1. Agenda

   Documents:

   2019-08-15 Parks And Commons Commission Agenda.pdf

2. Meeting Materials

   Documents:

   2019-07-18 Parks And Commons Minutes.pdf
   2019-08-15 Trails Report.pdf
   2019-08-15 Facilities Manager Report.pdf
   2019-08-15 Map 1.Pdf
   2019-08-15 Maps.pdf
   2019-08-15 Trails Info.pdf
   2019-08-15 Board Minutes.pdf
   2019 08 Friends-Big Band.pdf
   2019-08-15 LLCM Report.pdf

3. No Agenda

   There is no agenda available for this meeting, please review the minutes.

CITY OF YACHATS
PARKS & COMMONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

441 Hwy 101 N., Yachats Commons, Room 1

Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 3:00pm

I. Call meeting to order

II. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 18 2019 at 3:00pm (attached)

III. Welcomeing of new Commissioner, Dawn Keller

IV. Reports
- A. Facilities Manager
  - a. Council reaction to 7/18/19 ball filed fencing recommentation
  - b. Farmers Market wash station port-a-let
- B. Yachats Trails Committee
- C. Little Log Church
  - a. Big Band Fundraising outcome
  - b. Non-Profit status update
- D. Commissioners

V. Finance
- i. Commons
- ii. Trails
- iii. LLCM

VI. Business
- A. Trails Committee (attachments) recommendations on:
- a. 804 Trail South Signage
- b. Aqua Vista Loop to "Bluff"
- c. Aqua Vista Loop South to Marine Drive

VII. Other Business
- A. From Commission
- B. From the floor: Topic not listed on the agenda: 5-minute limitation per person

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CITY OF YACHATS

PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION

July 18, 2019

Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair John Purcell called to order the July 18, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Commons Commission at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Michael Hempen, Linda Johnson, John Purcell, Dean Shrock, Scott Gordon, and Craig Berdie. Absent: none. Also Present: Facilities Manager Heather Hoen, Trails Leads Bob Langley and Joanne Kittel. Audience: 26.

II. Minutes – June 20, 2019

Commissioner Berdie explained he meant planning in a general sense and not as a call to action.

Commissioner Hempen moved to approve the June 20, 2019 minutes as amended: Aye – 6; No – 0.

III. Reports

A. Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Hoen reported the cost to replace the grease trap in the kitchen was $1,350 for removal, replacement, and installation. She explained the old one had rusted closed, and the new one will be plastic. She reported future maintenance for cleaning should occur every six months to a year. Commissioner Shrock asked if there were instructions at the sinks to let users know they are to wipe out dishes before washing them. Purcell clarified this item would be added to the maintenance list.

Hoen also suggested that the Commission consider getting a commercial dishwasher for the kitchen as many users mistake the current sanitizer to be a dishwasher. Purcell suggested revisiting this issue near the end of the fiscal year.

Berdie asked about the status of heat pumps in the building. Hoen reported there were nine units in rooms with the exception of City Hall. Hoen explained the current need for replacement of the heat pump in the preschool, which was older than its warranty covered. Hoen reported the cost was just under $5,000 and was already in her maintenance budget.

Purcell clarified that only the piano had a regular maintenance contract with an external company. Hoen reported she had a list of maintenance persons for the various needs.

Hoen explained the Commons needs a copyright license in order to play music under copyright. Hoen found a Commercial Copyright License (CCL) for government entities at $358 for a year for all city properties.

Hempen asked about opening the Commons building for the Farmers Market to use the restroom. Hoen indicated she had talked to the Market Manager about allowing vendors to use the Commons as long as he cleared the building prior to locking it up. She added that she has not been able to get the company to provide an upgraded porta-potty and hand-washing station.

Hempen clarified that the plan to put up a barrier in front of the porta-potties was on Hoen's list of items to complete.

Hoen noted the rates for the Commons are to be reviewed annually and the annual copyright license could be included the fees charged.

Berdie moved to have Hoen secure a Commercial Copyright License from BMI for $358 for a year license: Aye – 6; No – 0.

Hoen reviewed what she does for maintenance on the heat pumps, such as hosing the units off and changing the filters.

Purcell explained the Commission was charged with making recommendations to Council and/or the City Manager and was not supposed to instruct staff directly. Purcell explained the new form that Commission Chairs are to use to indicate actions and requests of staff.

