

POCKET PARK PROPOSAL

This proposal suggests ways to make the stretch of Ocean View Drive north of the state park and south of 7th Street more usable and more visually appealing.

What we know

- This stretch of Ocean View Drive is a heavily used part of the 804 S Trail.
- The recently-installed 20' wide asphalt has been designated as a 12' vehicle roadway, one-way going south, and an 8' trail.
- New guardrails have been installed immediately to the west of the asphalt.
- Delineators exist along the border between the vehicle and pedestrian parts of the paved surface.
- For much of this section, there is only a narrow strip of land between where the vehicle barriers will be installed and the edge of the bluff.
- There are two sections in which the land between the trail and the bluff is somewhat wider:
 - Starting about halfway between 3rd and 4th Streets and stretching north to past 4th Street
 - Starting just a bit south of 6th Street and stretching north about 1/3 of the way to 7th Street
- Each of these two sections currently has a bench and a relatively wide section of gravel on which cars have parked. The City has already made the determination that, going forward, parking will not be allowed in these areas. There is ample parking available a relatively short distance away on 4th Street and the State Park provides parking and viewing for those with limited mobility.

Philosophy – this proposal is based on the following premises:

- Keep it simple --The ocean is the attraction; there doesn't need to be anything else to draw people to the area.
- The area currently looks like what it actually is = the side of a decommissioned roadway.
- Some simple things can be done to make it much more visually appealing. The most impactful will be replacing the existing gravel areas with grass; compare picture 1 with picture 2.

3rd to 4th Streets – Recommendations (see picture 3)

- Dig up top layer of gravel and replace with grass (sod or seed, preferably sod)
- Clear an open area in the midst of the southern patch of salal
- Clear a trail through existing salal north and south of open area where existing bench is located

6th Street – Recommendations (See picture 4)

- Dig up top layer of gravel and replace with grass (sod or seed, preferably sod)
- Move existing rocks to the border between trail and grass (will this cause a mowing hardship?)
- Keep the existing bench and add 1 bench and 1 picnic table
- 1 – 2 interpretive signs are in the planning stages
- Consideration should be given to:
- Protection along the edge – maybe, plant salal

- Something to dissuade folks from walking down the existing unsafe route to the beach. Signage directing people to beach access 2 blocks north

Other considerations

- Add dirt and plant grass between west edge of asphalt and existing grass in all areas where new vehicle guardrail is installed.
- Install a pedestrian walkway from trail to entrance to Urban Forest Path (what would be 5th Street)
- Install signs at 4th Street directing people to parking areas





