the broken playground equipment have arrived. Repairs are underway.
- I canceled all reservations for the Pavilion
- Public works moved all the Pavilion Picnic Tables to the blacktop to create an outdoor seated area, while the Pavilion is under construction
- YYFAP put up bird houses and decorated the outdoor seated area with colorful planted flowers pots.
- Lorraine and I separated, folded and stored the table clothes in bins for future rentals access.
- I have been working with the Pride Committee well in advance to make sure their event runs smoothly and is safe from danger.
- I am looking into an estimate from NBS for Zoom and Live Streaming capabilities for Room 3 and the Multipurpose room.

- Looking into possible future Live Music/ Merchandise sales/ silent auction Fundraisers at the Commons to help offset the cost of current CIP projects.
- I am Waiting on an ETA for Searose Construction to begin work on the basketball hoops in the Multipurpose Room.
- I continue to schedule future reservations, conduct walk through, and help with all aspects of events at the commons

Events at the Commons

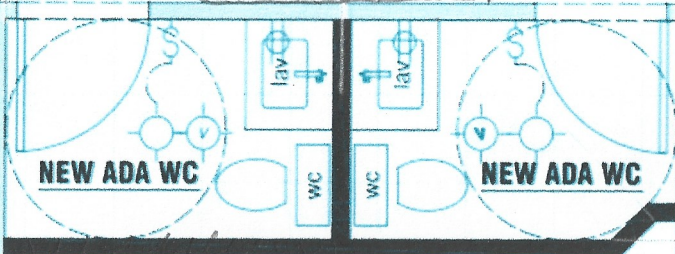
- Jennifer Likens' Wedding
- Mudslingers
- Wild Things
- Final Community Input Session – Greater Commons Master Plan
- The Story Beneath the Scenery
- Yachats Art Guild – Art Show
- Deanna Dickie sound healing

**EXISTING
GREENROOM**
~23'6" x 39'3"

8'-0 3/8"

7'-7 11/16" 7'-7 11/16"
cabinets & sink on this side

cut 2 new doorways in existing wall and provide new doors



new wall provides 5' clear and is angled into existing window wall as shown

*↑ new Floor size
for South Rest
Room*

**EXISTING
HALLWAY**

**NEW REDUCED
SPACE**
~15'3" x 18'6"

5'-0"

**floor plan level
2 new restrooms**

scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"
BACKGROUND GRID IS 2' X 2'



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COMMONS**

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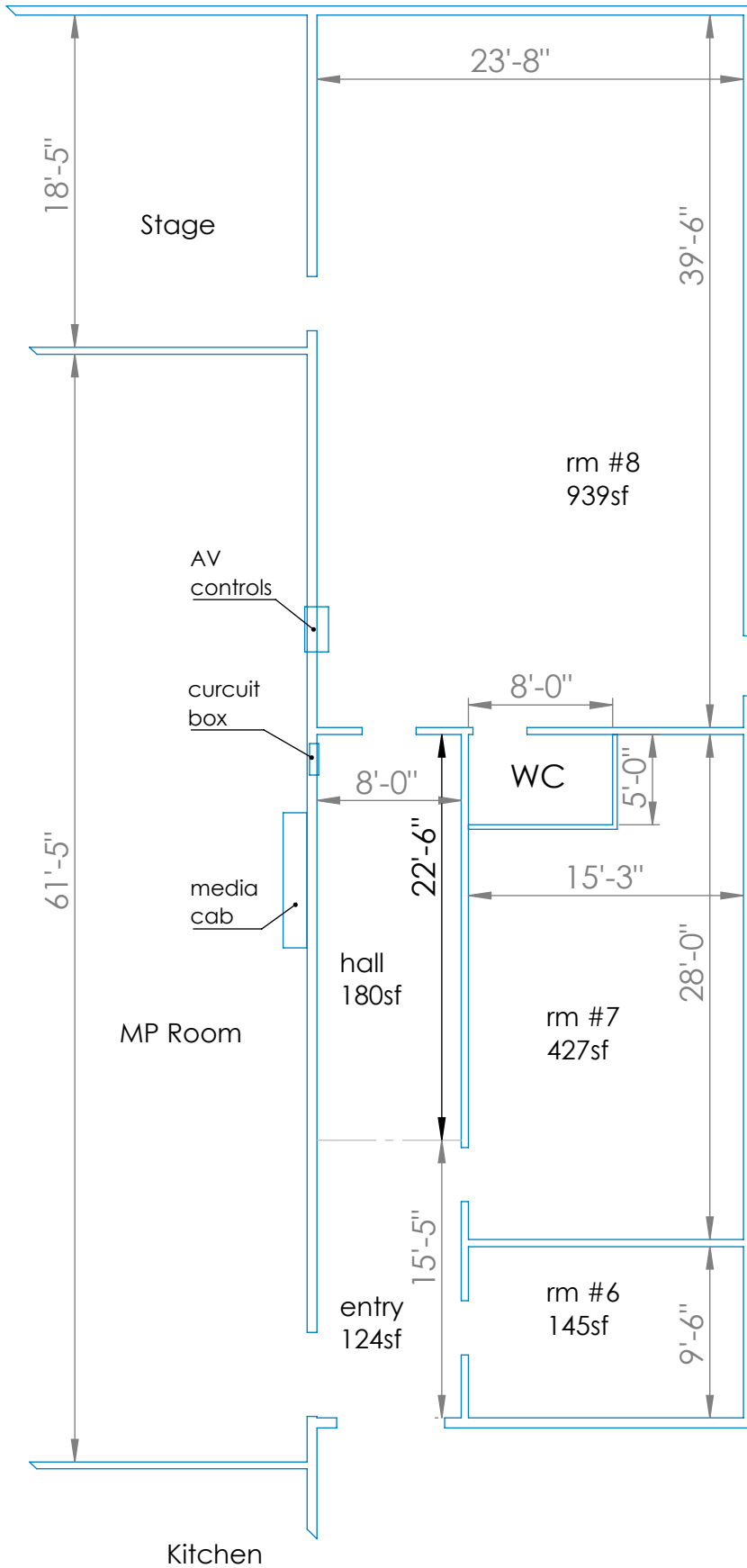
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FLR PLAN L1
RESTROOMS

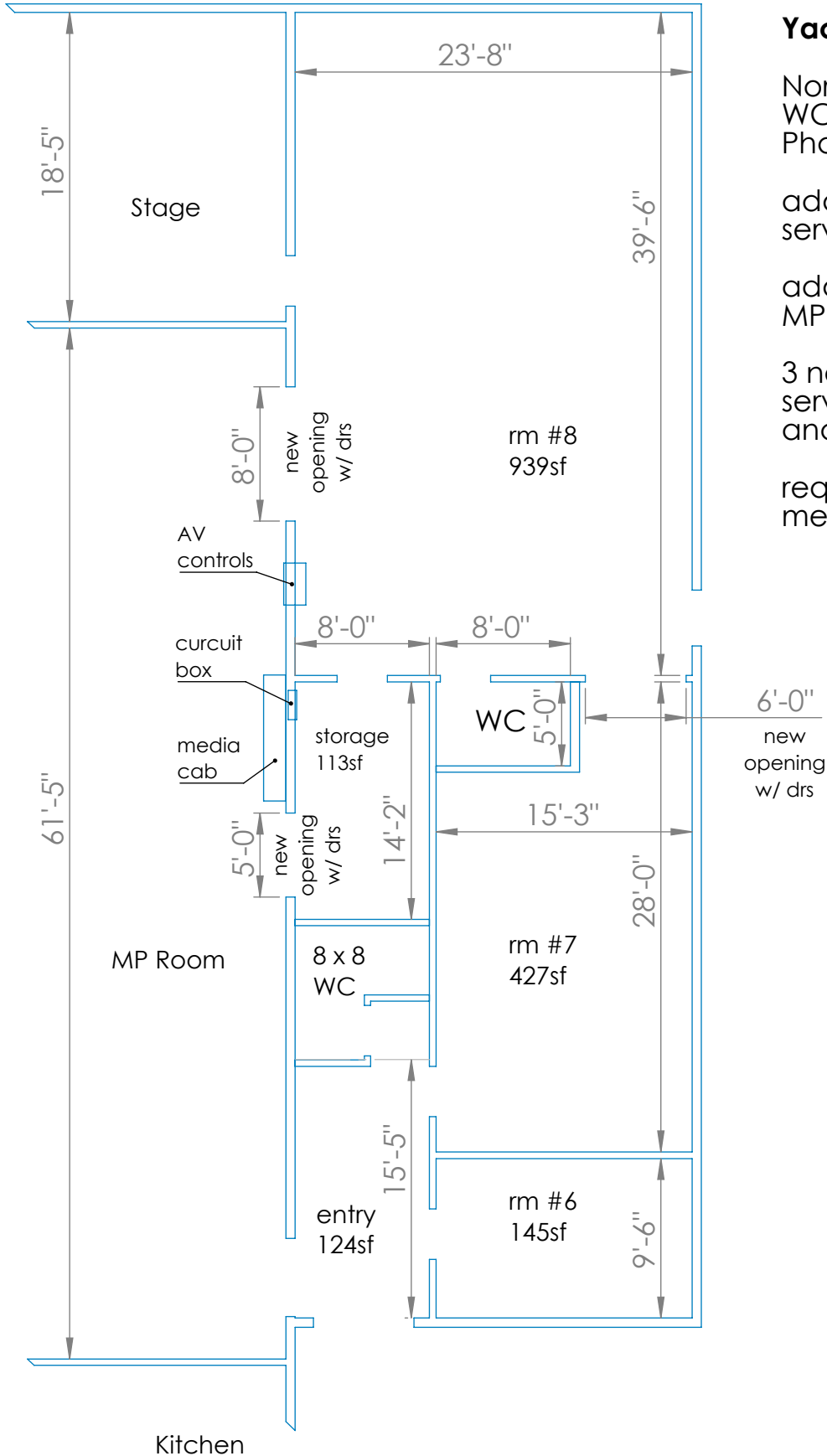
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Yachats Commons

North Rooms
 WC Additions
 Phase 01:
 single ADA WC
 serving RM #8



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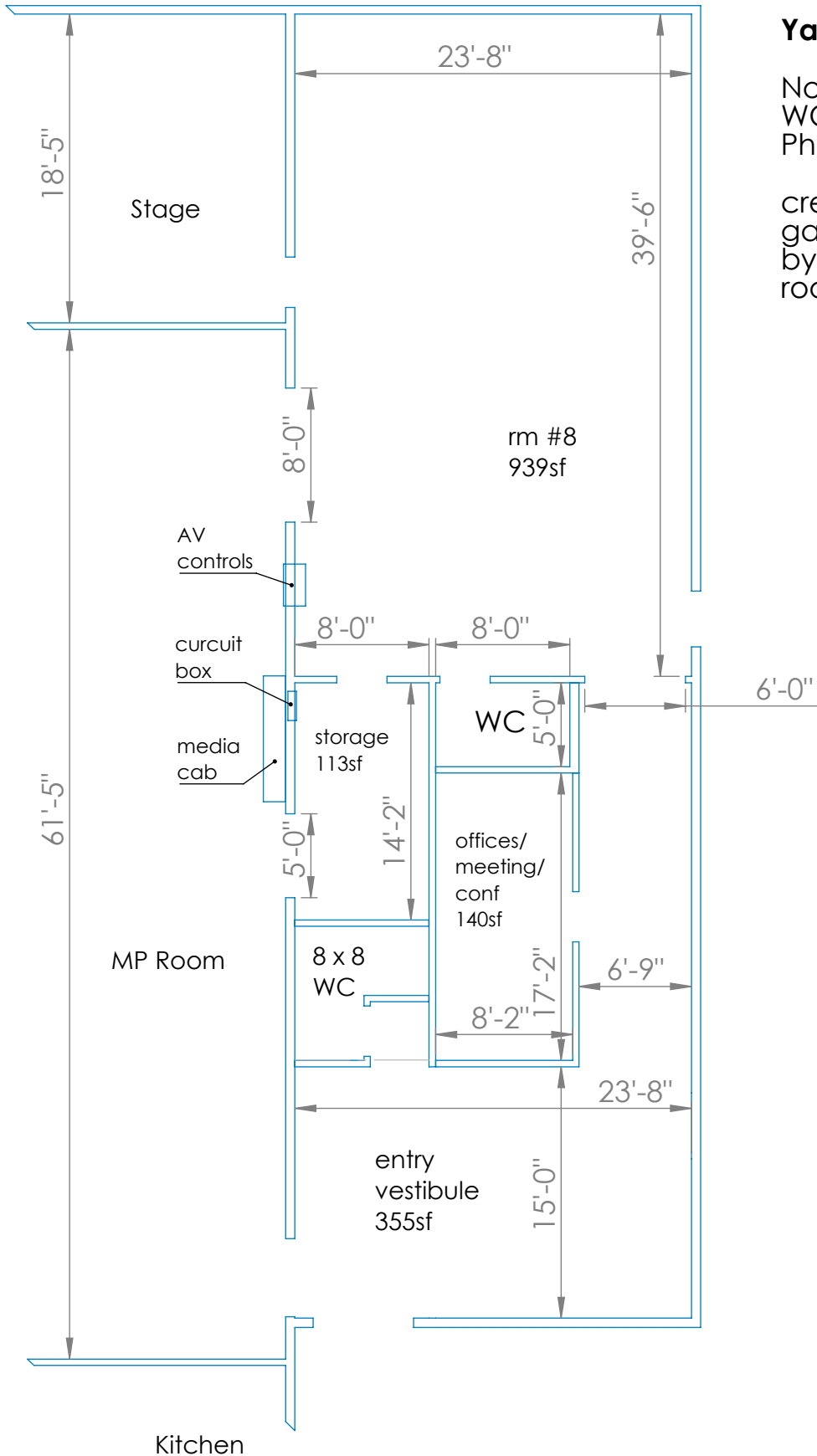
North Rooms
WC Additions
Phase 02:

add single ADA WC
serving entry

add storage serving
MP rm and rm#8

3 new openings
serving new storage
and rm #8

requires moving
media cabinet



Yachats Commons

North Rooms
 WC Additions
 Phase 03:

create vestibule
 gathering space
 by eliminating
 rooms #6 and #7

5th St

Pavilion

Accessible Community Entrance

Loading

PHASE 1

Green room/ Meeting room

Storage

Office

Office

Entrance Vestibule

RR (2-3)

RR

RR

Stage

Multipurpose room

Accessible Community Entrance

Storage

Cust.

