

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT – Parks and Commons Commission – January 4, 2022

Work sessions – We continue to have excellent turnouts for work sessions with approximately 20 volunteers participating on December 6.

- The December 20 work session was cancelled due to rain and wind.
- The January 1 work session won't be held because that is the day of the Peace Hike.
- A tree was uprooted by the wind on a section of the Amanda Trail south of Windy Way and the root ball tore up a section of the trail. Since it was some time before the next work session, volunteers cut up the tree, removed the root ball from the trail, and filled the void with gravel.
- We continue to appreciate the generosity of Linda Hetzler of the Drift Inn; her hosting of volunteers after work sessions provides an opportunity for volunteers to get to know each other in new ways and is integral to building and maintaining a cohesive group of volunteers.

Ocean View Drive Walkway project – Rick McClung has received the PER, Preliminary Engineering Report, prepared by Civil West Engineering in Newport; it was \$5000 well spent! It provides estimated costs for different types of walkways and railings. We have started to synthesize this information and will meet with Rick early next year to exchange ideas and to develop a final plan along with some cost estimates. It is likely that we will request some additional input from Civil West at that time. After refining the plan, we will present it to this Commission for its input and approval before taking it to the City Council for the same.

Amanda Bridge Project – Drilling, pile driving, and building of abutments have all been completed. In January, footings, towers, and approach spans will be erected. VtF and trails volunteers moved interpretive signs from the Gathering Area to a location 30 feet north along the trail to allow for more seating. Logs cut from a 150 year-old spruce will be moved into the Gathering Area and, in March, Job Corps students will make them into benches.

101 delineators – The City and ODOT are working out details of payment; hopefully, delineators will be installed soon.

Ya'Xaik Trail – The City Council has approved the expansion of the agreement between the City and Siuslaw National Forest to include an additional 100 yards of trail to the north of the east gate of the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve. Trails volunteers will be work with SNF personnel to build this trail. CC also approved our request for permission to talk with Yachats Fire Department folks and SNF to develop a plan to locate and build an evacuation trail from the Ya'Xaik Trail to the Fire Department.



12<sup>th</sup> Annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike -- Given the ever-shifting impact of COVID-19 and the absolute need to keep Peace Hike activities safe for all participants, the format will again be a combination of live and virtual experiences with no indoor or large group ceremony. A map of alternative trails will be handed out on New Year's Day. Weather permitting, there will be two fires at which participants can lay sprigs of cedar -- one at the picnic shelter and one at the Amanda Gathering Area. This year's artist is Nora Sherwood who created a magnificent rendering of Amanda. The "Story of Amanda and the Peace Hike" video developed by the CTCLUSI will be available online. Refreshments will be available.