



**City of Yachats
Meeting
To Be Held Via Zoom & In Person
Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 2:00 PM**

In Person Meeting Location:

Commons Building, Civic Meeting Room 3
441 N. Hwy 101, Yachats OR 97498

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Agenda

Work Session

- Wrap-up of Pickleball Tournament
- Discussion of 4th of July Festivities
- Discussion of laying ground work for YERC (Geotech study, engineering and architecture cost)

Regular Session

- I. Meeting Called to Order** (reminder to silence phones)
- II. Announcements**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. Reports** (an opportunity for Commissioner questions and comments)
 - a. Summary Meeting Minutes

- b. Workgroups Report
- c. Commons Reports

V. New Business

- a. Welcome Lance Bloch
- b. Vote for Vice Chair
- c. Presentation – Yachats Pickleball players/check to the city
- d. Mendell memorial proposal

VI. Ongoing Business

VII. Other Business

- a. From Committee
- b. From Staff

VIII. Adjourn

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CITY OF YACHATS
Community Spaces Committee
MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
Room 3 441 Hwy 101 N. OR 97498

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 2:00 pm

Work Session

I. Meeting called to order

Commission Members	P/A
Adam Altson, Chair	p
John Pravel	P
Dan Wright	P
Bill Reeves	P

Staff Members	
Kimkie Jackson, Recorder	Bobbi Price, City Manager
Rosa Marchand, Commons Coord.	

Work Session

1. Announcement/Update Pickleball Tournament - The Community Spaces Committee began the work session with an update on the upcoming pickleball tournament. Committee members reported that all 24 participant slots had been filled and that the event was expected to generate approximately \$2,000 in revenue after expenses. Local businesses and sponsors had donated prizes and merchandise, and organizers expressed optimism about the event's success.
2. Tree Ordinance - The committee then continued its discussion of the proposed tree ordinance. Members reviewed revisions related to wildfire mitigation and defensible space requirements and discussed how the ordinance could balance environmental protection with property owners' rights. The conversation included concerns about liability if a city-approved tree later caused damage, the role of certified arborists in

evaluating hazardous trees, and potential permit exemptions for trees that pose safety risks. Members also noted increasing public interest in the ordinance and acknowledged that the Planning Commission's current workload may delay further work until later in the year. The committee suggested a future joint meeting with the Planning Commission to focus exclusively on the ordinance.

3. Increasing transient lodging tax/System Development Charge - Committee members agreed that additional analysis and involvement from the Public Works Commission, Finance Committee, and City Council would be needed before pursuing any SDC changes.

Then the discussion focused on the possibility of increasing the Transient Lodging Tax from 9% to 12%, and determined that the increase could generate approximately \$500,000 in additional annual revenue, raising total collections to nearly \$2 million. The committee discussed dedicating a portion of those revenues toward implementing the Greater Commons Plan and visitor amenities, while recognizing the need to support future infrastructure projects.

4. Exterior public restrooms - The committee reviewed and discussed preliminary concepts for new public restrooms. Members discussed various design proposals, with no final recommendation reached. Will revisit in August.

Regular Meeting

- I. Meeting called to order
- II. Citizens' Concerns - (1:02:15) Andrea Ghetie commented on the tree ordinance and on looking into Heritage trees, as they are protected.
- III. Announcements - None
- IV. Reports (1:18:48)
 1. Summary Minutes - The committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes and found that no corrections or changes were needed.
 2. Bobbi Price presented the monthly work group report, noting that two additional work groups will begin providing updates. The Trails Group reported ongoing work on trail safety and maintenance, particularly along the Amanda Trail. The group is evaluating trail conditions, identifying needed safety improvements, coordinating with city staff, and reviewing available funding and resources for future projects. Trail safety remains the group's primary focus.

3. Commons Report- The Commons report was included in the meeting packet. Committee members were allowed to ask questions regarding ongoing Commons projects and activities.

V. New Business

1. (1:35:45) Lance Bloch -Interview for a seat on the committee.

Motion:	Motion was made to recommend to City Council Lance Bloch be appointed to the Community Services Committee:			
Ayes:	Wright, Pravel, Reeves, and Altson	Nays: 0	Absent:0	Recused:
Passed:	4/0			

2. Elect Vice Chair - Tabled until the June meeting.

VI. Other Business

1. (1:41:45) Dan presented the idea of pedestrian access and is interested in discussing it further at another meeting.
2. Vote on the tax increase from the discussion during the work session above.