Kitchen

Meeting room

M RR (3-4)

Dining / Lounge

Classroom

RR

Staff

Classroom

RR

Classroom

F RR (3-4)

Multi-purpose / Civic meeting room

Main Office

RR

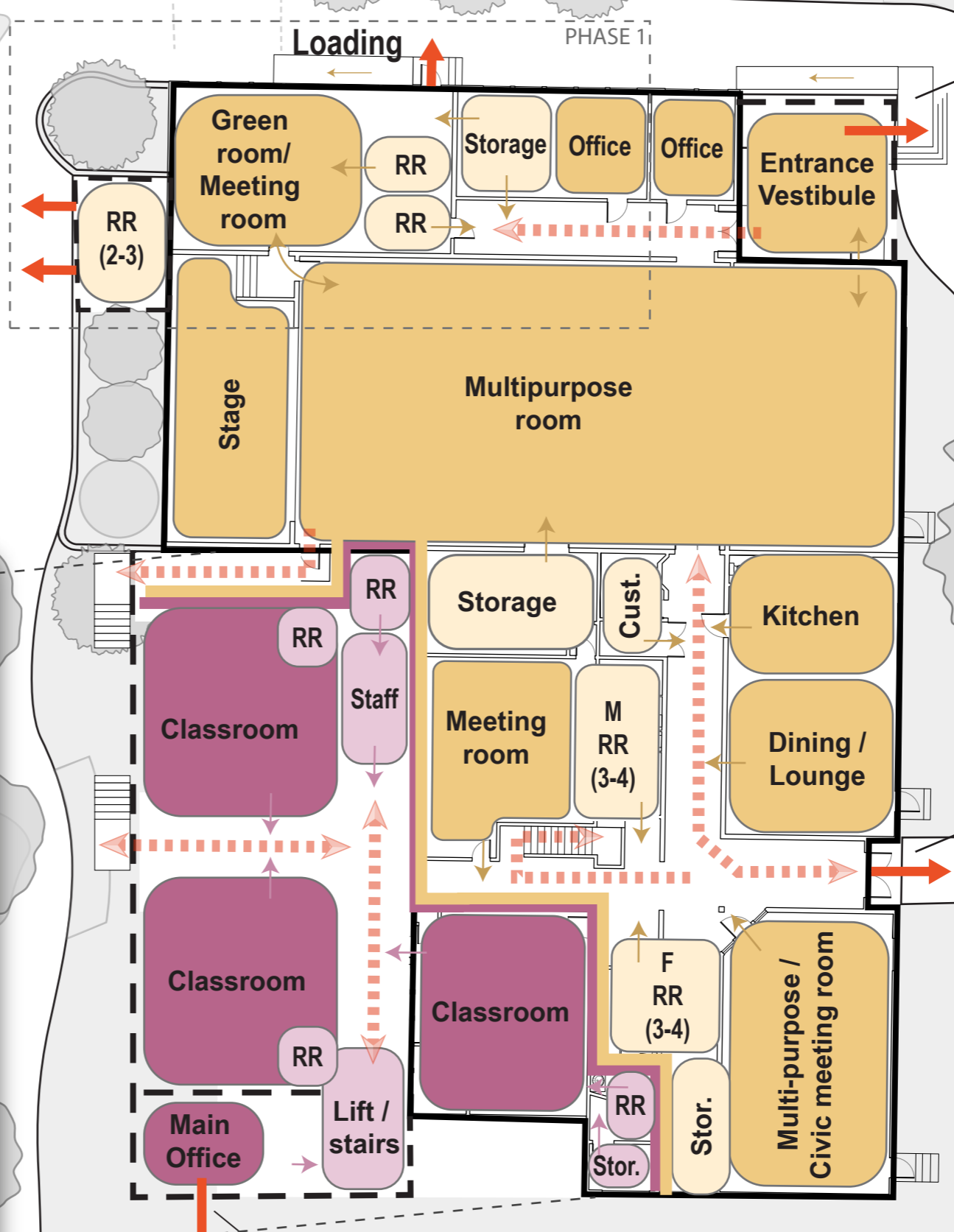
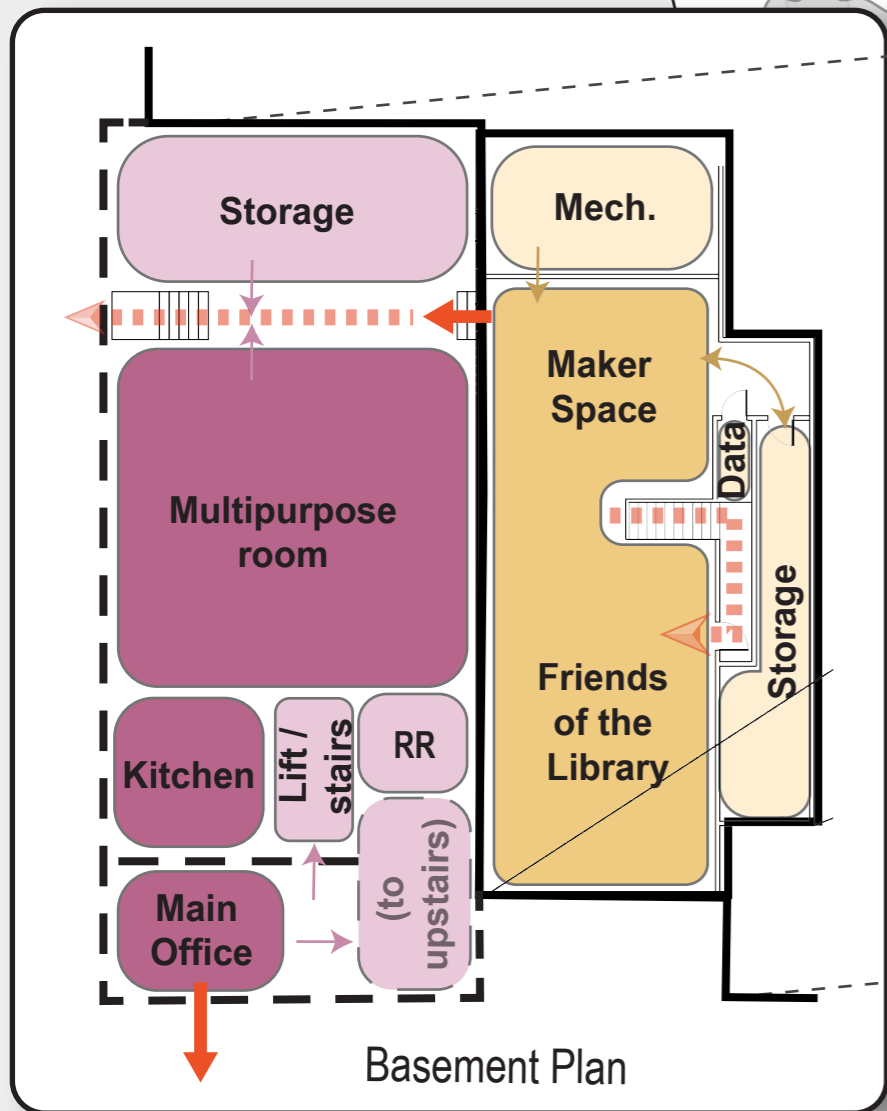
Lift / stairs

RR

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Accessible YYFAP Entrance at Street Level



4th St

Commons Management	Complete	Notes
Annual User Group Reservation Renewal	Completed	Completed Jan 2025
User Group Waivers		Most waivers have been returned signed. tracking down remaining unsigned waivers
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Electrical Room	Notes	Completed
Continued waterproofing and dehumidification	Old boiler chimney is leaking. Removing for resiliency grant will resolve the issue.	Done
Partitioned off storage space	May allow limited storage. Chain link with padlock.- Not doing, not allowing store for fire code compliance	Not doing
Clear out clutter and prep for chimney demo	Farmer's market is moved out. Items remain. Find owners, dispose of trash. Justice from pw is going to clean	Done
Replace rusty components	This work will likely tie into the resiliency grant	
Commons	Notes	Completed
Replace N roof	It may make sense to replace this roof portion due to the possibility of uncovering rot during fascia repair.	
Fascia	Wait for Civic Campus Plan to CIP budget for	
New eave PVC needs to be welded to existing roof	Complete	Completed
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East gutter drainage	Water on east side of building drains into the soil next to the foundation. It no longer flows into the vents, but the water should be routed away. Will need a creative solution.	
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Emergency Shelter	Linn West is reaching out to the Red Cross to get us enrolled in a class for the setup and requirements certification process.	
Replace crawl space access door	Door lock is rusted and difficult to open.	
Under stage storage system	Geo will share plans soon.	
Room 7	Temporary storage space	
Storage	Reduce clutter and efficiently store items.	
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Art Hanging System	Done	Complete
Leak in YYFAP office	NW Roofing added caulking and believes this has been resolved.	Completed
Find out why the storage closet smells like mold now	Chimney is leaking. There may be leaking roof drainage pipes as well. UPDATE 2/12/25 No more mold smell	Completed
Civic room upgrades	LED wafer lights in May Custom desk in July- UPDATE: Lights complete, wait on desk until Civic Campus Master Plan	
Library in room 8	The reduced library opens in room 8 May 29th. Many tasks associated.	Completed
Pavilion	Notes	Completed
Outlets and lights	Work light over sink. LED pendant lights in center of building. Breakers tripping.	
Bird strike decals	Discuss with community/PCC- UPDATE: Pavilion work being done that includes blocking the open eaves	
Stain building and picnic tables	Spring- Follow up with Bobbi & Public Works when the building work is complete	
Cabinet to store cleaning supplies. Possible additional countertop space.	Rolling cart with supplies and bringing tables out may be a better fit. Need community input.	
PERMITTING	We are working with an architect and the building official to bring the building up to code.	Completed
City Hall	Notes	Completed
Siding	Due to high cost we will need to wait. May replace only fascia and gutters for now. UPDATE: Gutters & Fascia work being done February 2025	Complete

Windows	Glass is ordered. To be installed in February.	Complete
Seal front door	Drafts- Wait for Civic Campus Master Plan	
Remove maglock system	Find buyer? YYFAP use?	
Ramp at front door	Wheelchair ramp directly in front of city hall entrance. Move ada parking spots to ramp location.- Wait for Civic Campus Master Plan	
Install antenna	Parts in. Waiting for install date from contractor. Neal sent one of our old radios so they can pre program our new ones before install	Complete
Reinstall bike rack	Once ramp is installed for ada access. Bike rack was temporarily removed to allow safer wheelchair access	
Tint front windows	Micro dot Newport Sign. Estimate coming soon- Review in Spring 2025 if still needed	
Exterior Lights	Light posts and drive thru lights are not working. We have a problem with breaker tripping. Work has started. Light post repair 3/7	Complete
Playground	Notes	Completed
Lighting	Led focused lights. 2-4 on perimeter of playground. Programmed to shut off after hours? Bid from Alsea Electric coming soon.- UPDATE: Rosa to follow up 2/12/25	
Sand and paint structures	Paint arrived and we are working on an install date with public works	
Install seesaw	Public works will be completing this project soon	Completed
Fence treehouse bench stain	Spring	Completed
Additional wood chips		
Replace rusted panels on climbing structure	Shipment arrived and we are working on an install date with public works	Completed
LLCM	Notes	Completed
Find lost concept drawings		
Restart the LLCM		
Exhibits		
Volunteer Scheduled		
Track Rehabilitation progress & work	Take photos and send to Bobbi, work with Neal on tracking the schedule of the work being done, report to Bobbi	
FOB System	Notes	Completed
Program System		
Keyholder list		
Fob assignment spreadsheet		
Commons	Notes	Completed
Locking system	Individual code for renters, last 4 digits of renters phone number	
Ring Camera	Placed at all Commons doors, Lorraine and Rosa have access to footage	
Pavilion	Notes	Completed
City Hall	Notes	Completed

Master Lock Boxes	Notes	Completed
Change master code	Change Monthly Codes in Maintenance Schedule	
Commons Master Keys	Neal has been working with a lock smith to have the locks at the commons replaced. Determining how many Master keys willbe needed for YYFAP staff, Library staff, City Staff, and locked boxes	

Work/task/project	Completion Date	Cost	Notes
MP room back stairs siding	1/8/2024		
	Krystal's Completions		
Cover plates for lights in front of stage	1/9/2024		
Stage storage cabinets	1/11/2024		
Electrical room waterproofing	12/28/2023		Paint on waterproof barrier
Electrical room pipe to route water	1/3/2024		One additional pipe to route water through foundation. This brings the total to 3 pipes.
Pavilion Sink	7/13/2023		
MP projector and screen	10/18/2023		
Sound upgrades	9/24/2023		New speakers, mixer, amp, bluetooth, cd player.
East MP room lights	12/15/2023		
City Hall toilets	9/28/2023		
New fire egress maps and max occupancy posted	2/1/2024		Old emergency egress maps were not accurate or oriented the correct way. Max capacity has changes in some spaces.
NE Commons channel drain and vent covers	10/15/2023		
City Hall front window replacement	2/15/24		The seals were broken

Resiliency Grant Plans	Completed	Costs	Notes
Space for solar batteries and inverters			Location TBD. Consultants recomend mp room storage closet. Engineer recomends electrical room.
Antenna removal			To allow for installation of solar panels.
Shorten vent pipes			To allow for installation of solar panels
Chimney removal and repair of building			Conduit ran through this location. Removal should happen for safety as well as long standing leaks.