B. Trails Committee

Langley reported the National Trails Day events were very successful with around 30 people attending each. Volunteers contributed just over 2000 hours last year for trails maintenance in the past year. Langley had concern about condition of the sidewalk from W 7th Street to Marine Drive. Purcell reported he met with the County and Mayor regarding Ocean View Drive. He noted the County put down some base material (1/10th minus). Kittel indicated the surface is great for walking, but has issues with drainage. She noted after the last rain, four or five areas washed out. Langley also noted the trail surface would not hold up well to bicycles and strollers.

Purcell indicated the City Manager has asked the Commission to help with the trail sections from Marine to Aqua Vista and from Aqua Vista to the bluff. Trails noted the county did not add base to the section from Marine to Aqua Vista during their recent work. He asked if trails would be ok with using mitigation funds to reinforcing these two sections of trail. Langley understood that the county was going to cover these sections. Purcell indicated Kinion had a different understanding when they last met. Kittel raised the issue of communication and asked that a representative from Trails be at meetings with the County regarding the Ocean View Drive transfer. Langley recalled Kinion stating that the county would work on a small section and have trails provide input on how well that section worked and make recommendations for the rest of the trail.

Purcell reported the property transfer to the City would be complete after the paving was

completed around September 2019. The City would be conducting a two-year transportation study, and the county would return after completion of the study to do permanent striping.

Purcell summarized that he would report to the City Manager that the trail sections from Marine to Aqua Vista and from Aqua Vista to the bluff would be the county responsibility, regardless of whether the county pays or it is funded by mitigation funds. Purcell asked the Trails Committee for a write up on what they recommend for these sections.

Berdie expressed concern that the erosion of the trail would continue to worsen during the winter, especially in an area between Pontiac and the Underground Pub. Trails representatives and the Commission were unclear on whether the county was going to pave in that area.

Purcell suggested creating a map of the work to be completed on Ocean View Drive. Purcell also suggested creating a plan for ongoing work to address erosion issues. Langley suggested this issue might be more of a matter of engineering. Kittel agreed the matter was one of water running off the pavement and was an engineering issue, and Trails did not have the expertise to address these types of issues. Berdie suggested that the county was more repaving than re-engineering. Kittel indicated Kinion has discussed the re-engineering of pavement.

Purcell and Berdie discussed the paving/engineering issue, erosion, ongoing maintenance needs, and the county's role. Kittel recalled Kinion was addressing engineering issues

Hoen reported she learned from the City Manager that there would be no repaving south of Pontiac, the sections that will be paved will be re-engineered, and the City was looking into the getting the south end repaved.

Purcell asked for a written recommendation from Trails for the sections from Marine to Aqua Vista and Aqua Vista to the bluff.

Langley noted the parking on Ocean View Drive at the intersection with 101 presented a problem for pedestrian traffic and would continue to do so even after a boardwalk was installed. Purcell suggested taking this issue to Public Works and Streets Commission as this issue does not fall under the purview of Parks and Commons. Purcell indicated he could discuss the matter with the other Chairs at the Chairs Roundtable.

Langley asked if the chain link fence between Pontiac and Beach Streets could be made to look better.

The Commission discussed how to better communicate the information being raised by Commissioners and the Trails Committee. Minutes Recorder Anderson explained that the Chairs form was for communicating any needs that go beyond the Commission meeting. Purcell noted that Councilor James Kerti would be attending Parks and Commons meetings to help with communications with Council.

Commissioner Johnson wanted to focus on how much better the condition of the trails was getting. She also noted the problems with the intermixing of pedestrians and the cars parked at the 101 – Ocean View Drive intersection.

Kittel stated that Wally Orchard is an international expert in South African orchids and also creates his own orchid hybrids. She reported he recently created a new orchid which he named Amanda in honor of Amanda de Cuys who was forced to walk from Coos Bay to the internment camp in the Yachats area.

Kittel announced that View the Future received a generous donation of $25,000 from Greg Scott to bring their fundraising total for the suspension bridge to $89,500. She noted that Scott asked that money be used for bridge aesthetics.

C. Little Log Church

Purcell thanked the Little Log Church for their report. Shrock noted he does not hear about the upcoming benefit concerts and asked how the Little Log Church was promoting their events. Mary Crooks indicated they post events on the Facebook page. Hoen indicated she saw flyers around town. Anderson explained how anyone can ask to post events on the community calendar on the homepage of the Yachats website.

