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Subject: Walkway Project Report for PC

In response to the Agenda for the 10-18-22 PC mtg, the following is a more detailed report on the current status of the Walkway project near Ocean View Drive and Beach Street, to be posted in the meeting Packet. A verbal summary will be given during the meeting:

Trail team leaders discovered in September that the detailed engineering report that was authorized by the City Council on May 5th had been stopped by the City Manager, Heidi Lambert. During a meeting with Heidi, she stated that it was Wayne Belmont, Lincoln County that advised her not to go further with detailed engineering until Oceanview Dr. was transferred to the City. Two grant application possibilities were missed as a result. This proved to be a dilemma since to initiate construction a year from now (at the earliest) detailed engineering plans need to be completed not only for bidding, but to then go through the 3-4 month process to received the archaeological evaluation and recommendations from SHPO that may include the additional costs of archaeologist on site during excavation. (SHPO wants to see at least 80% of the engineering plans before rendering a decision.) Also Civil West, who had completed the preliminary report would have to schedule it in their docket, and their work to complete a detailed plan could take months.

Heidi subsequently called Civil West who said the preliminary engineering will be good enough for the Local Government Grant application for \$750,000. A government body (like the City) must submit this application and Heide agreed to have Civil West write the application as part of their engineering contract. View the Future (VtF) will write a Three Rivers Foundation Grant. There is one more strong grant possibility though Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) that VtF could apply for but need the archaeological report first before OCVA will fund \$50,000 toward construction. VtF has pledges and funds mounting to \$51,000 now for the walkway project and sources of additional funding that could make individual donations surpass \$60,000 by the end of the year. Yachats Trails Team Leaders are coming up with additional ideas to increase funding for the project They plan to meet with the new CIP director, Holly Hamilton to coordinate moving this project forward. As part of the CIP structure for projects, the Trails Team is putting together a rough draft funding plan to be reviewed by Holly, Heide and the Council that could bring in \$870,000 excluding the City's mandated contribution for the Local Government Grant application.

The boardwalk may get eventually completed. But with the growing number of pedestrians walking this section of Oceanview Dr., for pedestrian and vehicle safety the Trail Team feels it is imperative that the boardwalk be built without unnecessary delays that could put it off for several years.

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