Commons Quaterly Usage Report

Types of usage Hours

Large Events

MP Room	152
Kitchen	152
Room 3	85
room 8	85
Pavillion	10
Room 1	85

Private Events

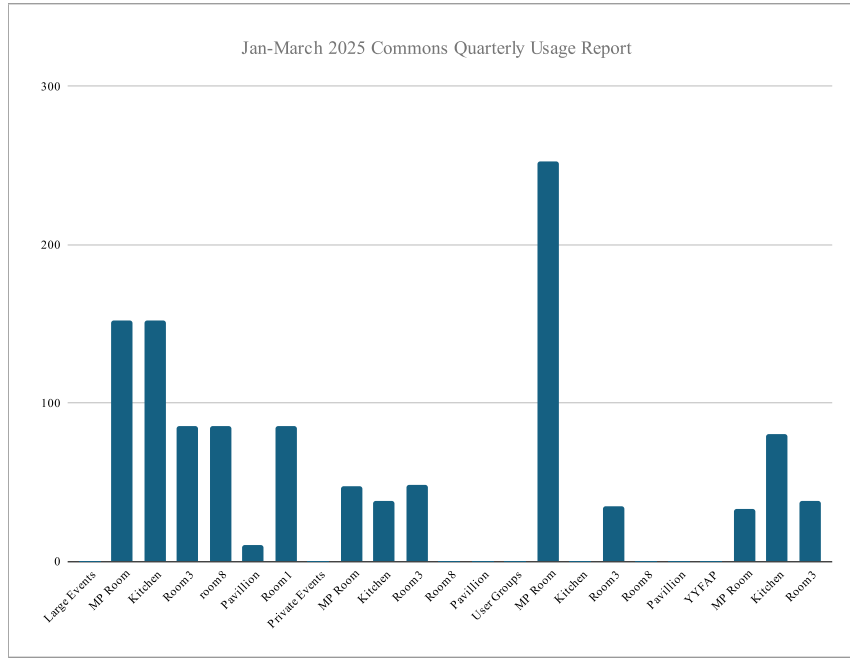
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User Groups

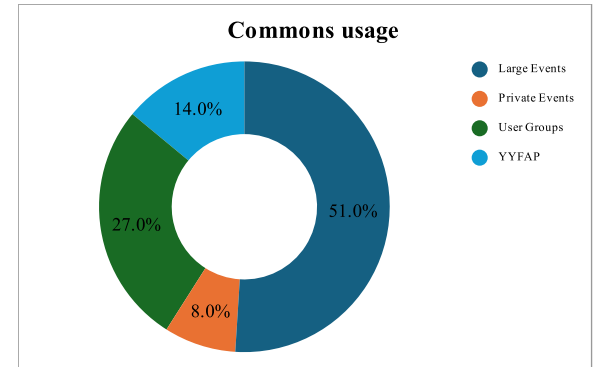
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YYFAP

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Room 3	38



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Art Hanging System	Done	Complete
Leak in YYFAP office	NW Roofing added caulking and believes this has been resolved.	Completed
Find out why the storage closet smells like mold now	Chimney is leaking. There may be leaking roof drainage pipes as well. UPDATE 2/12/25 No more mold smell	Completed
Civic room upgrades	LED wafer lights in May Custom desk in July- UPDATE: Lights complete, wait on desk until Civic Campus Master Plan	
Library in room 8	The reduced library opens in room 8 May 29th. Many tasks associated.	Completed
Pavilion	Notes	Completed
Outlets and lights	Work light over sink. LED pendant lights in center of building. Breakers tripping.	
Bird strike decals	Discuss with community/PCC- UPDATE: Pavilion work being done that includes blocking the open eaves	
Stain building and picnic tables	Spring- Follow up with Bobbi & Public Works when the building work is complete	
Cabinet to store cleaning supplies. Possible additional countertop space.	Rolling cart with supplies and bringing tables out may be a better fit. Need community input.	
PERMITTING	We are working with an architect and the building official to bring the building up to code.	Completed
City Hall	Notes	Completed
Siding	Due to high cost we will need to wait. May replace only fascia and gutters for now. UPDATE: Gutters & Fascia work being done February 2025	Complete

Windows	Glass is ordered. To be installed in February.	Complete
Seal front door	Drafts- Wait for Civic Campus Master Plan	
Remove maglock system	Find buyer? YYFAP use?	
Ramp at front door	Wheelchair ramp directly in front of city hall entrance. Move ada parking spots to ramp location.- Wait for Civic Campus Master Plan	
Install antenna	Parts in. Waiting for install date from contractor. Neal sent one of our old radios so they can pre program our new ones before install	Complete
Reinstall bike rack	Once ramp is installed for ada access. Bike rack was temporarily removed to allow safer wheelchair access	
Tint front windows	Micro dot Newport Sign. Estimate coming soon- Review in Spring 2025 if still needed	
Exterior Lights	Light posts and drive thru lights are not working. We have a problem with breaker tripping. Work has started. Light post repair 3/7	Complete
Playground	Notes	Completed
Lighting	Led focused lights. 2-4 on perimeter of playground. Programmed to shut off after hours? Bid from Alsea Electric coming soon.- UPDATE: Rosa to follow up 2/12/25	
Sand and paint structures	Paint arrived and we are working on an install date with public works	
Install seesaw	Public works will be completing this project soon	Completed
Fence treehouse bench stain	Spring	Completed
Additional wood chips		
Replace rusted panels on climbing structure	Shipment arrived and we are working on an install date with public works	Completed
LLCM	Notes	Completed
Find lost concept drawings		
Restart the LLCM		
Exhibits		
Volunteer Scheduled		
Track Rehabilitation progress & work	Take photos and send to Bobbi, work with Neal on tracking the schedule of the work being done, report to Bobbi	
FOB System	Notes	Completed
Program System		
Keyholder list		
Fob assignment spreadsheet		
Commons	Notes	Completed
Locking system	Individual code for renters, last 4 digits of renters phone number	
Ring Camera	Placed at all Commons doors, Lorraine and Rosa have access to footage	
Pavilion	Notes	Completed
City Hall	Notes	Completed

Master Lock Boxes	Notes	Completed
Change master code	Change Monthly Codes in Maintenance Schedule	
Commons Master Keys	Neal has been working with a lock smith to have the locks at the commons replaced. Determining how many Master keys willbe needed for YYFAP staff, Library staff, City Staff, and locked boxes	

Work/task/project	Completion Date	Cost	Notes
MP room back stairs siding	1/8/2024		
	Krystal's Completions		
Cover plates for lights in front of stage	1/9/2024		
Stage storage cabinets	1/11/2024		
Electrical room waterproofing	12/28/2023		Paint on waterproof barrier
Electrical room pipe to route water	1/3/2024		One additional pipe to route water through foundation. This brings the total to 3 pipes.
Pavilion Sink	7/13/2023		
MP projector and screen	10/18/2023		
Sound upgrades	9/24/2023		New speakers, mixer, amp, bluetooth, cd player.
East MP room lights	12/15/2023		
City Hall toilets	9/28/2023		
New fire egress maps and max occupancy posted	2/1/2024		Old emergency egress maps were not accurate or oriented the correct way. Max capacity has changes in some spaces.
NE Commons channel drain and vent covers	10/15/2023		
City Hall front window replacement	2/15/24		The seals were broken

Resiliency Grant Plans	Completed	Costs	Notes
Space for solar batteries and inverters			Location TBD. Consultants recomend mp room storage closet. Engineer recomends electrical room.
Antenna removal			To allow for installation of solar panels.
Shorten vent pipes			To allow for installation of solar panels
Chimney removal and repair of building			Conduit ran through this location. Removal should happen for safety as well as long standing leaks.

Commons Quaterly Usage Report

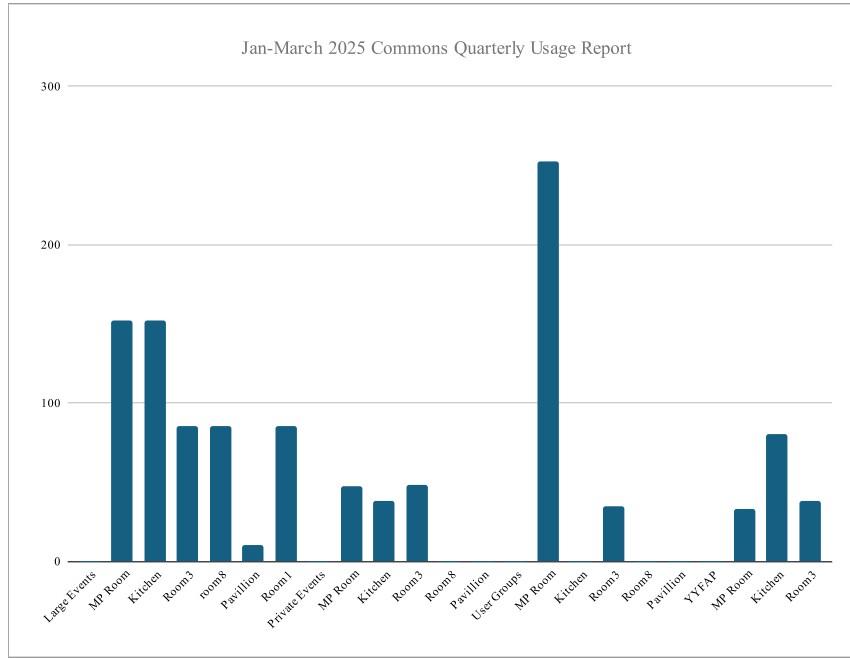
Types of usage Hours

Large Events	
MP Room	152
Kitchen	152
Room 3	85
room 8	85
Pavillion	10
Room 1	85

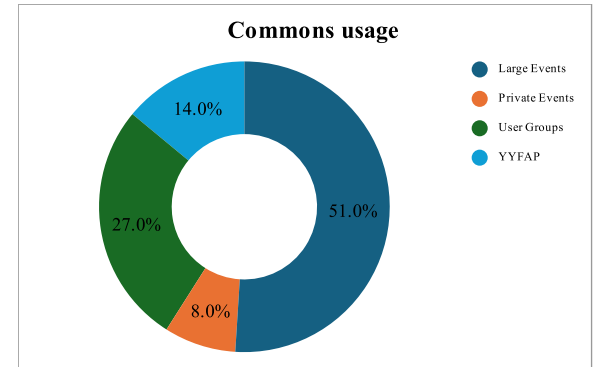
Private Events	
MP Room	47.5
Kitchen	38.5
Room 3	48
Room 8	0
Pavillion	0

User Groups	
MP Room	252.25
Kitchen	0
Room 3	34.5
Room 8	0
Pavillion	0

YYFAP	
MP Room	33
Kitchen	80.5
Room 3	38



Large Events	51%
Private Events	8%
User Groups	27%
YYFAP	14%





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CITY MANAGER (Bobbi Price)

Regional Solutions Community Meeting-

The City Manager has been collaborating with the South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Coordinator of the Office of Governor Tina Kotek to arrange a community meeting and tour with members of the Congressional Delegation, the Regional Solutions team, Business Oregon, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Council of Governments, USDA, and OHCS (Oregon Housing and Community Services) to visit Yachats.

This group joined us on May 7th at the Commons to hear a presentation on the proposed new water reservoir project that would replace our current one-million-gallon reservoir and 250,000-gallon reservoir on Radar Road. During this presentation, we highlighted the geotechnical findings regarding the instability of the land where our current reservoir is located, the City's proposal to construct a new one, and the desire for subsequent middle-income housing on the identified and proposed reservoir property. This was an opportunity to share our project with various state funding agencies and ensure they are knowledgeable about it.

Following the presentation, the City received notice of an award of \$100,000 for feasibility and engineering for the project.

ODOT-

The City Manager met with ODOT to discuss the numerous concerns residents have shared regarding pedestrian safety and how to begin progressing with the long-awaited phases 2 and 3 of the sidewalk project. To initiate these phases, we need to apply for planning grants that will outline and engineer them. We are actively applying for the Transportation Management Systems grant through DLCD and ODOT. This will update our City circulation plan to incorporate the sidewalks. Once we complete the planning through the planning grant, we'll be able to start applying for construction grants for the

sidewalks. The City of Yachats is also collaborating with other cities in Lincoln County and the Council of Governments to jointly apply as a region for the ODOT Safe Streets grant aimed at traffic calming measures.

Scharen Design Studio – Greater Commons Campus Plan

Scharen Design Studios continues its work on the Greater Commons Master Plan. Most recently, they will hold a community input session on May 14th, during which they will present their design to the community for the final time. The community had opportunities to provide feedback. The Advisory group will review the design again on June 2nd and present it to the Parks & Commons Commission on June 4th, before bringing it to the City Council for adoption during their July City Council meeting.