Hoen explained that the Big Band has asked for a change in their rate agreement for the concerts they are having to benefit the Little Log Church.

Shrock moved to waive the rental fees for the Commons for the July 20 and August 24, 2019 Big Band concerts to benefit the Little Log Church: Aye – 6; No – 0.

Karl Christianson reported that Jo McDowell has joined the Little Log Church board and has experience in arts fundraising in Eugene. Christianson stated McDowell was going to talk to the attorney working on the conversion to a 501(c)3. Berdie asked that future reports include the number of visitors that come to the facility.

D. Commissioners

Berdie reported he worked with youth through the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation group. These youth toured areas of Yachats for ideas for how to plan for the restoration project they will be working on in Siletz.

Berdie reported he came up with some estimates for different types of fencing, specifically hog wire fencing, and got an estimate of $7,500 to build four sides of a fenced area where the existing backstop is.

Shrock reviewed various requests for using the space of the "ballfield." He reported Dave Rieseck noted groups come and go with varied interests for that space and suggested the Commission take their time to decide on fencing a section.

Hempen favored removing the existing fencing. Several Commissioners stated the concern is to find a dog-waste-free zone. Berdie and Gordon favored having a new fenced area for dog-waste free play. Purcell suggested removing the existing fence, having the City mower clear that area, then reassessing the how to best use the area. Dawn Keller suggested to also request that a dog waste station be put in.

V. Business

A. Application from Dawn Keller

Dawn Keller stated she has lived full-time in Yachats for a year and has experience in managing churches. She saw great similarity between how churches operate and how Yachats operates. She was pleased to see the Commission Chair report sheet as way to communicate. She indicated she was willing to give up a commitment to be able to attend the meetings.

Hempen moved to recommend to the City Council that Dawn Keller be appointed the Parks and Commons Commission: Aye – 6; No – 0.

B. Commission to Council Communications

Berdie stated that lines of communication and establishing priorities still needs to be worked out. Hempen concurred with Keller's comments about transitioning to the City Manager system and suggested they might be half-way through this process. Commissioners agreed it will be helpful to have Councilor Kerti at their meetings.

C. Half Year Review: Commission Priorities – postponed to next meeting

VI. Other Business

A. From the Commission

Johnson reported she attended the Active Shooter/Workplace Violence Training.

B. From the floor - none

Purcell adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

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John Purcell, Chair Date

Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson, August 8, 2019

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – August 15, 2019

YIPS! (7-20-2019) – Volunteers split into groups and made significant progress with weeding and clearing at the Amanda gathering area, Whale Tail Park, Prospect Park, and Wetlands. Encroaching vegetation was cleared from portions of the Amanda Trail. Afterwards, most of the group met at the Drift Inn to enjoy drinks and snacks courtesy of Linda Hetzler.

Trails (8-3-2019) – 20 volunteers worked on a variety of tasks including laying down of roofing along the wetlands boardwalk to improve footing,, clearing at the Amanda Gathering area and Whale Tail parks, and removal of invasives from the Wetlands.

Trails Picnic (8-3-2019) – Approximately 30 people got together for a barbeque and picnic at the Quiet Water swimming pool area; a good time was had by all.

804 S Trail – Bob worked with John Purcell to refine a plan for signage along the 804 S trail (from 6th Street N to the bluff west of Aqua Vista Loop. After discussion by P & C Commission, the recommendations will be given to the City.

Suspension Bridge Project – VtF received the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund grant for $2,000. Appreciation to Drew Caldwell and Meredith Howell for helping Joanne with this grant application. With a second generous contribution from Nan and Greg Scott, VtF has now raised $90,000 toward the completion of this project. The third and final set of design / engineering plans has been completed. Due to the funds raised, “bells and whistles" are being added to the bridge project including an expanded south landing for the Eddie Huckins bench. The Community Corrections crew will continue hauling out firewood for pick up by the Job Corps for its winter family program.

Oregon Coast Trail – VtF submitted a grant to the Oregon Coast Visitor Association for funding of the engineering and construction to create a safe trail at the existing gap in the trail extending approximately 60 meters west from the intersection of Ocean View Drive and Highway 101 (S of the Underground Pub). The response from the board of OCVA was very positive indicating that they would have funded it but hesitate to do so now because the archaeological site evaluation has not been completed. They said to let them know when it is completed and that they will reconsider at that time. Appreciation to Michael Hempen for helping Joanne with that grant application.