Motion:	Motion was made to recommend to City Council they take action to increase the system development charges by \$2,000; that the Committee is in favor of increasing the lodging tax from 9% to 12%, dedicating it to the Parks and the greater master plan, and to the operation thereof:			
Ayes:	Wright, Pravel, Reeves, and Altson	Nays: 0	Absent:0	Recused:
Passed:	4/0			

Adjourn Community Spaces Committee Meeting 4:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kimmie Jackson, Recorder



City of Yachats Workgroup Report- May 2026 - DUE May 30th

Workgroup: Trails/YIPS

Report Date:

Overview of Activities - Ongoing clearing of trails

- Focus on Amanda Gathering Area and Amanda Trail in preparation for a tribal event on June 6
- Placement of bark over weed cloth in the area S of the library

Next Steps and Future Plans - Installation of split rail fence along the S border of the native planting area S of the library

Workgroup: Keeping Yachats Beautiful

Report Date: 5/27/26

Overview of Activities

- Preparing to receive wood chips before July 4th to update the 101 flower beds
- Starting to prepare the Christmas tree area so there won't be so much weeding.

Next Steps and Future Plans

- Clean stones away from the Christmas tree area.
- Bring in weed cloth, gravel and then decomposed granite.

Requests for Support or Resources

- Would appreciate help with Public Works to bring the gravel and decomposed granite over with back hoe.
- Also, one of the tie downs for the tree needs to be replaced.

Workgroup: Estuary Walkway

Report Date: May 27, 2026

- Overview of Activities Verdantas who has taken over Civil West wants a geo-tech survey conducted. Archaeology oversight needs to be involved. SHPO application

submitted and due in June. Geotech should start in June and plans finalized by July with call-for-bids going out in June. Contractor hired in August.

- Two interpretive signs in progress.
- VtF wrote two extension reports (one in March and one in May) with the request for an extension of the grant award to the Three Rivers Foundation. Awaiting a response.

Progress and Achievements

- City has contracted with GMI and a Geotech firm
- Reports written to TRF for extension
- Two interpretive signs' content almost finished.
- Third interpretive sign meeting to plan content and pictorials set up for June 2nd.

Group Goals

- Finish Geotech by end of June
- Finish content for all three interpretive signs

Recommendations

- None

Workgroup: Under Stage Storage @ Commons

No new activity to report

Workgroup: Library

Report Date: 5/29/2026

Overview of Activities

- No new activities

Progress and Achievements

- Continuing to support the library administrator with the investigation into joining the LCLD.

Group Goals

- Consult with the library administrator to develop future activities for the workgroup.

Workgroup: Emergency Preparedness

Report Date: 5/27/2026

Overview of Activities

- May focus was on the Protocol for Commons Emergency Shelter, approximately 30% completed as a Draft.
- Members participating in OEM Webinars on Preparedness and Recovery then discussing how we can apply information here.
- Investigating the use of sirens as a means of Alert....checking with those communities on the coast that do have them.

Progress and Achievements

- Contacted OEM for items as prizes for Drawings at the 2Week Ready Fair
- Chair Participating in COAD Sheltering Workgroup.....monthly meeting, status of what other areas are doing for preparation and what workshops and training is available.

Group Goals

- June-establish commitments of individuals to have a table representing the 8 points of 2Week Ready
- Scheduling June for a 2nd demonstration of the portable water filter system, will occur at the Crestview Conex and use water from the creek. Also a bacteria test will be performed on the water filtered.
- Monthly information out to the community regarding what they should be doing in preparation for having to leave their home.

- Participating in an ODHS 2 day event: mobilizing the Evacuation Assembly at the Newport Municipal Airport, staying on site (sleeping in tents on cots) for the two-day event. Day two, participants will work with Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) for their Whale Run exercise receiving supply drops.
- Getting shelving completed in Cemetery Conex in June
- Ordering supplies for '25-'26 by end of June

June CSC Report

4th of July planning (Bobbi's Notes from City Council report)

Preparations for the upcoming 4th of July celebrations are making significant progress. In accordance with the City Council's September 2025 vote, the Chamber of Commerce has arranged a fireworks display that is half the duration of its previous display and uses low-decibel pyrotechnics. The funds saved from shortening the show will be redirected to sponsor various activities scheduled between the La De Da event and the fireworks.

A diverse lineup of events is planned for the holiday:

- Live music performances located behind the Commons.
 - A beer garden hosted by View the Future in collaboration with Pelican Brewery.
 - Bounce houses in the greenspace provided by YYFAP.
 - A community BBQ organized by the Yachats Rural Fire Department.
 - A skateboarding exhibition featuring the team responsible for the new Yachats Skatepark.
 - All-day sidewalk chalk art along Ocean View Road.
 - Professional kite flying demonstrations on the beach following the parade.
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- **T-Mobile Grant:** This grant is intended to go toward the rehabilitation of the pavilion. The Amount is for \$50,000. Award determinations will be made by late May 2026
 - **OASIS Marine Debris Internship:** On May 1, The City received a list of three applicants for interviews. Bobbi and I hosted interviews on May 6th and submitted our list of candidates in raking order. The Intern acceptance due date is May 18th.
 - **Oregon Community Foundation Grant:** Grant opening Mid-June. This grant is for \$40,000 and intended to go toward the outdoor public restrooms behind the Commons; that will replace the porter-potties.
 - **Commons and City Storage Room Cleanup & Surplus Sale:** We hosted a City surplus sale on April 24, 2026, out of Room 8 at the Commons. The sale included excess items from the City storage unit, the Little Log Church Museum, the Library, and the Commons.
 - The effort to prepare for this sale and to get all items sorted, accounted for, and staged in Room 8 was significantly more physically and mentally demanding than expected. I am very grateful to Public Works and Neal for their extensive support and hands-on help, and to Lorraine for helping with logistics and advertising. As a team,

we underestimated both the volume of work and the condition of many of the items in the storage unit, including the many LLCM boxes. It was a very large undertaking to say the least.