Budget Work

The City Manager has been busy preparing the FY26 budget with Finance Committee member Julie Ekdorn. The budget book was designed to educate the residents on how the City of Yachats budget and fund accounting. The goal was to make the budget clear, easy to understand, include detailed line item information, and provide a comprehensive overview.

Budget Games Event

With the goal of budget education and citizen engagement, the City of Yachats partnered with the Economic Alliance of Lincoln County to create and deliver a budget game. The game was engaging and encouraged groups of people to work together to achieve a balanced budget. Each group was given a budget recommendation by the City Manager, and there was a deck of cards at each table. The moderator at each table presented one card at a time. One card was a MUST play, while the others were optional. Participants had three slots to fill with optional funding requests. Using these cards ultimately meant that they could not use the recommendations given by the City Manager; they would need to make strategic cuts and prioritizations.

Cascadia Partners Advisory Committee

Cascadia Partners has met with the Advisory Committee and shared their suggestions for edits to the existing code in order to meet Oregon State Statutes as well as Code Concepts designed to efficiently utilize buildable land for affordable housing and additional middle-housing options. There will be opportunities for community engagement to present these ideas and receive feedback from residents. Those dates are to be announced.

Strategic Marketing Plan RFP

The City of Yachats has issued a request for proposals on Oregon Buys for a Strategic Marketing Plan. This plan aims to direct the marketing initiatives by the City of Yachats

in collaboration with our partner, the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce, which serves as the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).

The Strategic Marketing Plan will serve as a roadmap for the DMO to execute on behalf of the City of Yachats over the coming three years. It will also be accessible to residents, outlining the key elements of how the City promotes itself for tourism, utilizing the designated transient lodging tax revenue. This aligns with the intended use of these funds.

The City and Chamber interviewed the top two candidates and selected Verdant & to create the Strategic Plan and work with the Chamber Director on the implementation.

Communication & Public Awareness

The City of Yachats remains committed to effective communication and public awareness. Recently, we have begun producing short video recaps of our regular City Council meetings, highlighting important topics discussed. We understand that not everyone can attend our meetings, so this initiative is designed to keep you informed about your local government in a different format.

Estuary Walkway

The Estuary Walkway workgroup has submitted the walkway grant to the Oregon State Parks Department.

The long-awaited jurisdictional transfer from Lincoln County to the City of Yachats has occurred; the City has formally accepted the road. The County is in the process of recording the agreement and will send that final piece to the City in the beginning of May.

Landmark/O'Neil Property

A workgroup has formed and started reviewing plans for the landmark property. ODOT needs to be contacted to ensure they comply with their standards and rules.

FEMA

Using the model code, the Planning Commission has reviewed the updated FEMA ordinance. A Planning Commission public hearing took place in April. A 20-day notice will be provided for another public hearing for the City Council meeting on June 18th.

Community Support

The City is working on a grant process for all community support requests.

Library & Little Log Church Museum

Updates on these projects are in the CIP Coordinators' report

CITY DEPUTY RECORDER (Kimmie Jackson)

Attended commission/committee meeting for the month & prepared action summaries; updated agenda center with audios and summaries; worked on updating the agenda center program thru CivicPlus, and the postage module, that will exclude mailings through the post office; the Fees project is still in progress; completed first draft of the Employee Handbook for City Manager's review; prepared ordinances to submit to e-Code; archiving documents; assisted where needed in the office and worked on general daily business.

PUBLIC WORKS (Rick McClung and Dave Buckwald)

Rainfall at Yachats Public Works:

	<u>Inches</u>			
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
April	2.57	4.58	8.45	8.13
Rain year to date:	25.12	39.31	33.02	23.25

Total water produced: **4,017,200** gallons

Total water accounted for: **3,370,443** gallons Water loss efficiency: **90%**

Total wastewater treated: **5,545,000** gallons

The following is a list of what was done by Public Works staff in April 2025.

Streets:

- Multiple potholes filled.
- Back-bladed Windy Way, Crestview Drive.
- Brush cut upper Crestview Dr., W. 6th St., Reeves Circle, Windy Way,

Storm Drainage:

- Storm drain clearing.
- Installed a culvert on Reeves Circle.

Water Treatment Plant:

- Water systems operations.
- Water plant maintc.

- Reedy Creek headworks Inspection & flushed.
- Reedy Creek water line excavation.

Distribution Sys:

- Meter reading and rereads.
- Meter maintc.
- Leak inspections.
- System hydrant flushing and maintc.
- Hydrant maintc. & flushing.
- Worked on a water leak on Hanley Drive.
- Major water main break on Cedar Ave. (Repaired).
- Install one new water meter.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Wastewater systems operations.
- Plant maintc. & clean-up.
- Biosolids operations.

Collection Sys:

- Lift station inspections.
- Degreased lift stations.
- Float cleaning.
- CCTV 423ft on Yachats River Rd., 102ft on Lincoln Ave.
- Pulled pump at Main Lift Station, sent to Albany for repairs.
- E2nd Phs3 sewer line locate.
- Assisted sewer repair contractor with I &I repairs.

Public Works:

- Shop maintc. and clean up.
- Fleet maintc. & repair.
- Equipment maintc. & repair and fueling.
- Multiple locates.
- Brush box handling.
- PW administration.
- Piles picked up for Trails crew.
- Garbage removal at the Commons.
- Samples to Newport.

- City Hall and Commons work orders.
- PW yard organizing.
- Power outage.
- Brush cutting.
- Code Enforcement.
- Flag holders replaced.
- Removed Peace Park bench.
- Fence work for the community garden.
- Vac-truck repairs made.
- Backhoe serviced & repaired.
- Rocked city fill site access road.
- City Hall maintc.
- Fill site brush cut.
- Cleaned Commons grease trap.
- Emergency container water systems demonstration at Public Works.

WASTEWATER CIP PROJECTS

- **WWTP generator:**
Project is Complete.
- **WWTP UV Disinfection System Upgrades:**
- Project complete.
- **PW Design Standards:**
Still reviewing.
- **Storm Drain Master Plan:**
Still reviewing.
- **2024-25 FY Street Paving:**
Paving will be in the Spring. Planning for 2025-26 FY paving.
- **WWTP Upgrades:**
Grit control panel, PLC units for the Wastewater Plant will be installed week of the 19th.
VFD's for the screw press will be installed the week of the 19th.
- **Main Lift Station Upgrades:**
PLC and control parts to be installed the week of the 19th.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

- Cross training
- General plant maintenance

Water capacity report

This report used data from the Water Master Plan and the Water Management and Conservation Plan to perform the analysis of water demand and population report for the City Council. [Link to view report](#)

Feasibility study

\$100,000 Award from the Housing Infrastructure Support Fund Program, Yachats Affordable Housing Project (feasibility study), Project Number HIP2515, Award Date May 9, 2025, [Link to view award letter](#)

Work at SL mutual aid

SLWDPUD needs me to add additional support to assist the SWLCWPUD team during the period, while their water manager is on medical leave.

The City Manager is interested in discussing this as a mutually beneficial arrangement where we can contract my time and services to them as part of my regular 40-hour work schedule with the City of Yachats. The city can bill them for the time spent working on SLWDPUD projects as needed.

SWLCWPUD is going to discuss this at their next board meeting

E. 2nd bid opening

Speed Zone investigation performed by ODOT

A speed zone investigation has been conducted on the Oregon Coast Highway #009 (Us 101) from 250 feet north of Ocean Wayside Lane (MP 163.32) to 250 feet south of Windy Way (MP 165.55). The investigation was requested by Rick McClung, Public Works Leader, City of Yachats. [Link to view report](#)

OVD underground power

Yachats is moving forward implementing the electrical underground along Oceanview Drive. In addition, the city would like to add a couple of decorative streetlights to take the place of the lights that are on the poles that will be removed. [Link to view drawing](#)

FINANCE (Diane Gruver)

It was both a usual and an unusual month. The usual included regular tasks such as paying bills, doing payroll, and providing reports as requested to the city manager and others. The unusual was in part made up of tightening up our personnel budget for FY26 based on a review of our anticipated expenses and making sure we account for the total picture of our expanded staff and the actual hours they put in.

The other out-of-the-ordinary task involved working with Becca in Utility Billing and Janet Cline, our accountant, to tighten up the record keeping on bank deposits and matching our records from the accounting software to our bank records and our merchant processing statements (merchant processors are the companies that process credit and debit card payments). Each entity does things a little differently, and we've had some difficulty with matching things perfectly over the years. However, this last month we've made great headway in getting things in better order.

PLANNING

The Planning Department is operating under a different structure than normal. Our City Planner is on leave, utilizing time when available to complete the wetland inventory and apply for the Transportation Systems Management Grant through DLCD and ODOT. She is also available to answer questions from City Hall as needed.

In the office, we have our City Infrastructure Clerk supporting the Planning Department by offering customer service and counter service for folks with inquiries in Planning.

We have a temporary contract with the Council of Governments for Planning Services. They have a Planner dedicated to answering questions that our City Infrastructure Clerk has as he interacts with residents. The contract Planner will be attending the Planning Commission meetings in May and June. He is working on a Conditional Use Application that will be part of a public hearing at the May 20th meeting.

CODE COMPLIANCE (David Fortmeyer)

Completed Tasks

- Worked with Lorraine to establish 5 New vacation rentals. Performed 5 inspections
- Communicated with property owner about 2 lighting complaints and discussed how to address the light pollution issue. Fixtures are being shielded to reduce brightness. Will perform light test upon completion
- Contacted ODOT and Lincoln County about clearing vegetation from streets. Received helpful information and positive results
- Responded to 2 noise complaints
- Responded to 1 vacation rental complaint and closed the request
- Responded to 1 abandoned vehicle complaint and closed the request
- Responded to 1 trash and litter complaint and closed the request
- Collaborated with City Hall staff to determine courses of action
- Used Request Tracker to follow up on various complaints
- Used Excel spreadsheet to track existing violations and complaints
- Resolved outstanding code cases
- Responded to citizen complaints/inquiries

Field Work

- Investigation of trash removal progress at 1 local businesses
- Vacation Rental Inspections

- Taking photos at various locations to send with notices

Ongoing Initiatives

- Community Education: Educating residents and businesses on city ordinances
- Next topic of interest “Pending”

LIBRARY (Traci Altson)

April was also a busy month for the Library. We had the pleasure of hosting Portland author Sara Behrman who read her book *The Sea Hides a Seahorse* to the preschool group and to the YYFAP on April 16th and each child (45 in total) was able to take home a signed copy of her book thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Yachats Library.

We dedicated one week in April to collecting visitor data in preparation for the yearly Oregon Library Statistical Report. In June we will also have one week when we require patrons to sign in when they enter the library and if they use one of our two public computers.

I've been working with volunteer Emily Rawls to create a July program for Jr Conservationists; a program that we received State of Oregon funding through a Humanities Grant. And I've also been coordinating with Emily and Janet Rackleff to create a Summer Reading program for YYFAP, the local preschool and the homeschool. This will also take place in July based on YYFAPs summer camp schedule.

Additionally, I've been busy working with our designer to create our new library website. The website was rolled out to the Volunteers on Monday 5/5 and will be promoted through Facebook and the June Newsletter. The website will have a place for upcoming programs and events and will be especially useful when we have a community room in the new library. There's a dedicated tab for local news articles, links to children's programs that we participate in (Oregon and nationally) as well as a link to reserve a book. The website links back to the City's website for the Volunteer Agreement and to the Friends website for donating.

www.yachatslibrary.org

CITY UTILITY CLERK (Becca Parrish)

- April billing was sent out on time.
- Attend Leadership Lincoln classes once a month.
- Answer customer inquiries.
- Take and process utility payments.

- Continue to clean up our billing system, ensuring all information is accurate and up to date.
- Update large user accounts with rates similar to what they were prior to 2021.
- Assist Diane and Janet Cline, our accountant, with record keeping and bank deposits.
- Participated in the Interactive Budget event.

CIP UPDATE/CITY CLERK (Neal Morphis)

- Coordinating with Little Log Church Museum Contractor, Top to Bottom Contractors LLC. Top To Bottom has been working on the interior and has removed the bell and helped us send it off for refurbishing. The church section of the building has been raised and a new foundation will be poured soon. We have had our first inspection with Lincoln County. [Schedule of work](#)
- Working with Unitus Construction, LLC regarding questions about the Library project. Coordinating with the Architect and structural engineer. The old library has been removed, and helical piers are installed. Rock has been laid down. The footings for the foundation are done, more concrete to be poured soon. Lincoln County has done an inspection. [Schedule of work – Gantt Chart](#)
- Met with Island Fence company and Doug's Electric with Dave, we are working to add the powered slide gate in front of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Meetings with Scharen Design for City Building and Parks Master Plan – provided them with documents.
- Making updates to the city website.
- Posting news flashes on the website.
- Uploading documents to the document center.
- Assisting Fortmeyer with code compliance questions.
- Helping with customer service for Planning questions. Reaching out to our contract Planner with COG and Katherine with questions as needed.

CITY HALL/CITY COORDINATOR (Lorraine Fritz Barrett)

- Continue to greet people, answer phones, retrieve and open mail, respond to emails;
- proofread newsletter and documents going to the public;
- continue to collect and post donations for Commons;
- continue to work with Rosa and make reservations for the Commons;
- sorted and inventoried Commons linens with Rosa;
- participated in the Interactive Budget event;
- scheduled vacation rental inspections with homeowners and Code Compliance;

- completed tagging and organization of keys;
- Input comments and changes to Council Rules; and
- Issued five (5) Vacation Rental Licenses.

