

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT – Parks and Commons – July 6, 2021

Work sessions – Yachats Trails / YIPS continues to have good turnouts for work sessions, averaging eighteen to twenty-two volunteers for our sessions on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

As the County moves into the lower risk covid category, we have begun undertaking projects that require working in closer proximity to one another. We have compiled a list of needs for each trail and will combine them to form a priority list.

We have cancelled the July 3 work session due to proximity to the holiday and will have work sessions on July 10 and July 24.

At each work session, some of the group works in the Wetlands area resulting in a noticeable decrease in the number of invasive plants growing there.

We have been able to resume getting together as a group at the Drift Inn at the conclusion of work sessions. Many thanks to Linda Hetzler and her staff for generously hosting us.

Highway 101 delineators – We are working with ODOT and the City to get delineators installed on Highway 101 between the southbound traffic lane and the trail – starting just north of the bridge over the Yachats River and extending almost to the old Landmark building site. Among other things, this will involve creation of an Intergovernmental Agreement between ODOT and the City stating that the City will assume responsibility for maintaining the delineators and for periodic cleaning of the trail; this is something the Trails Committee will add to its list of tasks.

Walkway project – We appreciate the Commission's support as we work to get the City Council to authorize City staff to move forward with this project. At the CC meeting 6/16, we provided an update and presented the most recent design. Sometime in the next few weeks, we will be meeting with the O'Neills, who are developing the Farm Stand on the former Landmark property, to talk about ways to proceed with both projects in a symbiotic way.

Aqua Vista Loop South Trail – As mentioned in the last report, funding is in place for this project. We are going to wait until early fall to start but have been meeting with City Public Works staff and neighbors as we develop a plan for staging the materials and equipment that will be required for this project.

Trail maps – Wally and Bob are working with Drew Roslund to develop an additional trail map sign that will be located between the Overleaf and Fireside. It will have information about the Ya'Xaik Trail and we hope it will encourage even more people to explore the Ya'Xaik and Gerdemann Trails.