Tansy ragwort – Wally and Loren, along with volunteers, Sandy and Jess, have been pulling tansy ragwort plants in various locations around town.

Facilities Manager Report

August 2019

The Farmers Market seems to be going alright.

The bird netting has arrived; I am working on a plan for installation.

Reservations are going well, day to day activities as well as larger reservations. We have had multiple weddings the last month and a half. The Psychic fair and Town hall went great!

Scott Weight and I have been working together to get the Skate Park ramp addressed and fixed. Scott has been very helpful.

The grease trap in the kitchen has been replaced and is working great.

The heat pump in room 4 has been replaced.

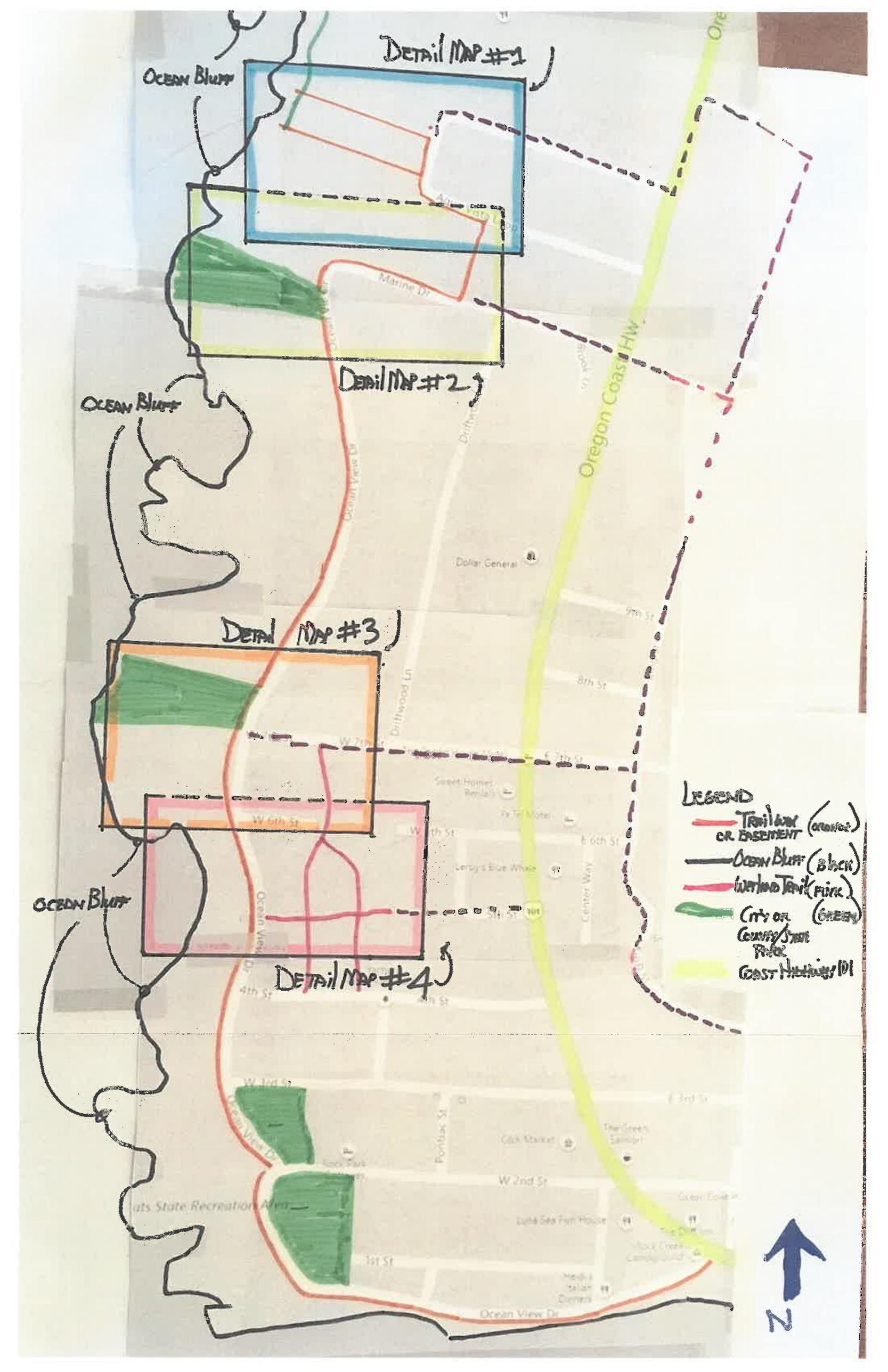
I am working with Hollywood Lights on a plan for updating our stage lighting in increments that will not be budget braking.