Community Spaces Coordinator (Rosa Marchand)

The Commons

Links and documents to review

Grants For Yachats

[Grants For Yachats.docx](#)

Commons Policy Revised with cross-outs and suggestions:

[2025 Commons Policy Revised- Copy B.docx](#)

Commons Policy Revised with accepted changes:

[2025 Commons Policy Revised- Practice run.docx](#)

Commons Report

[Link for Schedule Spreadsheet](#)

Quarterly User Charts

[Link for Community Space Usage Chats](#)

Commons

- Revised the Commons Policy
- I continue to work with Lorraine on scheduling reservations for the Commons
- I facilitated and assisted in all aspects of events at the Commons
- Cleaned and organized the multipurpose room storage, the stage, the kitchen and room 7.
- I facilitated and assisted in all aspects of events at the Commons
- I continue to create and maintain great working relationships with all users of the Commons, as well as been a mediator for different user groups, to ensure fair usage of the facility.
- Searose Construction has agreed to take on the job of putting up the Basketball Hoops in the Commons Multipurpose room.
- All user group equipment has proper storage and protocols

- Lorraine repapered and organized both bulletin boards
- Submitted a budget proposal for items needed for the Commons to run proper events
- The Sound Engineer came out to inspect the stage for structural integrity for mounting new speakers.
- Airrow heating came out for service and maintenance
- Public Works serviced the grease trap and repaired the playground treehouse
- The Pavillion picnic tables have been moved to the blacktop to create a beautiful, seated area. Kristi Anderson made beautiful potted flower arrangements for this seated area.
- AED/CPR/First Aid training for the city of Yachats staff, Library staff and Volunteers, Farmers Market staff, and YYFAP staff have been scheduled for June 11th, and 12th, from 12pm-3pm
- AED Mapping for Commons and City Hall
 - Lifevac choking devices have arrived to be placed with AEDs in the Commons and City Hall.
- George and Paul have begun work on the under the stage project.
- We are beginning to put together a work group for the Commons ADA restroom build.

Events

- YYFAP Gala
- Stephanie Stephen's Baby shower
- Sip and Stroll
- Greg Scott's Photography Journey
- Janette Melchor's Baby Shower
- Jennifer Likens' Wedding
- Wild Things



City of Yachats Workgroup Report - Due May 27th

Workgroup or Project: Trails/YIPS

Report Date: 05-13-2025

Progress and Achievements

- Replaced stringer on steps on Amanda Trail S of Windy Way
- Started to remove weed cloth in reclamation area S of library
- Removed crocosmia bulbs N of 4th Street

Financial Overview

- Spent approximately \$550 on 2 weed eaters and backup batteries

Challenges

- We had 34 volunteers at the last work session. Coordinating their efforts is sometimes a bit tricky.

Next Steps and Future Plans

- Continue making improvements/repairs to Amanda Trail sections
- Clear Amanda gathering area
- Remove rest of weed cloth S of library and begin planting native plants
- Continue to improve Prospect Trail section N of King Street

Areas maintained by Trails/YIPS!

Amanda Trail- Yachats Ocean Road to Grotto

Removal of Blackberry & Ivy north of Yachats Ocean Road- State Park Property

Maintenance & Clearing section of the walking area west of the highway delineators

Workgroup or Project: Keeping Yachats Beautiful

Report Date: 5/12/2025

Overview of Activities

- 4 of us did some weeding this past week from 3rd-4th street in preparation for the farmers market.

- Starting to do some research about getting trash bins around town.
- Have scrapped the idea of putting benches where the Christmas tree is. Now thinking of still laying the decomposed granite and possibly put in a removable art sculpture.

Progress and Achievements

- With the new owners of Whale Tail, we are now able to use their water for the flower beds outside along Hwy 101.
- We have a new couple Stephanie and Steve Hanchett that have adopted the flower bed across from the Whale Tail.
- Received pricing for trash bins. Rosa and I will be meeting after I return to look at grants available and where they are needed most. One area that would be perfect is the south end of CK market. See below.



Financial Overview

Single Stations:

Element Single - \$1,737

Sense Single - \$2,727

Sense Max Single - \$4,719

Smart Single w/ 5yr Software - \$3,202

Smart Max Single w/ 5yr Software - \$4,860

*All units come with a 5yr warranty, smart unit pricing includes 5yrs of software. The colors above correspond to this guide:



Challenges

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Next Steps and Future Plans

- Would like to talk with Dahls about collecting the trash from the bins.
- Look for high traffic areas that could use trash bins.
- Also, to make sure we're not stepping on anyone else's toes as far as looking into a grant.

Requests for Support or Resources

-

Workgroup or Project: Estuary Walkway

Report Date:

Progress and Achievements

- Three Rivers Foundation approved grant application for \$10,000 to be used to fund cost of benches on the overlook
- Ocean View Drive is officially

Next Steps and Future Plans

- Prepare presentation to OPRD grant evaluation committee

Workgroup or Project: Landmark Property

Report Date:

Progress and Achievements

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Financial Overview

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Challenges

-

Next Steps and Future Plans

-

Requests for Support or Resources

Workgroup or Project: Commons Understage Storage

Report Date: 05/12/25

Progress and Achievements

- Hinges were mortised into the under-stage doors and into the door frames, and doors were installed. Doors edges were trimmed to improve fit and swing path.

Financial Overview

- A second set of hinges was ordered due to the first set going missing at City Hall.

Challenges

- As the doors swing they contact the floor. With gentle force they can be opened fully, but the door bottoms will need to be trimmed further to resolve this minor issue.

Next Steps and Future Plans

- Door trim will be added to improve the appearance of the doors and then repainted. After that is complete the workgroup will work to add table “corrals” to the carts. We will likely tackle one cart at a time.

Requests for Support or Resources

- Lumber and fasteners will be required for the cart corrals. Quantities at this time are not calculated.

Bird City Oregon:

Yachats



**BIRD CITY
NETWORK**

Bird City - Yachats

Bird City USA Program:

- A Bird City designation is a recognition given to communities that demonstrate strong commitment to bird conservation and habitat preservation.
- The program encourages communities to take action to improve bird health and the environment for both birds and people
- Oregon is the 13th state to initiate a Bird City Program and the only state on the west coast.
- There is an application process for certification which includes demonstrating the communities commitment to bird friendly actions and setting up a committee to oversee future actions.

Benefits to Yachats:

- Recognition for the hard work and commitment of the community to conservation and education.
- Tourism - Nature is the foundation of our tourist economy and protection of nature is a core component of the city's mission statement.
- Give us a "wing" up on other tourist towns along the coast. \$1 out of \$8 spend in Oregon for outdoor recreation (\$16 billion annual) was spend in Lincoln County. Of that \$16 billion, \$2 billion is for wildlife viewing.
- Bird City Signage on 101 - Think Tree City USA, and Yachats Bird City webpage on the national program site.
- If the application is successful, Yachats would be the first town on the Pacific Ocean in the Americas to get this designation.

YAWHO (Yachats association of wildlife organizations):

- Committee to mobilize support for future actions to help wildlife and engage the community.
- Meet quarterly
- Bring together the stakeholders (e.g. SWIFTY, The

Chamber, View the Future, Cape Perpetua Collaborative),
etc.

- Inventory of existing community actions
- Enhance and develop programs.
- Conduct an annual review.

Program Requirements

Upon receiving Bird City Oregon designation, applicants agree to the following:

- Designated communities will display a Bird City Oregon sign in a prominent public location.
- Local Partners will work with the Bird City Oregon Program to announce and publicize the Bird Friendly Designation.
- Designated communities will maintain a Bird City online presence that links to the Bird City Oregon webpage.

Costs

- The initial cost is the application fee of \$100. Each year there is an annual renewal fee of \$100, requiring us to submit a program update of what has been done in the community to support wildlife in the last year.
- Upon the acceptance of our application there is \$1000 earmarked to the city for bird/wildlife supported programs/events and marketing. Though we will get one highway sign for free, we will need to pay for an additional sign to have one at both ends of town on 101. We will pay for the second sign from the earmarked funds.
- There are no other costs associated with the program.
- Other than the yearly reapplication fee with a program update, there are no other obligations to the city or to the chamber.

Bird City Oregon: Yachats



Steps:

1. Form a coalition.
2. Obtain a resolution.
3. Choose from the menu of bird friendly actions.
4. Fill out application through the online portal.

Four Categories of Actions

- Habitat
- Threat reduction
- Engagement and Monitoring
- Sustainability



Once designated:

Celebrate, engage, inform!

Populate your community webpage at Bird City Oregon.
Display your Bird City sign.
Link to the Bird City Oregon webpage.
Work with partners to continue to support bird-friendly practices. *Workshops can be arranged.*

<https://www.birdcity.org/oregon>
birdcityoregon@gmail.com

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Your community will be doing good things for birds. Everybody deserves to hear birdsong.

Helping birds helps pollinators and human health. When you do good things for birds, you are improving the environmental health of your local community.

Get recognized for your achievements.

Promote community pride and local connections.

Bird City designation can support economic development and promote local tourism and local businesses.

Grow your city's reputation for being environmentally friendly.

Bird City Oregon provides:

Signage to announce that you are a designated Bird City.

Support services including access to technical expertise, programs, funding opportunities, and access to experts in different areas of bird conservation

Your community will have a webpage through the Bird City Oregon Website which promotes your achievements, participating team members, events, tourism, and other outreach.

You will become part of an interconnected, growing network of Bird Friendly Communities in Oregon!



1. Habitat

1.1. Promote best management of community habitat

1.1.1 - Community has a currently approved Division of Land Conservation and Development Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 5 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan in place.

[Goal 5 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan](#)

1.1.2 - Community forms/maintains a diverse team or coalition that supports and manages participation in the Bird City program working with communities to advance bird friendly programs and managing the application and renewal process. (MANDATORY)

The size of the coalition can vary but should include at least three groups. Each community should have a lead organization that takes responsibility for convening partners and annual reporting. Download our [team worksheet](#).

1.2. Create and protect habitat

1.2.1 - Document a recent project that created or restored bird habitat and/ or increased habitat connections in your community.

1.2.2 - Create and maintain a public demonstration garden including native plants to benefit birds, wildlife, and ecosystems. Select a highly visible location, consider signage and / or messaging about the space / process, plan for maintenance and monitoring.

1.2.3 - Document a Backyard Habitat Certification Program in your community that emphasizes nature-scaping and native plants and promotes wildlife stewardship.

1.3. Promote native plants

1.3.1 - Document an ongoing community project to incorporate native plant species in public areas and/or manage areas of parks and open spaces as native habitat.

1.3.2 - Attach a Tree Code, ordinance, or other official policy that allots a significant portion of the annual tree budget for native species. Indicate if the existing Tree Code has Tree Canopy targets.

1.4. Control invasive plants

1.4.1 - Educate property owners about invasive plant species and their control (e.g. presentations and workshops).

1.4.2 - Document an Invasive Species Control Program on public lands to control invasive species that have significant negative impacts on bird habitat.

1.5. Provide nesting habitat

1.5.1 – Provide seasonal guidelines for bird-friendly vegetation management to restrict disturbance during nesting season. Examples include mowing, trimming, nest area (beach, cliff etc.) exclusion zones.

1.6. Support focal species

1.6.1 – Document a species specific management program for imperiled species.

1.7. Ensure clean water in natural waterways

1.7.1 – Implement projects to slow / hold water to mitigate flooding, improve habitat and water quality (i.e. rain-gardens, green roofs, wetland and shoreland restorations, set-backs and buffers).

2. Threats to Birds

2.1. Address disturbance by harmful species

2.1.1 – Develop and implement an educational program about the danger of free-roaming cats and the benefits of keeping cats indoors. May include actively publicizing "Cats Safe at Home" and/or Catio programs through presentations, online materials, catio tours, partnerships with veterinary clinics, animal adoption services or similar.

Cats Safe at Home

2.2. Address collisions with glass

2.2.1 – Provide information and outreach (e.g., presentation, online links, brochures) on how to protect birds from glass collisions (e.g. glass windows, walls, railings, noise/sound/wind barriers, skywalks).

?2.2.2 – Demonstrate on-going efforts to reduce window collisions at building(s) within your community. Create and share case studies from completed projects with collision-deterrent glass and/or examples of mitigation.

2.3. Address light pollution

2.3.1 – Describe your community's Light Pollution Reduction Program to reduce light pollution and encourage broad participation, particularly during migratory seasons.

2.3.2 – Document that your community has outdoor lighting regulations to reduce the impacts of light pollution such as requiring Dark Sky compliant bulbs and fixtures for all or certain buildings, shielding lights, prohibiting lights that shine upwards, and requiring operational approaches such as following established "Lights Out" protocols, especially during migration.

2.4. Address direct human-related threats

2.4.1 – Implement actions to reduce pollution, including plastic pollution, and associated entanglement and ingestion risks (e.g. fees or bans on single-use plastics, secure collection for fishing line / trash, clean up events).

2.5. Address the threat of pesticides and other toxins

2.5.1 – Create and conduct an educational campaign on the impacts of pesticides, rodenticides, and herbicides on bird populations and include practical information on solutions including Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and other natural controls.

2.5.2 – Encourage and promote the use of non-lead tackle and ammunition. Work with local sportsman's clubs to include related education in hunter education/gun safety. Consider vouchers to promote lead-free ammunition.

2.5.3 – Show that your municipality practices Integrated Pest Management or comparable, using natural pest control and the best available science to minimize pesticide and herbicide use.

