

I'm using the comment opportunity to tell you a little about the Yachats Action Alliance. You know of us, but probably not about us.

The Alliance is a loose knit informal group of residents who bonded through our opposition to Agate Point. We number somewhere over 100 members...10% or more of Yachats residents. We share information primarily through facebook. There is no formal leadership , just a small steering group. Agate Point and the wetlands inventory and protection are and will remain our primary focus.

Because of lessons learned from Agate Point, the Alliance will stay together for the foreseeable future. We plan on keeping each other aware of current and upcoming public issues...encouraging response and participation.

The issues the Alliance address will not only be related to land use planning. Rather we will encourage involvement, research and comment about any of the variety of issues coming before Council, the Planning Commission and the other local bodies. Examples might be affordable and attainable housing, franchise stores and signage, the Comprehensive Plan, our Municipal Code, etc. etc.

Except for Agate Point and the wetlands inventory, the Alliance is not necessarily a platform for common position or opinion, but one for diversity of thought. The goal is to broaden public participation in public policy, planning and implementation.

The Alliance embraces an educational outreach as well. It has intentions of presenting a series of community seminars so residents can learn about the required State Planning Goals, various environmental and land use issues, and how to properly and effectively engage applications before Council or the Planning Commission.

In closing, the Alliance is unified in its support for a Committee for Citizen Involvement. For the near future, and depending on how the CCI plays out, the Alliance will endeavor to be a beneficial complement to public policy, planning and program implementation.