I did a webinar in July that was very helpful and will be developing some of the ideas from that to fit Yachats and our projects.

I am including a report from the new reservation program that is reflective of the usage of the building. The revenue portion will not be totally accurate as most of the reservations were moved from the other system and had been paid for already.

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Hoen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Driftwood Ln
Dollar General
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1st St
Ocean View Dr
Pontiac St
Center Way
LEGEND
TRAIL (ORANGE) OR EASEMENT
OCEAN BLUFF (BLACK)
WETLAND TANK (PINK)
CITY OR COUNTY/STATE PARK (GREEN)
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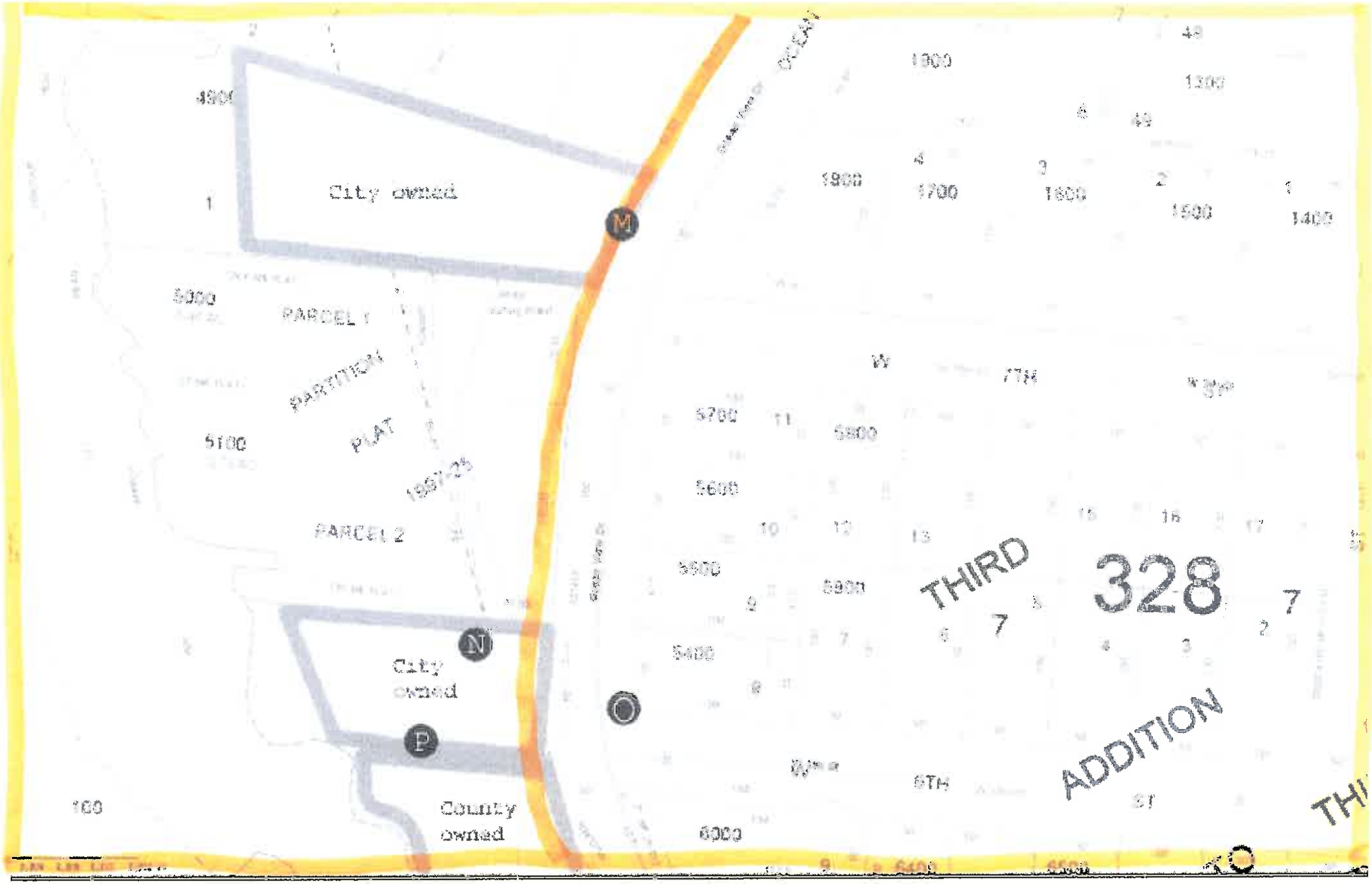