3 . Education & Engagement

3 . 1 . Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day

3.1.1 – Host a World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)) to raise awareness of migratory birds, threats to their populations, and ways you can help to protect them. Timing and scope of event TBD locally. (MANDATORY)

In your narrative, include 1) the date, timing, and 2) description of the event and 3) detail how you incorporated the WMBD theme. 4) Please register your event and include a link to your event on the WMBD map. Find theme materials and register your event at [Migratory Bird Day](#).

3 . 2 . Increase awareness of birds and their habitats

3.2.1 – Educate the community about birds, bird conservation issues, and bird friendly practices through a Bird Related Presentation Series. Presentations may include identifying local birds, planting for birds, safe bird feeding, bird friendly actions.

3.2.2 – Actively raise awareness of your community's bird assets. Examples include offering bird outings and field trips, placing a nest camera (webcam) focused on local urban birds to engage the public, promoting Important Bird Areas (IBAs), providing information about birding hot spots, birding trails and trail maps.

3.2.3 – Support local Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs. The community provides information regarding safe and responsible wildlife rescue & assistance, including contact information for aligned organizations & locally permitted wildlife rehabilitators.

3.2.4 – Encourage public art focused on birds through installments, awards, events, competitions.

3 . 3 . Educate and engage all ages

3.3.1 – Provide on-going bird and conservation related programs appropriate for children, youth and families.

3.3.2 – Show that your community assists a youth conservation group in bird conservation projects (e.g., nest box monitoring, habitat restoration, bird surveys, etc.).

3 . 4 . Ensure access to nature

3.4.1 – Describe at least one specific strategy you've used to collaborate with historically marginalized or underrepresented communities and/or to increase access to natural areas, environmental education, birding resources, birding, and conservation activities.

3.4.2 – Work with public libraries (or other community groups) to create Birding Kits to enable more people to experience birding. Kits may include adult and children’s binoculars, field guides, information on local birding spots.

3.4.3 – Describe how you have provided opportunities for access to nature regardless of physical abilities.

3 . 5 . Involve the community in conservation and stewardship

3.5.1 – Involve schools, garden clubs, or other organizations in bird and habitat conservation activities. Support the creation and maintenance of native pollinator and bird friendly gardens in schools and other community locations.

3 . 6 . Promote scientific research and monitoring

3.6.1 – Demonstrate that your community is represented in at least one official community science bird-monitoring program (e.g. Christmas Bird Count, Great Backyard Bird Count, Swift Watch, Audubon Climate Watch, D-Bird, Globe at Night, Nestwatch, FeederWatch, Hummingbirds at Home, the Big Sit, Marsh Monitoring, Global Bird Rescue or other actively coordinated community science project).

3.6.2 – Participate in regular / systematic research and monitoring (bird, nest, habitat, environmental, ecological) over time, collecting and sharing data through publicly accessible database(s). Use data to assess habitat and inform management as possible. Monitoring may be in conjunction with regular park programming, in cooperation with partners, academic institutions, and/or as part of established monitoring protocols.

3 . 7 . Mobilize support / funding for community bird conservation

3.7.1 – Attach a copy of an officially-enacted resolution from the local municipality (e.g. City Council) supporting your community’s designation as a Bird City with initial application. The resolution can be adopted at the time of designation but a commitment to adopt a resolution should be in place at the time of application. (MANDATORY)

3.7.2 – Work with government representatives to increase support for conservation programs and projects.

4 . Sustainability

4 . 1 . Educate residents about climate impacts and renewable energy

4.1.1 – Describe your community’s efforts to educate residents about climate change, effects on birds / biodiversity, and solutions.

4 . 2 . Reduce energy use and carbon emissions

4.2.1 – Create a community plan to reduce energy use and carbon emissions through operational or building design changes, nature-based solutions, renewable energy use. This may include an education campaign about harms caused by gas leaf blowers.

Oregon [Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities program](#) .For gas leaf blower campaign example, see [Quiet Clean PDX](#).

4 . 3 . Promote sustainable infrastructure and practices

4.3.1 – Adopt nature-based solutions (e.g. keeping water at surface, green roofs, tree cover, wetlands) adding natural features and / or processes into the built environment to promote adaptation and resilience and increase biodiversity.

4.3.2 – Support, create and improve alternative transportation throughout your community (e.g. hike and bike trails, rideshare programs, bike lanes).

Yachats Ya-who
Yachats Association of Wildlife Organizations

Date: April 18th, 2025

RE: Meeting on becoming a Bird City Oregon community. Forming of a coalition of wildlife organizations of Yachats to implement community management strategies to enhance wildlife protection and eliminate threats.

Attendees: Individuals (Organizations Represented)

Debbie Schlenoff (Bird City Oregon)
Jim Welch (Lions Club, SWIFTY, Seven Capes Bird Alliance)
Michael Guerrero (View the Future)
Catherine Whitten-Carey (City of Yachats Councilwoman)
Nicole Wutzke Lippincott (Yachats Chamber of Commerce)

Organizations not represented but to be invited to the next meeting of Ya-who

Parks and Recreation Commission
Cape Perpetua Collaborative/Paul Englemeyer
City Manager - Note: Bobbi will want to be kept abreast of our developments.

Meeting Notes:

Deb discussed the process for getting certified as a Bird City organization. There were questions on the benefits from the attendees. After discussion it became apparent to the group that pursuing this opportunity has three major benefits to Yachats. They are:

- 1) to promote tourism
- 2) using this opportunity to inventory and enhance our community efforts to:
 - a) create and protect wildlife habitat
 - b) address threats to wildlife
 - c) Educate and engage our citizens in wildlife issues
 - d) Promote sustainable practices
- 3) Forming a coalition of organizations and individuals to develop strategies and action items to implement environmental conservation efforts that help wildlife.

The group agreed to the following:

- 1) This group would be the steering committee for the coalition and we would meet quarterly.
- 2) First step is to complete the Bird City application.
 - a) Jim to start the application by circulating a word document for all to input on what we are currently doing to protect wildlife in and around Yachats

- b) Catherine to work with Bobbi and city staff to develop a resolution seeking city designation as a bird friendly community. This resolution will go on the consent docket for the May Council meeting.
- 3) There were several items that came up in the meeting as things that we could be doing right now. They were:
 - a) Address the issue of the city street lights not complying with the dark sky ordinance. (Nicole)
 - b) Getting more information out on dark sky lighting ordinance to the community (Catherine)
 - c) Get the Community Wetlands (bird, plants, and animal list) brochure updated and available at the wetlands (Jim and Nicole)
 - d) ??? Please add:
- 4) Quarterly Meetings
 - a) I propose that the meetings take place on the second Tuesday of July, October, January, April at 11:00.
 - b) Next meeting will be July 8th at 11:00 at the Lions Club.
- 5) Target submittal date to Bird City Oregon will be toward the end of May after bird friendly resolution approved by city council.

Category 1 (Habitat)

- Mandatory: Bird City Oregon Coalition (Action 1.1.2)
 - Yachats Yahoo
- At least 2 other actions
 - Public Demonstration Garden - Prospect
 - Control Invasive Plants - Trails
 - Provide Nesting Habitat - SWIFTY)
 - Paul Englemeyer/ Cape Perpetua Collaborative

Category 2 (Threat)

- At least 2 actions
 - Address light Pollution: Yachats Code
 - Address Disturbance by Harmful Species
 - Ban Outdoor Cats -Quiet Water
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Category 3 (Education & Engagement)

- Mandatory: World Migratory Bird Day event (Action 3.1.1)
 - Wild Things
- Mandatory: Bird City Oregon Resolution (Action 3.7.1) with initial application and every 5 years thereafter
- At least 2 other actions
- Educate and Engage all ages
 - Wild Things
- Involve the Community in Conservation and Stewardship
 - View the Future

Category 4 (Sustainability)

- At least 1 action
- Educate Residents about climate impacts and renewable energy
 - Arts and Science Yachats and Lions Club Speaker Series
- Promote Sustainable Infrastructure and Practices
 - Trails Program

From USFWS 2024 (for birding specifically)

"In 2022, birders spent **\$107.6 billion** on their activities— split between **\$14 billion** spent on trip-related costs (such as food, lodging, and transportation) and **\$93 billion** on equipment like birdhouses, binoculars, cameras, and even land purchases. These expenditures also contributed to **county tax revenue (\$7 billion), state tax revenue (\$9 billion), and federal tax revenue (\$22 billion)**. All this birding activity helped support **1.4 million jobs** and generated **\$90.2 billion in labor income**. The total economic output in 2022 reached a remarkable **\$279 billion**, underscoring its role as a powerful driver of local and national economies!"

From [OR.gov](https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Documents/2024.07.17%20Economic%20analysis%20of%20outdoor%20recreation%20in%20OR%20-%202022%20update.pdf) (for outdoor recreation generally) <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Documents/2024.07.17%20Economic%20analysis%20of%20outdoor%20recreation%20in%20OR%20-%202022%20update.pdf>

TOTALED \$16 BILLION AND
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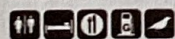
CENTRAL COAST

Tidal estuaries, long sandy beaches, and active sand dunes accented by a few rocky outcroppings and coastal islands comprise the heart of the Coast. Inland the Siuslaw National Forest's 630,000 acres, in the Coast Range, have four major rivers flowing through on their way to the Pacific Ocean. Explore Lincoln City's seven miles of beach and two large estuaries, scope the roiling waters of Boiler Bay for pelagic birds, or ascend Cape Foulweather for expansive ocean views. At Newport's Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, feel the frenzy of one of the largest Common Murre nesting colonies on the coast. Drive the scenic Yaquina Bay Road in winter to see all six species of grebes occurring in Oregon in one location. Continue south to Seal Rock for Pigeon Guillemot and Harlequin Duck floating on the waves and Western Gull lining the coastal islands, and to the south jetty of the Siuslaw River in Florence to glimpse flocks of Semipalmated Plover and Least and Western Sandpiper on migration.

43. Knight Park

From Hwy 101 in Lincoln City, drive N, cross the Salmon River Bridge and turn W (L) on Three Rocks Rd, drive 2.4 mi, turn L into Knight Park.

Knight Park provides a trailhead to explore the Cascade Head Preserve. Mid-tide is the best time to visit for water birds in this 2-acre park. Fall to spring birds are cormorants, Great Blue Heron, American Wigeon, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Sanderling, Wilson's Snipe, Belted Kingfisher, and Western, Glaucous-winged, Ring-billed, and California Gull. Turkey Vulture and Caspian Tern occur in summer.

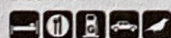


Sponsor: Lincoln County

44. Salmon River Estuary

From Hwy 101 in Lincoln City, drive N 0.4 mi past the Hwy 18 overpass, cross the Salmon River Bridge, and use pullouts to view marsh.

Popular with anglers, this expansive site attracts many water birds and is worth a quick stop. Raptors include Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, and White-tailed Kite. Winter and spring bring Common Merganser, Bufflehead, and Belted Kingfisher. Other marsh birds are Marsh Wren, Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, American Bittern, and Red-winged Blackbird.



Sponsor: Oregon Coast Visitors Association

45. Road's End State Recreation Site

From Hwy 101 in Lincoln City, turn W on Logan Rd, and drive 1 mi to parking lot.

A surprisingly quiet retreat from busy Lincoln City, this wayside offers tidepools, a pebble beach, offshore islands, and a hidden cove. At low tide, walk the short path to the beach to see Western, Heermann's, Bonaparte's, Mew, California, and Herring Gull. During migration Whimbrel, Sanderling, Western and Least Sandpiper, and Semipalmated Plover can be seen feeding.



Sponsor: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians



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Caspian Tern

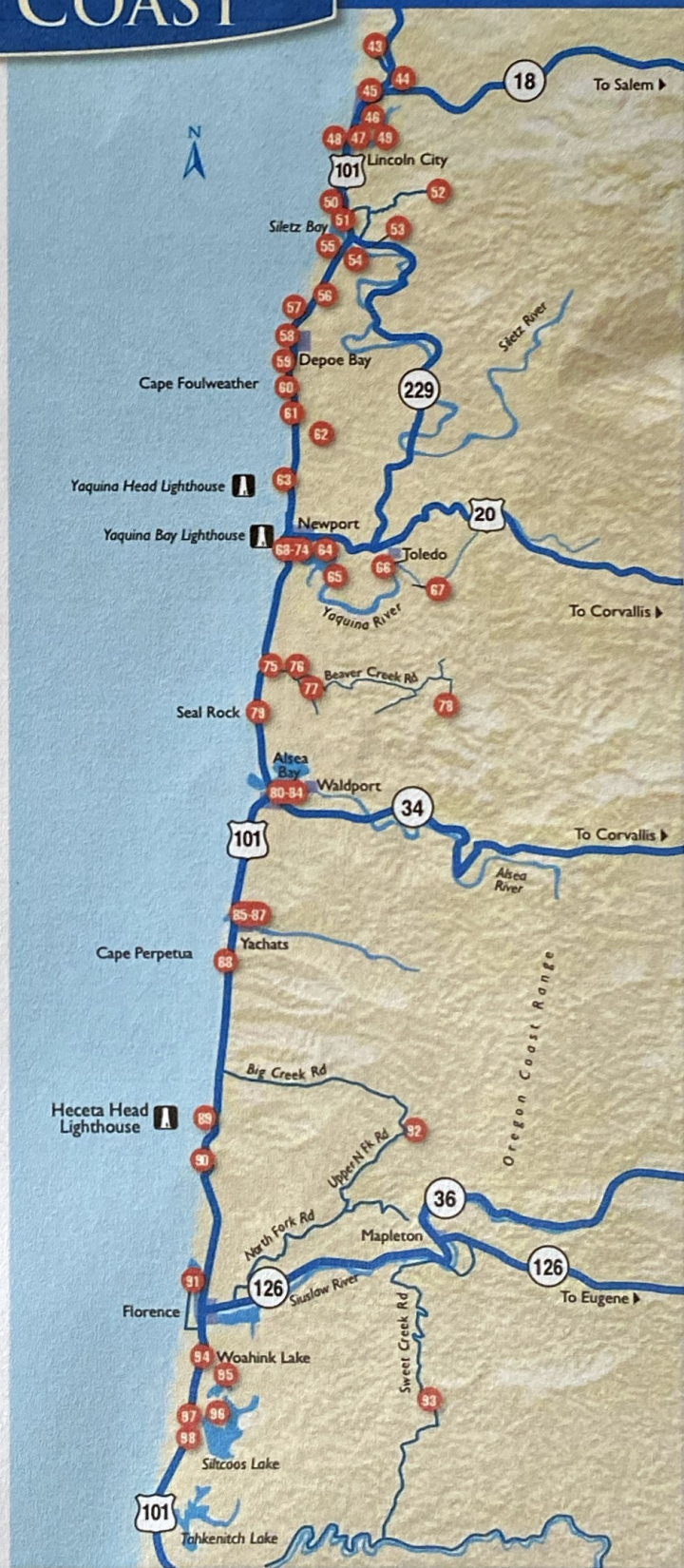




PHOTO BY: JOHN WILLIAMS

Tree Swallow

Common Goldeneye, and Surf Scoter and occasional Red-throated Loon and Black Scoter. Winter vagrants include Yellow-billed Loon, Long-tailed Duck, and Barrow's Goldeneye. A boat launch is available as are several docks for crabbing or fishing.



