

March 18, 2021

To: Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager, Heather Hoen, Community Services Coordinator, Don Groth, Finance Committee member, and Kimmie Jackson, Clerks II

From: View the Future Board, Co-chairs Joanne Kittel and John Purcell

**Subject: Request to the City Council and Budget Committee for consideration to grant \$10,000 to the Community Outreach portion 2021-22 fiscal budget to pay for the one-time costs that will be accrued during the May 20-22, 2022 Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge dedication weekend.**

The Amanda Trail is a 3.4-mile hiking trail tying the City of Yachats to Cape Perpetua. A 25-year endeavor to build, it also serves as a dedication to the sad history of the genocide that occurred here from 1860-1872. With a trail-counter in place, over 11,000 hikers have been counted on the Amanda Trail in 2020 even with the safety restrictions that the COVID pandemic has necessitated. Interpretive signage has helped hikers learn and appreciate this trail and the tragic history. As a result of bringing forth this historical truth and that of our earlier local First Nation history signs, a growing friendship has formed with tribal members and the Yachats community.

As many of you know, a lovely continuous span fiberglass bridge was created in 2011 across the Amanda Creek only to be destroyed in December 2015 along with the grotto, 400+ trees, and the Amanda statue following a huge debris slide. It took nearly 6 months to reopen the trail. From that time on, a more sustainable bridge solution has been pursued. Despite a number of setbacks, a new, 145-foot- long. Amanda Suspension Bridge is due to be constructed starting October 1, 2021 with the main construction completion date set before March 2022.

A formal dedication of the bridge is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday May 21, 2022. That date is set for several reasons: 1) To assure the bridge is finished; 2) give time for more recovery from COVID pandemic; 3) to be out of storm season even though rain of course can still occur; 4) no known local events happening on that date; 5) and before the holiday and summer tourism season making it a better economic opportunity for our local businesses.

The dedication itself will involve the safe transportation of 200+ participants to the Amanda Gathering Area, setting up a sound system at the dedication, and if possible, live streaming it to the Commons. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are being invited to have a primary role in the dedication. We will also invite representatives from state, county and local governments.

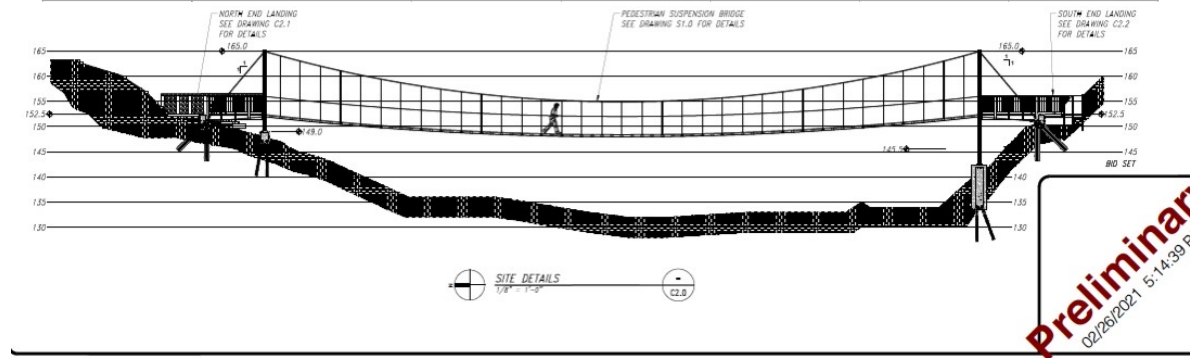
View the Future received permission to perform the play "*Amanda Transcending*" from the playwright, Connie Bennett. We are exploring having a professional theatre group perform this play in Yachats on Saturday night including having a heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served. Polly Plumb Productions has offered assistance and has agreed that their 2022 banner project will reflect trails and will be hung earlier than usual for the dedication event. The Chamber of Commerce is being invited to participate as is the Visitor Center. The dedication

planning committee meets monthly and welcomes more participation. More tours and events will be planned. We will be happy to a budget committee meeting to answer more questions.

Attached is a rough budget breakdown. We include in-kind donations too. We are making the request now so as to have the City's consideration before the 2021-22 fiscal budget is finalized. Our in-kind request is to waive the fees for VtF to use the Commons multi-purpose room, kitchen, and Room 8 for May 20-22, 2022 weekend, and if available, additional no cost use for rehearsals for the play. Additionally, we plan to ask the Visitor's Center to assist in publicizing and advertising of the dedication weekend.

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**Amanda Suspension Bridge Dedication Event Budget**

Line Item	Budget	Actual
Sound system, Video streaming, rentals & operators	\$1750.00	
Amanda Transcending Players	\$1500.00	
Transportation	\$500.00	
Food	\$1500.00	
Rooms, boarding, cleaning	\$500.00	
Gifts, mementos	\$500.00	
Printing, programs	\$1000.00	
Mailing, Save the Date, etc.	\$750.00	
Advertising	\$500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8500.00</b>
Contingency	10%	\$850.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9350.00</b>
<b>Suggested Budget</b>		<b><u>\$10000.00</u></b>



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