

Resolution: Sixth and Fourth Street Pocket Parks

Be it resolved that the Yachats City Council release funds of up to \$25,000 from Visitor Amenities to develop two pocket parks at Ocean View Drive, one at Sixth Street and the other at Fourth Street.

- With the turn-over from Lincoln County to the City of Yachats we have a unique opportunity to develop destination parks for our visitors. These parks will increase Yachats's appeal for citizens and visitors.
- The parks will have dramatic views of the ocean and Cape Perpetua, integrate benches, paths, native plants recommended by local native plant specialists, limited signage, and incorporate natural barriers to vehicular traffic.
- The project requires City staff involvement to scrape and store existing gravel surfaces (pending Archaeologist approval), installing stone barriers, spreading replacement soil, moving concrete bench pads, installing new pads, installing signage, probable water delivery in year 1 and 2, and infrequent mowing of the new area.
- Volunteers will plant ocean bluff appropriate plants and create limited paths
- Preliminary costs and design are attached. Final design will be presented later in 2021 or early 2022. Approval at this point is required as native plants in the desired quantities must be ordered immediately to be available by March 2022.
- Any additional benches will be at City expense or via donation per Parks and Commons bench policy and cost schedule.
- While there are risks associated with this project (E.G., cliff erosion and fall danger), they are no greater if a park is present or if the area remains as is. Benches can be made "traveler" resistant.
- Preliminary costs and renderings attached.

This proposal supports the following City Council Goals:

Prioritize and demonstrate environmental responsibility in all actions and decisions

- 2) This project will incorporate native plantings thus protecting the area's natural resources
- 4) Information about planting may be made available to help inform citizens and visitors Native plantings restore the natural order, create habitat, are sustainable and thus help community well-being.

Strengthen relationships with Community

- 3) This project includes public input to the Commission. Open Parks and Commons meetings will provide a public forum to provide additional input and to discuss the final design.

Provide a safe environment

- 1) This is part the completion of the Ocean View Drive Project.
- 3) Separating the park from traffic and adding signage improves public safety