Sponsor: Lincoln County

83. Eckman Lake and Slough

From Hwy 101 in Waldport, drive E on Hwy 34 for 2.3 mi, turn S (R) into W. B. Nelson State Recreation Site. After scanning lake, return to Hwy 34, turn E (R), drive 0.3 mi, turn S



PHOTO BY: TERRY STELE/NATUREPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

Swainson's Thrush

(R) onto Eckman Creek Rd, drive S 0.5 mi (pulling over where appropriate), and turn W (R) on East Lakeside Drive, pullover at S end of Eckman Lake, scan for birds then turn around and return to intersection of Eckman Creek Road and Hwy 34, turn W (L), pullover 0.2 mi at Eckman Slough between lake and Alsea Bay.

This little gem offers great pullouts on a quiet road encircling the lake and slough to view several distinct habitats: freshwater lake, wetland, and estuarine mudflats. The lake has open water and cattail marsh attracting abundant waterfowl and marsh birds such as Virginia Rail. Fall-spring, watch for Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck, Green-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebe, Western Grebe, Common Loon, Wilson's Snipe, and Red Phalarope. Cinnamon Teal, Greater Yellowlegs and dowitchers visit in migration. In summer, the lake has Double-crested Cormorant, Wood Duck, and Osprey and occasional Pied-billed Grebe. Eckman Slough hosts waterfowl and shorebirds at low tide during the fall through spring.



Sponsor: Oregon Coast Visitors Association

84. William P. Keady Wayside

From Hwy 101 in Waldport, drive S to just before the Hwy skirts the Bay, turn sharply N (R) onto SW Maple Street, and park.

The City of Waldport's gazebo and deck allow a good view of the Alsea Bay mouth. Bald Eagle, Western Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, and Pelagic Cormorant are year-round. Fall-spring, scan for Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, and occasional Pacific Loon. Summer brings Brown Pelican, Heermann's Gull, Caspian Tern, Pigeon Guillemot, and Common Murre. Winter vagrants include Yellow-billed Loon and Long-tailed Duck. A summer rarity is Elegant Tern. Harbor seals haulout on the North Spit and the sandbar near the bridge.



Sponsor: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

85. Smelt Sands State Recreation Site

Drive S on Hwy 101 in N Yachats, turn W (R) onto Lemwick Ln at MP 163.5, follow signs to park.

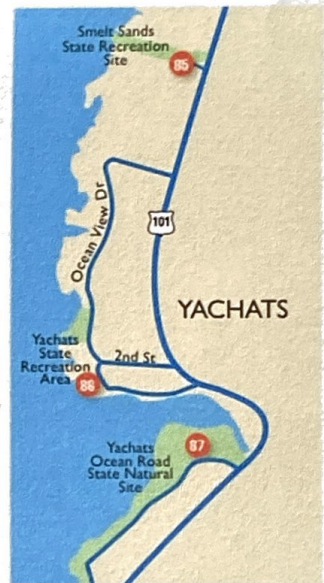
An excellent whale watching and photography viewpoint. A yearly surf smelt run through rocky intertidal habitat onto a beach of coarse black sand has declined in recent years. Hike the 0.75 mile historic 804 Trail. Throughout the year look for Black Oystercatcher, Western Gull, and Glaucous-winged Gull. Fall-spring, scan for Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorant, Surf and White-winged Scoter, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, and occasionally Harlequin Duck and Black Scoter. In summer, watch for passing Brown Pelican. A spotting scope may reveal distant seabirds like Northern Fulmar, shearwaters, and jaegers.



Sponsor: Oregon Coast Visitors Association

86. Yachats State Recreation Area

From Hwy 101 S in Yachats, turn W (R) onto 2nd St, drive to Oceanview Dr, turn S (L), and park.



Watch large ocean waves diminish as they enter Yachats Bay. On the ocean side, Western and Glaucous-winged Gull, and Pelagic Cormorant are resident. Fall-spring, search for Surf, White-winged, and Black Scoter, and occasionally Black-legged Kittiwake. Summer birds include Brown Pelican, Heermann's Gull, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, and vagrant Ancient Murrelet. Birds in the bay fall-spring are American Wigeon and Herring, Thayer's, California, and Mew Gull. Watch for passing gray whales in December and again in March.



Sponsor: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

87. Yachats Ocean Road State Natural Site

From Hwy 101 S in Yachats, W (R) onto Yachats Ocean Rd, use pullouts along the half-mile loop.

On the rocks, look for Black Oystercatcher year-around and wintering Black Turnstone and Surfbird. Fall-spring waterbirds include Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Surf, Black, and White-winged Scoter, and occasionally Red-throated Loon and Black-legged Kittiwake. Summer birds are Brown Pelican, Heermann's



BY: ROY W. LOWE

Rufous Hummingbird

Gull, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Rhinoceros Auklet and Marbled Murrelet. Vagrants include Ancient Murrelet. This is a good area for sea-watching of pelagic seabirds with a spotting scope in the morning. Loon migration is visible in spring and fall, and Sooty Shearwaters are common during summer. This site also has access to sandy beaches of Yachats Bay.



Sponsor: Oregon Coast Visitors Association

88. Cape Perpetua Scenic Area

From Hwy 101 in Yachats, drive S 2.5 mi, turn E (L) into Cape Perpetua Visitor Center.

A suite of habitats and activities await birders along this stretch of rocky coastline and old-growth temperate rainforest. From the visitor center, plan a day filled with hiking, tidepooling, whale watching and excellent birding. In summer, start with pre-dawn stake outs at the Cape Creek campground (1 mile north of Visitor Center) for nesting Marbled Murrelet. Watch and listen for Hermit and Wilson's Warbler, Wrentit, Black-headed Grosbeak, Gray Jay, Steller's Jay, Rufous Hummingbird, Ruffed Grouse as you hike miles of trails through fog-shrouded forest. During low tide, investigate the intertidal marine garden for Black Oystercatcher, Western Gull, Harlequin Duck and cormorant.



Sponsor: National Forest Foundation

89. Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint

From Hwy 101 in Florence, drive N 13 mi to MP 178.9, and turn W into park. Proceed to parking lot and trailhead to lighthouse.

Cape Creek meets the Pacific Ocean near the parking lot and attracts hundreds of Western Gull that bathe in the water. A short but rigorous hike to the historic lighthouse winds through a wind-sculpted Sitka spruce forest, rewarding you with close views of thousands of seabirds in spring and summer. Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge lies within binocular range and provides habitat for Common Murre, Double-crested and Brandt's Cormorant, Black Oystercatcher, and Pigeon Guillemot. On the hike to the lighthouse one might see Wrentit, Song and White-crowned Sparrow, Red Crossbill, Swainson's Thrush, and Wilson's and Orange-crowned Warbler. Watch the open sea for the occasional Short-tailed Shearwater, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Caspian Tern.



Sponsor: Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County

90. Sea Lion Caves

From Hwy 101 in Florence, drive N 11 mi to Sea Lion Caves. Address is 91560 Hwy 101 North. Admission Fee required.

Declared the "world's largest sea cave", thousands of years of intense ocean surge have carved out a deep cave that is now a sanctuary for Federally threatened Steller sea lion. Once in the cave, scan the rocky

cave wall to the east to see Pigeon Guillemot and Rhinoceros Auklet raising young. This is the only known site on the Pacific coast where Rhinoceros Auklet is diurnal on their breeding grounds. From the outside viewing decks look for Double-crested, Brandt's, and Pelagic Cormorant along with Western Gull nesting on the mainland cliff face. A quick ocean scan may turn up an occasional Tufted Puffin.



Sponsor: Sea Lion Caves

91. South Jetty Siuslaw River

From Hwy 101 in Florence, cross Siuslaw River Bridge and drive .5 mi to S Jetty Rd, turn W (R), use pullouts to bird along this 6 mi stretch that ends at the South Jetty.

The Siuslaw River empties into the Pacific and meets sandy beach, rocky intertidal jetties, low-tide sand flats, and a deflation plain surrounded by willow thickets and seasonal freshwater. During migration, flocks of Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plover, American and Pacific Golden-Plover, yellowlegs, dowitchers, Sanderling and Western, Least, Baird's and occasionally Pectoral Sandpiper can be seen. Northern Harrier and White-tailed Kite hunt the perimeter. The water between the

jetties attracts Surf Scoter, Common Loon, Western Grebe, and occasionally flocks of Sooty Shearwaters.



Sponsor: Port of Siuslaw

92. PAWN Trail

From Hwy 101 in Florence, take Hwy 126 1 mi to Forest Rd #5070/N Fork Rd, turn L, go 12 mi, take L fork onto Forest Rd #5084/Upper N Fork Rd, veer R onto Forest Rd #653, cross river, and park at trailhead.

Take a trip back in time on the PAWN trail, a short 1-mile loop through old-growth Sitka spruce and western hemlock forest dappled with big-leaved maples and protected as part of Siuslaw National Forest. Listen on early summer mornings for Marbled Murrelet returning from ocean fishing forays to nests in the forest canopy. The area also has nesting Wilson's Warbler, Hairy Woodpecker, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Swainson's Thrush, Brown Creeper and Chestnut-backed Chickadee. PAWN is an acronym for the four families who were instrumental in establishing a post office on the North Fork Siuslaw River above Minerva in the early 1900's.



Sponsor: U.S. Forest Service/Siuslaw National Forest



Northern Pygmy Owl

PHOTO BY: RICHARD CRONBERG



For City Council

Whereas, wild birds are valuable for their intrinsic beauty, for connecting people to nature, for the essential ecosystem services they provide, and as an early warning system for the impacts of ecological degradation and global climate change; and

Whereas, nearly 500 species of wild birds use the Oregon landscape for some portion of their annual life cycles including migration, breeding and stopover habitat; and

Whereas, many wild birds are found on urban and suburban landscapes and these landscapes provide both opportunities to see, enjoy and protect wild birds as well as significant hazards to wild birds; and

Whereas, many bird species are experiencing significant declines due to habitat loss, hazards, and the impacts of climate change; and

Whereas, connecting people to birds where they live, work and play can build a culture of conservation; and

Whereas, birds help generate local economic development; and

Whereas, everybody should have the right to see and enjoy wild birds in their neighborhoods; and

Whereas, through Bird City, hundreds of thousands of people will observe World Migratory Bird Day gatherings in public places to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun.

Be it resolved:

That the City of XX seeks to become designated as a Bird Friendly Community through the Bird City Oregon program.

Be it further resolved that the City of XX and/ or its community partners commits to meeting the certification criteria in each of the following categories: Habitat, Threat Reduction, Education/ Outreach, Sustainability.

Be it further resolved that the City of XX and/ or its community partners commits to placing signage (provided by the Bird City Oregon Program) announcing its Bird Friendly Status in a prominent Location.

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**CITY OF YACHATS
ORDINANCE NO. 244**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE YACHATS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.08.110
- NOXIOUS VEGETATION TO INCLUDE SUBSECTION G - VEGETATION AS A
FIRE HAZARD**

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Yachats ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 5.08.110 is hereby amended to read as follows

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B. The owner or person in charge of real property shall abate noxious vegetation from the property, and do so in a manner that will prevent weeds and other noxious vegetation from going to seed or propagating by other means. The owner and the person in charge shall be jointly and severally liable for the cost of abatement and may be liable for personal injury or damage resulting from the presence of noxious vegetation knowingly propagated on their property.

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- f. Poison hemlock
- g. Purple loosestrife
- h. Scotch broom
- i. Waterweed (Elodea)
- j. Tansy ragwort.

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February, 2004

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Yachats on this " " day of

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____ Absent: _____

APPROVED by the Mayor this

Lee Corbin

Lee Corbin, Mayor

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Yachats on this _____ day of _____

Ayes: _____ Abstentions: _____ Absent: _____

Nays: _____

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____

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1.0 Uncontrolled Brush, Grass, and accumulation of dead vegetation Purpose and Scope

The uncontrolled growth and accumulation of dead weeds, brush, high grass, and other vegetation on private property in city areas causes a fire hazard endangering people and property, and a health hazard by furnishing an area for the breeding of vermin and infectious vectors.