- While all boxes and LLCM items currently stored in my office are intact and their contents are salvageable, there is now a strong odor of mold and mildew in my office space creating an unhealthy environment for me to work in. As a result, I will need to once again move back to City Hall until the Little Log Church Museum is ready to retrieve their items. This is a setback, but I will pivot and adjust as needed.
- The surplus sale itself was successful. We sold a good number of items; however, there remains a large quantity of usable items still in good condition. We hosted yet another surplus sale on May 8th, but unfortunately many large items such as book shelves and display cases did not find a home. I am in contact with South Lincoln County resources. They will be picking up items for donation on May 14th; everything leftover will be taken to the dump.
- **Line Dancing Event:** The City will be hosting a Line Dancing event on May 15th in the Multipurpose Room at the Commons, starting at 4:00 PM.
- The event will kick off with a line dancing lesson led by instructor Kristina Rooke, followed by a fun dance party where everyone can put their new moves into action. No experience necessary, just come ready to dance and have fun!
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Proposal for a Rock Memorial for my husband Arnold Mindell

from Amy Mindell,
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5/23/26

Dear Community Spaces Committee, dear friends,

Thank you for considering my proposal for a rock memorial for my beloved husband Army, who passed away almost 2 years ago. If possible, it would be great if this proposal could be considered at your next meeting on June 2nd.

Though Army and I traveled to many places around the world for our teaching, Army loved Yachats more than any other place and it would mean so much to me, and to so many people who loved him, to have this memorial rock for him. He always wondered how we got so lucky to live in the most beautiful place on the earth.

I have read all the city guidelines for this type of memorial and am attaching the required items. I have gone through many of the details with Geo (who, I understand, is no longer on the committee), and believe I have fulfilled all the requirements.

As background, Army and I have had a home in Yachats for 40 years and have always loved being part of the community and have many, many friends in town who love him and would be touched to be able to visit a memorial spot for him. We also gave lectures about our work in town, and Army and I gave seminars at the Lions Club for over 30 years on Process Oriented Psychology (which Army developed, and authored 23 books about). The seminars were attended by hundreds of people from around the world. Everyone who attended fell in love with our beautiful city and would love to come again and visit a special memorial rock for Army --to be with, and honor, their beloved teacher and friend.

Attached you'll find:

- 1. Proposed location of the rock.** The location I am proposing is between 3rd and 4th on Ocean View Dr, at the south side of South Sunset Park --just east of, and next to, the bench that faces south. I'm attaching photos to show the exact spot. Geo asked me to put a stake in the ground with Army's name at the top of it to show where the rock would be placed. It is still there for you to look at. Geo measured and confirmed that the location of that stake was indeed on City property (not State property) and he felt it would fit in nicely with the environment and other rocks in that area. By the way, during breaks in our seminars, this is a spot where our seminar participants often went to enjoy the sea.
- 2. Rock:** Attached you'll find pictures of the rock I chose. Your guidelines say it must be natural and fit in with the environment, which I believe it does, because it is similar to other rocks just near the proposed location, has an interesting structure, and would create a lovely environment. Its size is approximately 2 ½ x 3 feet. The quarry is holding onto this rock for me until I hear if you approve it or not. (If needed, I can also send a brief 30 second video showing the rock from all sides.) I was told that the letters of the engraving

could not be painted black as the engraver normally does, and so they would simply be carved in the rock or, if possible, could be painted a grey color (with memorial grade stone paint), which would make them easier to read.

- 3. Engraving and design:** Attached you'll find a mock-up of the wording and design for the engraving. The photo shows the words *superimposed* on the rock, that is, they have not yet been engraved and would not be so dark. This is just to give you an idea of the words and design.

Your guidelines say that the words (including the person's name, typical saying, etc) must be engraved *into the rock* (not on a plaque) and can include a graphic design. Since the words have to be engraved directly into the rock, they might not show up very well. Therefore, the letters could also be painted with a grey memorial grade paint if that is allowable. All of this, of course, is negotiable, so please let me know. FYI, the lowercase smaller letters are less than ½ inch tall.

The engraver would travel to Yachats with the rock and set it in place.

Please let me know if you need more information. Again, thanks so much for your consideration and all your work for our city. It would mean the world to me and so many others who love Arny to have a spot they can come to, to remember and feel his presence, and to enjoy our town and the spirit of nature here.

Many thanks,
Amy Mindell













*“Nature is our
greatest teacher”*

Arnold Mindell

*founder of process
oriented psychology*



Woof!