

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT – Parks and Commons Commission – November 1, 2022

YIPS! – Major efforts to remove ivy, blackberry, and morning glory plants from areas of the Commons Park are ongoing and are making a significant difference.

Large amounts of blackberry have been removed from the area south of the library; special thanks to Rik and Katherine Arndt for diligent efforts in that area over the past couple of years. Plans are afoot to cover that area with weed cloth and wood chips for several years so that all plants there die out. Once that happens, the area will be replanted.

Significant progress has also been made in clearing invasives from the Whale Park.



Trails – Several sets of steps on the Ya’Xaik Trail have been replaced. There are several other areas on the Ya’Xaik and Amanda Trails in which the original logs used as retaining walls are starting to fail.

Several years ago, we started using treated tree stakes to hold long boards in place on the downhill sides of trails in several locations. Those stakes have started to fail so we are gradually replacing them with 5/8” rebar.

Recording of hours - We would like to thank Johnni Prince who recorded hours and managed volunteer agreement forms for us for several years. She is handing this task over to Wally.

Walkway project – We are eager to see this project that we initiated move forward without unnecessary delays. We would like to see the City restart the engineering design process and establish a timeline for the project. Joanne has prepared a preliminary plan for funding the Walkway; see attached.

Fire Department Trail – The short section of trail between the Ya’Xaik Trail and the Fire Department property line has been cleared and is safely walkable. Preliminary clearing of the section of trail on FD property has been done but more needs to be done before the trail is ready for safe public use.

Commons Boardwalk – Parts of the Commons Boardwalk need replacement and/or repair; decking on the east is rotten and presents a definite hazard.

Trail near library – We are in discussions with the Library Commission about how to maintain a comfortable and attractive walking space between the east wall of the proposed library addition and Public Works yard.

Delineators on Ocean View Drive – One delineator has broken off and another is tilted at an angle; more will suffer similar fates over time. It seems prudent to discuss who will be responsible for maintenance and repairs of that sort especially as more delineators will be installed south of Yachats River Road.

Amanda Trail counter – Several years ago, OPRD installed a counter on the Amanda Trail near Joanne’s driveway. It failed last year so we have installed one of our counters in that location.