DETAIL MAP #3

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DETAIL MAP #4

804 South - Trails Committee Submittal

August 15, 2019

To: Parks & Commons Commission

From: Yachats Trails Committee

Attached: (1) Site map, Aqua Vista North to Ocean View South (Old Landmark)
(4) Detail Map(s) #1 thru #4

Overview

The City of Yachats has asked the Trails Committee, working through the Parks & Commons Commission, to provide its input and recommendations for signage along the 804 South Trail which runs from the "Bluff" west of Aqua Vista Loop south to the intersection of Ocean View Drive and Highway 101. This submittal includes recommendations for Directional Signs and Map Signs as well as an allowance for two Interpretive signs, locations to be determined, within the four "Detail Map" blocks, attached, further referred to a "Phase One". *This narrative and set of recommendations does not include any recommendations about the trail section south of the intersection of 5th street and Ocean View Drive, further referred to as "Phase Two"*. Additional recommendations will follow if requested.

Sign Types

Type 1: 6" X 6" chamfered post with Directional Arrows
Quantity: (2)
Cost per each: $100
Installation: Excavation, concrete and install of posts by City of Yachats; sign installation by Trails Committee

Type 2: 24" x 36" Custom Trail System Map sign
Quantity: (3)
Cost per each: $2,700 ($1,200 ea. for mounting hardware; $1,500 ea. for custom signs)
Installation: Concrete included w/hardware; installation by Angell Job Corp.

Type 3: 12" X 12" Small Custom Sign
Quantity: (2)
Cost per each $250 (includes allowance for 6" X 6" post)
Labor to Install: Excavation, concrete and install of posts by City of Yachats; sign installation by Trails Committee

Type 4: 24" x 36" Custom Interpretive sign (Allowance only: no locations noted)
Quantity: (2)
Cost per each: $2,700 ($1,200 ea. for mounting hardware; $1,500 ea. for custom signs)
Installation: Concrete included w/hardware; installation by Angell Job Corp.
Location: To Be Determined: graphic design costs *not included*

Total suggested allowance for Phase One, 804 South Trail Signage: $14,200

Loose Leaf Page Legend

Detail Map #1

A. Furnish & Install Type 1 directional sign
B. Existing "Public Access" sign to be moved to Location A; post to be removed
C. Existing State Parks "OCT" (Oregon Coast Trail) Sign to remain
D. Land owner signage - no action proposed
E. Furnish & Install Type 1 directional sign
F. Existing Type 1 directional sign to remain

Detail Map #2

G. Furnish & Install Type 2 Custom Trail System Map sign
H. Existing Type 1 directional sign to remain
I. Not used
J. Existing Directional sign to move to location K
K. New location for "J" above
L. Furnish & Install Type 2 Custom Trail System Map sign (Location of City Supplemental Waste Water plant and planned installation of observation deck by County)

Detail Map #3

M. Furnish & Install Type 3 sign on existing Type 1 post (Location of "Peace Park")
N. Furnish & Install Type 2 Custom Trail System Map sign
O. Not relevant
P. Not relevant

Detail Map 4

Q. Furnish & Install Type 3 Custom sign noting direction of Commons & City Center on 6" X 6" directional post

Qualifications

1. Signage style & design may be affected by requirements for consistency along the entire Oregon Coast.
2. Placement of ***any*** new signs along Ocean View Drive will depend on an archeological report that is pending. Budgets and scopes of work included assume standard excavation and concrete footing burial.

3. Design of the Custom Trail System Map signs will be done by a Trails Volunteer; therefore no allowances are included for sign design. Allowances for Graphic Design of the Custom Interpretive Signs recommended by Paul Engelmeyer and Tara DuBois have not been included.

Trail Section Input

1. **Aqua Vista Loop (West) to "Bluff"** (approximately 220 lineal feet)

After consulting with OPRD personnel (Oregon Parks & Recreation Department) who have expertise in this area, the Trails Committee has developed a list of options ranging from the status quo to installing an expandable grid system designed to hold gravel in place at a cost of $10.00 per lineal foot plus gravel. Trails suggests an allowance of up to $4,000 be included for some type of trail cover for this section of trail.

