



**CITY OF YACHATS
PARK & COMMONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Civic Meeting Room 1, 441 Hwy 101 N. OR 97498
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 2:00 pm**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

Staff Members	
Bobbi Price, City Manager	Kimmie Jackson, Recorder

III. Announcements - None

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Reports

- a. The Commons report remains unchanged since June, with July's update still pending.
- b. Review of the July meeting minutes required no clarification, and commissioners praised the exceptional detail and clarity of the record.
- c. The Trails and YIPS Workgroup noted steady progress and highlighted the value of the bullet-point format for readability.
- d. The Keeping Yachats Beautiful Workgroup also reported ongoing progress, with additional updates expected from Shelly.
- e. The Estuary Boardwalk Workgroup recognized contributions from Bob, Loren, and Bobbi in preparing for the grant presentation and expressed interest in the outcomes of the July 29 meeting.
- f. Under stage storage Commons projects, progress continued on the under-stage storage project with the installation of the first door, prompting discussion on who carried out the sanding, filling, and painting.
- g. The architect for the ADA restrooms and north remodel provided a plan view incorporating earlier feedback, and it is being used to seek contractor bids.

VI. New Business

- a. [Shelly presented a proposal for Big Belly Trash Cans](#) in a future budget cycle. These enclosed, compacting units notify when full and could be placed downtown near the Green Salmon, CK Market, and along Hwy 101. Steel cans and residential bins were considered, but the concerns are corrosion, wind, and crows. Dahl Disposal's involvement remains uncertain, though grant

opportunities and a pilot program were suggested.

[There is a concern about the 804 Trail](#) gravel strip between 7th and Marine, which was described as difficult to walk on and as wasted space. Options such as removal or repurposing with plantings were discussed, with Shelly tasked to review before committing it to Keep Yachats Beautiful.

- b. [Sharon Design Studio Proposal](#) / CIP Process: Reviewed by the City. The Commission reviewed the Sharon Design Studio proposal and CIP process, focusing on project prioritization, sequencing to avoid rework, and identifying grant opportunities. While estimates in the plan were intentionally high, members agreed priorities must be considered as a whole because of project interdependence.
- a. [The Wetlands Boardwalk](#) Subcommittee presented signage recommendations for trailheads and park entrances, emphasizing consistent citywide design. The plan includes entrance signs, trail markers, brochure holders, and brochure consolidation, with educational plant signage to follow later. The Commons kiosk will remain unchanged for now. Commissioners unanimously approved forwarding the recommendations to City Council for the August 20 meeting, with John and Adam offering to present.
- b. [Yachats' noxious weed policy](#) - The Commission also finalized its review of the city's toxic and invasive plant list, identifying 26 species for consideration. Members discussed distinctions between "noxious" and "invasive," enforceability concerns, and the need to separate hazards from recommendations. They agreed their role was to provide the list while leaving ordinance details and legal review to Planning and the city attorney.

Motion:	A motion was made to forward the list and supporting materials to the Planning Commission.			
Ayes:	Simans, R., Giroux, Wright, Altson, Prevel, and Simans, M.	Nays:	Absent: 0	Recused: 0
Passed:	6/0			

- c. [Future role of PCC](#) - discussion centered on the future role of the Parks and Commons Commission (PCC). The outgoing chair emphasized the importance of defining the Commission's function for effective city operations. Members clarified that without a seated chairperson, the Commission could not continue as a formal body, and a work group would not serve the same advisory role. They explored the option of forming a work group to report to the City Manager while recognizing the distinction between advisory and actionable responsibilities. Emphasis was placed on the necessity of a chair to maintain the Commission's current operations and its potential to pivot toward advising on future city projects.

Adjourn Parks & Commons Commission Meeting 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Kimmie Jackson, Recorder