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Kimmie, I wrote this to be attached to my application for the P&CC. Would you please include it with the application in their agenda packet. It could shorten the eventual interview quite a bit, I believe, and maybe allay some anxieties about my application. Thanks, Fran

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My first reason is the Commons, itself. I want to apply to the P&CC in particular, because this is a crucial time in deciding what to do with, and in, the Commons. The Commons has been an anchor in the definition of what Yachats community could be since its purchase and renovation as a community center. (I was happy to see the survey, and am very interested in the results.)

It has been noted by other outside observers, and travelers from other coastal towns, that having a central gathering place like the Commons sets this village apart, in its opportunities to build the kind of community we want.

I know the Commons needs to help pay for itself, but it cannot become nothing more than an events center. We depend on a tourism economy, but we must have “local amenities as well as visitor amenities.” If we want to preserve the Yachats we have all come to know and love, then we must keep the Commons accessible, useable and affordable for small and informal local groups, as well as a venue for larger, money-making events.

My first life in Yachats was filled with local community events at the Commons: pot luck dinners, even on actual holidays, like TG and Xmas. Plays full of local citizens put on by One of Us. Lectures which drew as many as 200 people put on by YAAS. Martin Luther King Day memorials by the youth group. Talent shows. Big Band dances. The Gala Opening of the local film “Ghoul from the Tidepool.” The first production I attended was a 4th of July weekend local production of “HAIR” in the summer of 2000.

The Commons was where we met and got to know each other — in the special way that sharing joy and laughter brings people together. I am afraid we are in danger of losing that, if we are not careful.

This is still City property, as the library is City property, and the Little Log Church. It doesn't matter that the City offices are no longer here. They were closed for most of the events I have just listed anyhow. Their presence insured that people had ordinary daytime contact with the Commons building, and were

accustomed to going in and out, but we would hope to ensure that normal daytime access in other ways, with other programming. The City offices have never occupied the library, but the City provides that service as an amenity for locals, as well as for visitors. The LLC is the City's historical memory, and its icon. It also has provided a venue for local events, including my own 30th wedding anniversary celebration.

My second reason for wanting to serve now is the nature of the time we are in. This community has been fractured before, and has healed before. I have been part of that suffering and that healing. My background helps, in dealing with organizations, boards, and conflict resolution in many settings, including here in Yachats.

I served as President of the Friends of the Commons during an earlier period of upheaval, also. The community was split then, as it has been recently, with various sub-groups taking "sides" in a conflict. Personalities, positions and contracts were involved then, too. I believe I have something to offer in these times.

I believe in the democratic method, as our best hope of resolving conflicts in a decent, civil and respectful way. I believe in what used to be called "Statesmanship," where you could disagree ferociously, but respectfully, and then still be friends afterwards. I believe in communication and am willing to devote time to it. Conflict is inevitable, but it can be used to build trust in relationships, and not just to weaken and destroy them. Words matter. Timing matters. Inclusion matters.

It is possible to go from "the 3 R's to the 3 C's" as it is said in team-building trainings: from resistance, rebellion and revenge, to clarity, cooperation, and commitment. My whole life and career have been devoted to this premise.

Finally, I believe that relationships matter. I believe the saying, "When people get along, anything can be worked out; when people don't get along, nothing can be worked out." I fear that this is the greatest danger facing Yachats at this time. We need to go back to a time of giving each other the benefit of the doubt, even when there seems to be no chance that the other person is anything but crazy — or at least wrong and bad. I try hard to remember the axiom: Never attribute to malice what can be explained by incompetence. It helps.... a little.... I am here to make new relationships.

As I said at the beginning, I have been out of circulation for the past four years. One reason was my ongoing class. Another reason was my husband, Max Glenn. I believe that needs to be addressed. He was the public figure for that time. (I have been astonished at the — very unliberated — way I have often been lumped together with him, as no more than a "Mrs. Max.") I stayed out of the limelight, partly so as not to compete with him, to let him have his space. Now that is not a concern.

For any of you who may still fear that I am merely a mouthpiece for his opinions

and agenda, let me assure you that no one who knows me could ever think that — including Max! I have been with Max for 5 years; I had been myself for over 70 years before he came along. What he offers me is history and connection. He has more years of actively serving Yachats in various capacities than I have. I can ask him about when something happened, who was involved, how it came about, and what the issues were. I don't ask him what to think about it.