

1 CITY OF YACHATS

2
3 PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION
4 REGULAR MEETING

5 September 21, 2017

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7 Minutes
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10 Chair John Moore called to order the September 21, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Commons
11 Commission at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: John Moore,
12 Michael Hempen, Linda Johnson, Derek Ojeda, Dean Shrock. Absent: Ruth Bass, Scott Gordon.
13 Also Present: Facilities Manager Leon Sterner, Friends of the Commons Board Chair Rose
14 Valentine, Trails Leads Loren Dickenson and Bob Langley. Audience: 1.

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16 **I. Minutes**

17 Commissioner Hempen moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017: Aye – 5; No – 0.

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19 **II. Reports**

20 **A. Yachats Trails Committee**

21 Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification on the Commons Wetland Circle Trail path on the
22 north side.

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24 **B. Commons User Support Manager**

25 Sterner summarized his report in the meeting packet. Commissioner Ojeda commented that local
26 business participation in the recent wedding was great to see.

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28 **C. Friends of the Commons**

29 Valentine thanked Johnson for researching potential lighting for the stairs. Valentine highlighted the
30 Friends completed an audit of kitchen items. They are applying for grant to increase counts of
31 dishes and tablecloths. Mike Guerriero and Sterner will work on Room 7 to clear stored items so the
32 room can be used for other things. Valentine invited everyone to the Banner Auction reception on
33 Sunday, September 23, 2017 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Multipurpose room. Sterner noted there will
34 be a negotiation period after the silent bidding closes. Monies earned will go for next year's banners
35 and to an artists support fund.

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37 Commissioner Shrock noted he was the Parks and Commons representative at the last Friends
38 meeting. Ojeda is scheduled for the October Friends meeting.

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40 **III. Business**

41 **A. Public Restroom**

42 Commissioners Gordon, Hempen and Moore approached different companies for proposals. Moore
43 distributed a copy of the proposal he had which came to \$52,208, plus \$800 for lap siding. Shrock
44 suggested having the location be closer to the exit from Room 8. Moore explained Public Works
45 had indicated water and sewer stubs were available on the south side, and costs would increase for
46 placing the unit nearer the north side. Hempen asked about the numbers of people wanting access
47 from Room 8. Sterner explained some events such as plays present awkward situations where
48 actors need to walk through the MP room to get to the facilities.

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50 **B. Men's Room – replacement of urinals**

51 Hempen met with one vender (Newport Plumbing) who indicated they would do the plumbing part

1 and have another person do the construction part. Hempen noted he was in the process of
2 scheduling a meeting with the construction person. Hempen and Sterner discussed aspects of
3 access and construction for the area. Hempen expects to have bids by the next meeting.
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5 **C. Ballfield**

6 Moore summarized the history of the ballfield. Dave Baldwin told Moore the field is unsafe for the
7 Yachats Smelts because of mole holes and the ruts/uneven surfaces. Moore reported Manager
8 Davies had suggested paving the area for parking. Moore recalled kids in school have recess on
9 asphalt surfaces. Baldwin indicated to Moore such an area could be used for other sports as well.
10 Helen Anderson suggested investigating astro-turf, as old college and professional fields are often
11 sold for low cost. Commissioners discussed ideas around combinations of paving and grass.
12 Johnson was not in favor paving and suggested some semi-permeable product such as
13 decomposed granite. Moore noted people currently park along 6th St and along the east side of the
14 field. Hempen had reservations about paving but could support the idea. Ojeda noted maintenance
15 costs might be lower for non-grass surfaces and suggested ideas to increase attractiveness.
16 Sterner noted the area is very soggy, which might impact the type of surface that could be installed.
17 He raised the "Seven Generations" approach to land management. Anderson suggested checking
18 with City Planner Lewis about building in an area that is indicated as wetlands on the Wetlands
19 Inventory. Langley wanted to avoid paving. Moore indicated he would find out about the wetlands
20 status. Sterner added there is a type of concrete that allows for drainage.
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22 **D. Letter from South Lincoln Aquatic Committee**

23 Moore identified the local people involved with this Committee. Commissioners were concerned
24 about the construction costs, maintenance, and liability insurance. Hempen noted the group's
25 interest at this time is ascertaining the desirability for a pool. Ojeda noted he and friends often go
26 to the Overleaf. Commissioners expressed interest in learning more, and Ojeda agreed to contact
27 the group for further discussion.
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29 **IV. Other Business**

30 **A. From the Commission**

31 Ojeda stated he was interested in seeing a ban on plastic bags. Moore suggested Ojeda contact
32 Manager Davies and Mayor Stanley.
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34 **B. From the floor**

35 Sterner stated how much he appreciation of Moore's conduct of the meetings, especially making the
36 audience feel heard.
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38 With no further business to discuss, Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.
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Chair W. John Moore

Date

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46 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson, September 26, 2017