

City of Yachats

Parks and Commons Commission Work Session

February 2, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chair Dawn Keller called this Work Session to order on February 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Linda Johnson, Dean Shrock, Dawn Keller, Michael Hempen, Craig Berdie & Scott Gordon. Also present were Deputy Recorder Kimmie Jackson and from the Trails Committee, Joanne Kittel.

The first half of this work session is missing from the posted recording but here is a brief synopsis:

II. Request for Help with Signage from Cape Perpetua Area Collaborative

The Cape Perpetua Collaborative is asking to place additional interpretive signs in Yachats, two of which would be on city property. Members of the Trails Committee were asked to do work with Tara DuBois to determine options for sign placement and to produce a map showing the suggested locations. This item will be placed on the agenda for the February 18 meeting for report and possible recommendation to the City Council.

III. Discussion about Safe Reopening

Because of repeated requests from community members to be allowed back in the Commons building for classes and other use, Chair Keller asked the Commissioners to review some OSHA guidelines for reopening venues which show the complexity of reopening a multi-level use building. The Commissioners agreed that we will need direction from the City Manager about when and how to open the Commons safely.

The following part of this work session is included in the posted recording:

IV. Applicant(s) for the Open Parks & Commons Commission Seat

There was discussion regarding the procedures, process, and timing of accepting applications as well as conducting interviews of the applicants. After some give and take, the commissioners by consensus decided to interview for this position at its February 18, 2021 meeting. At this time, only one applicant - **George Mazeika** - has applied. Deputy Recorder Jackson said that she would forward all applications to commission members prior to its regular meeting on February 18th.

V. Proposed Plan(s) for the Commons Green Area

Commissioners Berdie and Shrock presented a draft proposal for a staged design of the open green field close to the Commons. They made it known that this is a **preliminary plan** ("nothing writ in stone") and is offered for commission study and, eventually, for community input. Discussion as to how to elicit ideas from the public as well as economic considerations,

applying for grants, priorities, and future upkeep and maintenance was held. As an initial step, it was decided that commission members would rank order (using percentages) their priorities of what they would like to see in this area.