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To: Yachats Planning Commission

From: John Theilacker, PC Member

Date: February 14, 2022

Subject: Proposed 2022 Projects

My apologies to you all for not getting this to Lance sooner to make our February 15th meeting packet. I wanted to share my thoughts in advance regarding possible projects/tasks for the Planning Commission's attention for the current calendar year.

- Ensuring effective enforcement of the Zoning and Land Use portion (Title 9) of the City's Municipal Code. For the PC, this essentially means keeping pressure on Council to take the necessary legal and financial steps so that its staff has what it needs to enforce City ordinances.
- Completion of the City's wetland mapping project, including approval by Oregon's Division of State Lands (DSL) and City Council adoption. Based on comments from DSL staff, this will require revisions to the draft wetlands mapping and supporting document completed some time ago, and most likely Council authorization of City funds to pay for professional consulting services and final document production. Includes a GIS mapping component.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the Zoning and Land Use portion of our City's Municipal Code and identify portions that need revised or updated by the Commission, staff, or consultant. Commission members and staff likely already have specific code provisions identified for revisions. I suggest we also pull ten or so of the most recent building permit approvals, review the approved plans, visit the sites, and see if the resultant construction a) satisfies the Zoning and Land Use requirements, and b) contributes in a positive way to its surroundings and community. Such an effort should identify weaknesses in the current zoning and land use provisions requiring immediate or near-term attention.