2. **Marine Drive to Aqua Vista Drive**

Trails recommends periodically adding additional gravel where needed as the existing trail surface erodes.

The Trails Committee will appreciate input from the City and stands ready to offer additional advice upon receipt of feedback.

LITTLE LOG CHURCH AND MUSEUM
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2019

Board members present: Mary Crook, Katie Johnson, Karl Christianson, Leon Sterner, Mark Shepherd. Absent: Vicki Martin, John Thornton. Also present: Carl Miller, president of Friends of Little Log Church.

Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month; city still working on implementation of new computer system.

Curator's Report: None this month.

Weddings and Events:

On Saturday, July 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. a Buddhist priest, Lama Phurbu Tashi Rinpoche, gave a brief talk and offered a special evening blessing. He has studied with spiritual teachers in Tibet and India, and is founder and spiritual teacher of the Gampopa Center in Annapolis, MD. He regularly conducts pilgrimages in India, and has a yearly schedule of teachings in Indonesia. He was invited to visit Yachats by a local resident. His sponsor pre-paid for the use of the LLC&M. There were about 45 in attendance. Those who attended offered donations to Lama Rinpoche.

Board discussed raising the fee for using the LLC&M, which has been $75 for quite some time. Katie offered to check into charges that other venues have.

Statistics for Fiscal year 2018-2019: Volunteer hours worked: 993. Visitors: 2,272 from 36 states and 13 countries.

Volunteer Report: Mark Shepherd has been trained as a substitute volunteer.

Landscaping: No word yet from city as to approval of landscape gardener.

Chimes: Our carillon is working. Mark is still learning the system. The July 4th program was very much appreciated. Mark entered the event-appropriate tunes in real time for about 10 minutes just after 12 noon. Mary said she could hear the chimes at her place of business at Hwy 101 and 3rd St.

Other Business: (1) Karl reported the Parks and Commons Commission were pleased with our report. Board agreed we should be especially attentive to the number of visitors, as the LLC&M is considered a visitor amenity. Board also agreed the attendees at special events, such as weddings, concerts, etc., should be included in the total number counted. Mary will implement immediately.

(2) The paralegal at David Atkins' office in Eugene told Carl and Karl that her work is complete, and the paperwork is with the attorney for his review.

(3) Karl, Carl and Mary met with Jo McDow on July 6th to discuss fund raising options. Jo said that she has served on several boards in fund raising capacities, and was enthusiastic in sharing her ideas. Mary also provided Jo with a copy of the response from Judy Rooks, a professional fund raiser from Portland who visits Yachats a few times a year. Jo indicated she would like to serve on the Friends Board. She also said she would

Minutes submitted by Mary Crook

be happy to check with David Atkins in Eugene about his progress. She suggested the LLC&M have a Facebook page developed. Mary to recruit a tech specialist via the city newsletter.

(4) The city is developing a new website, including a Facebook page and other sources of information. They have engaged the services of "Civic Plus", a support service to certain cities.

(5) Leon reported on his research on a "Go Fund Me" page. It may be more appropriate for priv ate party needs rather than our project, he said.

(6) Carl Miller reported the Yachats Big Band has invited the Friends of the LLC to provide refreshments for their extra dance events on July 20th and August 24th. Board thought it would be a good opportunity for outreach and additional publicity. Karl and Carl to get a banner made for the refreshment table. They will check with Laser Quick.

(7) The Yachats Lions Club has pledged $1,000 to the Friends. Karl will see to it they are properly thanked. Thank you acknowledgement will reference tax-deductible status.

(8) Mary reported one of our volunteers suggested we have a colorful "Open" flag to attract more attention. Board agreed it might be a good idea. Karl said we would want it to be appropriate and not too garish. Mary to check with Valeria at Toad Hall, as she has a friend who makes them.

(9) Mark offered to check the heating unit in the museum, as we have been told it needs to be replaced.

Friends Account: $10,068.09.

Minutes submitted by Mary Crook

JULY EVENTS: (1) Lama event already reported. (2) There was one wedding held in July. Church was beautifully decorated by bride's aunt, who was a professional designer in the mid-west. Flowers were obtained from Catherine Lucido, who planted gladiolus specifically for the day. The bride also requested that Catherine beautify the exterior planters on either side of the front entrance, which she did. Bride paid for the plants. (3) on Sunday, July 7th Ruth Mock, and her son and daughter-in-law, who were visiting from the east coast, held a spontaneous recital in the sanctuary for about an hour. So visitors were treated to violin, guitar and flute music. Visitors and the Sunday docent appreciated the surprise.

