



DATE: February 2, 2021

TO: Yachats City Council

FROM: David Rivinus—Library Commission Chair

SUBJECT: Library Assessment Report submitted by **Penny Hummel Consulting**

On March 16, 2020, the Yachats Library Commission (YLC), accepted the Library Assessment contract proposal submitted by Penny Hummel Consulting of Portland, Oregon. Ms. Hummel's assessment work began during late summer and continued intermittently until she issued her report on November 25, 2020. (It is available for reading on the Yachats City Website.) On December 10, the YLC met in a special meeting to review the assessment report and voted unanimously to accept the report as the basis for the YLC's strategic, long-term plan.

The purpose of this memo and my appearance before the Council on February 17, is twofold:

First: to convey to the Council the YLC's satisfaction—and, indeed, enthusiasm—for the quality and thoroughness of this report. We wish to express our gratitude to the Council for authorizing the report in 2019. We feel this assessment was a most worthwhile investment.

Second: to highlight—for now in general terms—the two most important recommendations made in the report, namely, (a) a recommendation to expand the library building. We have two substantial bequests which will probably cover the costs. (b) a recommendation to hire a parttime librarian. This is now a state-mandated requirement for maintaining our status as a legally recognized library in Oregon. There are multiple avenues for us to pursue this possibility, and there are multiple advantages to doing so. One advantage is that, without legal status, it complicates library-related grant writing and fundraising.

During the Council meeting on 2/17 I will be available to go into more detail and answer questions.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rivinus—Library Commission Chair