

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT – Parks and Commons Commission – June 7, 2022

YIPS! – Squad members continue the battle against blackberry and ivy in the Commons Wetland Park. In an impromptu session several squad members trimmed significant amounts of vegetation growing over and across the southern portion of the wetlands boardwalk. Scotch broom seems ever closer to us each year; in an effort to stem its spread, several plants were removed along Yachats River Road.

Trails – Much of the work in recent trail sessions has been devoted to preparing the gathering area for the bridge dedication. In a couple of non-scheduled work sessions several people placed a lot of gravel on muddy parts of the Ya'Xaik Trail and a couple of people rebuilt two sets of steps just S of the 1010 building on Highway 101. In the coming months, as well as keeping new growing vegetation cut back, we are planning some fairly large repairs to portions of the Ya'Xaik Trail.

Walkway project – At its May 5 meeting, the City Council voted 5-0 to authorize Rick to enter into a contract for Design Engineering Services with Civil West Engineering of Newport. This will result in more specific cost estimates and a set of working drawings suitable for sending to contractors so they can submit bids for building the walkway.

Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge Project – Trail Team members and View the Future board members worked crew days and additional days to prepare the suspension bridge area for the dedication. Planning started 15 months ago with a focus on celebration among cultures and safety. The dedication, delicious reception, and play went flawlessly with many feeling the emotional power of these events. Volunteers included many of the Team members, and all the P&C Commissioners. Four City Council members attended and several Tribes were represented and participated in the activities. Thanks to so many the dedication was a complete success .

PCC Chairs – We would like to applaud George for his excellent leadership prior to his stepping down and thank Fran for her brief tenure as Chair. We wish for the best for both George and Fran going forward.

101 delineators – ODOT is preparing an IGA (Inter Governmental Agreement) and, once it has been signed by the City, Rick will look for a contractor to do the installation. Installation is probably a several months out but is going to happen.