Minutes submitted by Mary Crook

THIS APPEARED IN THE CITY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2019

Last month Carl Miller, president of the Friends of the Little Log Church, received a call from a representative of the Yachats Big Band. The popular group plays regularly at the Yachats Commons the first Thursday of every month, where folks have the opportunity to listen and dance to classic big band music for a blissful two hours. It seemed the group was adding two additional performances to their schedule this summer; the series being called "Big Band at the Beach". The representative asked Carl if the Friends would like to furnish refreshments at the next performance on July 20th as well as the performance on August 24th and be beneficiary of the donations received those evenings. After consulting with the LLC&M Board, who readily agreed, Carl said YES!

Last month's performance was emceed by Dick Forester, who always does a great job introducing the tunes and providing a little back story on each number. Forester was generous in inserting a few plugs for the LLC and the church's renovation project. And those who attended were generous in their donations as well. We were thrilled.

The Friends invite you to mark your calendars for the next Big Band performance on Saturday, August 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The talented band members hail from Florence, Yachats, Newport, and Toledo, and they're *g-o-o-d!* They have a great time playing the classic band music, and you'll have a great time dancing or just listening to the dulcet tones of yesteryear. And the refreshments aren't bad either!

The Friends of the Little Log Church wish to thank the entire band and especially the band's ace trombonist Gary Cleasby of Yachats for his enthusiastic support of the LLC&M and our project, and Dick Forester for his announcing skills.

REPORT TO PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION

DATE: August 8, 2019
MEMO TO: Parks and Commons Commission Members
FROM: Mary Crook, Little Log Church Board Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Events Coordinator.

The Board of the Little Log Church and Museum met Thursday, August 8, 2019. You will receive minutes from that meeting after the Board approves them next monthly meeting. Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting, and a copy of those minutes is included with this report.

A bit of history: In 1968 the active congregation of the Little Log Church grew too large for the building, and church members built the new Church of the Agate Windows on Seventh Street. They sold the Log Church and property to Lincoln County Historical Society, ***with the stipulation that the Log Church building be kept as a museum***. Later the Historical Society offered it to the City of Yachats. The stewards of the Log Church have endeavored to honor the intent of the Presbyterian congregation and maintain the historic meaning and spirit of the LLC.

Statistics: *Volunteers*: All shifts were covered in July – a very busy month in Yachats in general. The newest member of our board, Mark Shepherd, was trained, and he substituted for our Monday volunteer on July 29th. Mark is also a man of many talents. He was able to fix one of the heaters in the museum annex, which, we had been told, needed to be replaced, which would have required the services of a licensed electrician. Turns out it just needed to be cleaned and re-set.

Statistics: *Income*: YTD for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 was $436. The Friends of the Little Log Church have a separate account. Currently the amount in the Friends account is $9,096.09. You will receive an updated report from the Friends at your August meeting.

Statistics: *Visitors*: There were 425 visitors for the month of July, from 25 states, 4 Canadian provinces, and 2 visitors from the UK.

Events: (1) The event on Saturday, July 6th was a big success. About 50 people came to hear Lama Phurbu Tashi Rinpoche, who gave a brief talk and offered a special evening blessing. He included Yachats as part of his national tour, and was headed for talks in Asia. His presence added a peaceful and spiritual ambience to our little building, and we feel fortunate to be part of his visit to the west coast. One wedding was held in July and four weddings have been scheduled so far in August. (**2**) Although not an "event", but rather a spontaneous happening, on Sunday July 7th, local violinist Ruth Mock and her son and daughter-in-law, who were visiting from the east coast, held an impromptu violin, guitar and flute jam session for about an hour. Visitors and the Sunday docent were treated to a wonderful Sunday afternoon surprise. This is a nice example of what the LLC&M can do for our community.

Other remarks: (1) The Board has reviewed the preliminary plans for the replication of the LLC&M, and has approved them with just a few questions and notations to Heather. With Board approval now Heather can proceed with the next step of the process. (2) **Please read the attachment about the Yachats Big Band support. This was the LLC&M's part of the city's newsletter for August.**

Respectfully submitted,
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For the Little Log Church and Museum