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Therefore, permitting such uncontrolled growth and accumulation of dry vegetative debris is unreasonable in an urban area and constitutes a public nuisance. Any person who owns and controls real property in Yachats assumes an obligation to the rest of the community and is therefore chargeable with knowledge of the growth and accumulation of dead or dying vegetation on that property, and has a duty to remove any vegetation or debris that a reasonable inspection would reveal to be a fire hazard or health hazard.

G.1 Definitions

For purposes of Sections 1.0 through 1.4, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Owner. (Use city's definition) - | . OF . D
- (2) Person (Use city's definition)
- (3) Occupant (Use city's definition)

1.2 Nuisance described; Offense punishable


- (1) a) It shall be a public nuisance and therefore unlawful for any owner, person, or occupant of real property in Yachats to allow native or introduced weeds, brush, trees, high grass more than 12" tall, or other similar vegetation to die, dry out and accumulate over a height of twelve inches and remain upon such real property during any period of time in which the fire danger is posted by authorities as (a) moderate, or (b) high, or (c) extreme or during the period, N June 1 through October 30 in any calendar year, or at any other time if the Mayor and City Council determine that such growth constitutes a fire hazard or health hazard.
- b) It shall be a public nuisance and therefore, unlawful for any owner, person, or occupant of real property in Yachats to allow the following plant species to grow due to their inherent fire assisting characteristics:
 - A) Scotch Broom
 - B) Gorse
 - C) Blackberries over the height of 6 feet
 - D) Pampus Grass
- c) The vegetative matter or debris described in the above (1) a and b)

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shall be removed or eliminated in a lawful manner from the property or disposed of in the following manner: Cut and mulched in a manner that no single piece of vegetation is larger than 6" in any single dimension and the mulch is

distributed in a uniform *weed control ordinance* manner where on site is accumulated to a depth of greater than 6" from non-combustible soil.

- (2) Failure to comply with subsection (1) of this section constitutes a violation.
- (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the following:
 - (a) Any crop grown and maintained for lawful agricultural purposes, or grass or other vegetation lawfully grown for the purpose of pasturage,
 - (b) To any natural area in a public area of Yachats or to any property defined as wetlands by proper authority, if control of vegetation to a height of twelve inches would violate federal, state, or county laws.
- (4) Each day during which a violation is committed after notice has been given in the manner prescribed by Section (XX) that a public nuisance exists on said property shall be deemed a separate offence punishable in the manner prescribed in Section (YY) of this code. In addition, the condition may be abated by the City and the cost of abatement shall be payable by the controller of the property. 

1.04 Notice and Abatement Proceedings

- (1) Each calendar year the City Commission may cause to be published a notice in the City newsletter and local newspapers that conditions prescribed in 1.2 “(above) constitute a public nuisance, and directing that all vegetation constituting such a nuisance be cut or removed within 30 days of the date of publication of said newsletter or newspaper. 
- (2) Whenever a prohibited condition is found to exist, the officer designate'd by the City may give notice to the owners and/or occupan of the offending property by reasonable means such as a letter addressed to the owner's address of record as kept by the county tax assessor. The notice:
 - (a) Shall notify the owners of record to remove the offending vegetation or debris within fifteen days of the date of mailing and;
 - (b) Shall specify the action or actions that will be taken if the owner does not comply.

1.05 Actions to be taken.

- (1) If the person or persons controlling the property in violation does not comply with the provisions of the abatement notice, the City shall contract with a firm licensed to do business within the City to bring the

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property into compliance. All reasonable and customary charges generated by this work shall be billed to the property owner plus a 15% City of Yachats Administrative fee. All bills are due and payable within 30 days of invoicing. Failure to pay invoiced charges will result in a forfeiture assessed by the city. The city recorder ~~shall~~ ^{and may} enter into the lien docket of the city and may enter it into the lien docket of Lincoln County, Oregon, the amount of the forfeiture against any real or personal property of the defendant within the city, and the forfeiture, after being filed as a lien, shall be collected in the same manner as other liens owing to the city or in any other manner allowed by law for the collection of a debt. (Ord. 173 § 14, 1995)

Section 1.04.010 Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in the ordinances of the city of Yachats, shall be construed as defined in this section unless from the context a different meaning is intended or unless a different meaning is specifically defined and more particularly directed to the use of such words or phrases:

"City" means the city of Yachats, Oregon, or the area within the territorial limits of the city, and such territory outside the city over which the city has jurisdiction or control by virtue of any constitutional or statutory provision.

"Council" means the city council of the city of Yachats. "All its members" or "all council members" means the total number of council members holding office. "County" means the county of Lincoln County, Oregon.

"Law" denotes applicable federal law, the Constitution and statutes of the state of Oregon, the ordinances of the city, and when appropriate, any and all rules and regulations which may be promulgated thereunder.

"May" is permissive.

"Month" means a calendar month.

"Must" and "shall" are each mandatory.

"Oath" includes an affirmation or declaration in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed."

"Owner" applied to a building or land, means and includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or lands.

"Person" means and includes a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them.

"Personal property" means and includes money, goods, chattels, things in action and evidences of debt.

"Preceding" and "following" mean next before and next after, respectively.

"Property" means and includes real and personal property.

"Real property" means and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

"Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curblin and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

"State" means the state of Oregon.

"Street" means and includes all streets, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs or other public ways in the city which have been or may hereafter be dedicated and ~~open to public~~ ^{open to public} use, or such other public property so designated in any law of this state. " and "occupant,"

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Tenant" and "occupant," applied to a building or land, mean and include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

"Written" means and includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed, or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form.

"Year" means a calendar year. (Ord. 201 § 1, 1998)

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- H. Unless a part of a City-approved natural conditions restoration project, within the first thirty (30) feet of a riparian corridor, nonspecific means, including, but not limited to, chemical sprays, mowers or weed eaters shall not be used to control or remove vegetation.
- I. Any actual costs incurred by the City in enforcing this section, including, but not limited to, summary or other abatement costs pursuant to subsections B and G of this section, shall become a lien against the property and perfected and recorded as such according to State law. (Ord. 341, 2016; Ord. 283, 2009; Ord. 244, 2004; Ord. 221, 2001)

Open Questions:

1. Should specific plants be listed in the ordinance or referred to in an appendix or from a separate source?
2. If externally listed, who is the authority - how are plants determined and justified to be labeled as noxious weeds?.
3. Should a slope designation exemption be added?
4. Or, should specific slopes or other conditions, upon appeal, require a plan (below)
5. Should we add a delay with a plan for remediation: e.g., 3 or 5 years and then state who must approve the plan etc.
6. Should there be a funding source for private remediation? Educational resources?
7. Clarity around "right-of-way" versus street plats, plated utility easement, etc
8. Is **July 1** for removal appropriate? (Leaves limited time for enforcement, smooth work load for code enforcement, some lower plants are obscured by then, etc..)
9. Would like to see something re. sterile varieties. For example, there are now a few sterile varieties of butterfly bush. There are a few forms of English laurel that are unlikely to flower and thus spread. This would require that the property owner document that they planted one of these varieties.

*Note: **July 1st** reference was removed from the body of the draft ordinance*

City Ordinance 12/18/2006	Commission Rules Final 12/18/2019
Parks and Commons § 2.08.040 Powers and duties	5.23 Powers and Duties
a. Formulate rules, regulations and standards for the operation of the City's Parks and Commons building and grounds in a manner which assures security of the City's assets and encourages use by tenants, residents and visitors alike and recommend them to City Council for adoption;	Formulate rules, regulations and standards for the operation of the City's parks and the Commons building and grounds in a manner which assures security of the City's assets and encourages use by tenants, residents and visitors and recommend them to City Council for adoption;
b. Establish rental rates for various uses of the Commons; recommend such to City Council for adoption;	Establish rental rates for various uses of the Commons; recommends such to City Council for adoption;
c. Maximize income through promotion or co-promotion of appropriate events;	Enhance income through promotion or co-promotion of appropriate events;
d. Work with the Commons Director in development and implementation of a marketing program for tenants and special programs;	Work with the Facilities Manager in development and implementation of a marketing program for tenants and special programs;
e. Plan for the regulation, development and improvement of the City's parks;	Plan for the regulation, development and improvement of the City's parks;
f. Receive gifts, grants, bequests and devises to carry out the purpose of the Commons and parks;	Receive gifts, grants, bequests and devises to carry out the purpose of the Commons and parks planning and programming process;
g. Cooperate with volunteer organizations and City groups in the advancement of the Commons and parks planning and programming process; and	No corresponding rule in this document
h. Work with the Commons Director in the development of the budget for the Commons. Prepare the annual budget for all City parks and submit to the Budget Officer the budget proposals for the parks and the Commons building for forwarding to the Budget Committee.	Work with the Facilities Manager in the development of the budget for the Commons. Prepare the annual budget for all City parks and submit to the Budget Officer the budget proposals for the parks and the Commons building for forwarding to the Budget Committee;
B. Each commission shall perform such other responsibilities and duties as the City Council, from time to time, may delegate by ordinance, resolution or motion.	Perform such other responsibilities and duties as the City Council, from time to time, may delegate by ordinance, resolution or motion;
No corresponding rule in this document	Monitor the Village Circulation Plan portion of the Comprehensive Plan relating to trails, including implementation, funding, and signage; and
No corresponding rule in this document	Serve as liaison between the City and Lincoln County in development of the trail system, shoreline access points, and signage as established in the Village Circulation Plan and the 804 Settlement Agreement.
No corresponding rule in this document	Serves as the sponsoring Commission for the Trails Committee and the Little Log Church and Museum board.

Red = no corresponding language in the other document.
Orange = similar but different language in the other document

City of Yachats Parks and Commons Commission **Guidelines- DRAFT**

These guidelines are designed to ensure that the Parks and Commons Commission effectively contributes to developing and maintaining Yachats parks, open spaces, and Commons facilities, enhancing recreation opportunities and community engagement.

Membership

Composition: The Parks and Commons Commission (PCC) shall consist of seven members [add] **approved by the City Council and** appointed by the Mayor ~~and approved by the City Council~~. An assigned City Staff member shall act as an ex-officio member and serve as the commission's direct connection to the City.

Residency: All commission members must reside in the City, with the exception of one member who may reside outside the City limits.

Commission Duties and Responsibilities

Advisory Role:

- The commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and Staff on matters affecting City parks, open spaces, and Commons facilities. It provides input and recommendations for developing and maintaining these facilities and reports any major repair needs or safety issues to City staff.
- Receive regular updates and provide feedback on work from the assigned staff, Trails & YIPs leaders, and Keeping Yachats Beautiful to ensure the maintenance and safety of trails, open spaces, and the Commons facilities.
- Provide recommendations on the acquisition, development, use, operation, and disposition of parks, open spaces, and Commons facilities, rules, and regulations.
- Provide feedback on program and facility rental rates as needed.

Program Development:

- Recommend diverse recreational programs for all ages and abilities, including sports, arts, fitness and senior programs.
- Develop a Citywide donation policy for City Council approval.

Community Engagement:

- Gather public input on Parks and Commons issues and projects.
- Promote the use of parks and the Commons facilities.
- Foster partnerships with community organizations and volunteers.

Budget and Finance:

- Prepare and submit a proposed operational and capital project budget for consideration by the City Council and Budget Committee.
- Monitor budget expenditures and report issues to the assigned City Staff or City Manager.
- Explore and ~~secure~~ [add] **identity** funding sources and grants for parks and commons projects.

Environmental Stewardship:

- Protect and preserve the natural environment within parks and promote environmental education programs.
- Recommend sustainable practices in park operations and suggest improvements to the City's invasive weeds ordinance.

Collaboration and Coordination:

- Collaborate with the Emergency Preparedness Committee on developing and sustaining the Commons as an emergency shelter.
- Coordinate volunteer opportunities for parks, trails, or Commons projects with the assigned City Staff.

- Coordinate with other City Commissions as needed.
- Develop meeting agendas and materials in collaboration with City Staff.

Civic Campus Master Plan:

- Provide input and recommendations to implement the Civic Campus Master Plan.
- Seek funding opportunities to support its execution.

Community Spaces-

Library, Little Log Church

How do we get projects successfully designed and implemented at Yachats Commons and Parks?

The following is a list of some of the typical stages projects such as renovation, remodel, new construction, and landscaping are likely to pass through as they move toward completion.

Larger cities have staff or even full departments to address most of these stages.

Yachats has staff and Commissions for only some of these stages.

- Identify need for improvement PCC/CC/CM
- Elicit public and other stakeholder feedback PCC/CM
- Define criteria for meeting the needs identified PCC/CC/CM
- Add project to the budget PCC
- Request for quote CM/CIP Manager
- Approve contract for services CM
- Make initial and mid-project payments City Staff
- Project orientation for service providers
- Review plan drawings, including eliciting public and other stakeholder feedback, confirm criteria are met
- Choose materials and confirm design direction
- Approve final plan CM?
- Track progress and address unforeseen circumstances
- Perform punch list inspections
- Approve completion of work performed CM?
- Final payment for services City Staff

The above unclaimed tasks are likely outside the purview of the PCC.

The city has an ordinance that allows the city manager to create workgroups for specific tasks.

The Commons, and Parks would benefit from continuous workgroups that coordinate with city staff and the PCC to perform or otherwise support the above unclaimed project tasks.

The new ordinance governing the PCC should include wording that recognizes the benefits of workgroups dedicated to the Commons and Parks, encourages their use, and supports development of expertise.