



CITY OF YACHATS
PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION
October 4, 2022
Zoom Meeting Summary

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6 1. (00:23) Meeting Call to Order: Chair Craig Berdie called to order on this October 4,
7 2022, meeting of the Parks and Commons Commission at 2:02 pm via Zoom Meeting.
8 Members present: Dean Shrock, Michael Hempen, Adam Altson and Catherine Carey.
9 Trails - Joanne Kittel and Bob Langley. Staff: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder, Holly Hamilton
10 (CIP Coordinator)
- 11 2. (1:25) Correspondence/Communications: Chair Berdie mentioned special districts are
12 available and may want to investigate, but will do some more research, boundaries must
13 be drawn and there is special taxing authority.
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15 3. (2:57) Reports: Meeting Summary – Information only
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17 4. Yachats Trails Committee – Bob Langley and Joann Kittel – volunteers working on YIPS;
18 logs on the tails are starting to fail; the fire department trail is getting usage; On the
19 boardwalk some of the boards need replacing would like to do a complete project to
20 include more. Kittel stated the City Manager did talk to Tim Gross at Civil West and that
21 the preliminary plan would be sufficient to write a grant and authorized them to write.
22 View the Future will also write a grant to supplement and start fundraising. The city is still
23 waiting on signed easement agreements. Chair West will meet with LLCM members and
24 the archeologist and discussion continued having the survey work include the extended
25 length of the walkway.
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27 (24:12) Motion to recommendation to the Heide Lambert, City Manager that we complete
28 the archaeological survey work to cover the extended length of the walkway:
29 Aye: Shrock, Altson, Carey, Hempen, and Berdie
30 Nay: None
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- 32 5. (24:49) The fire department believes the purpose of the trail is that it's to get people from
33 the fire department, not to come to the fire department, and noticed the ground was soft;
34 the purpose of this trail is to help in an emergency, the retaining wall is where the
35 tsunami line is; discussion continued for the use of the trail as an emergency evacuation
36 trail.
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38 6. (30:25) The roofing is crumbling on parts of the boardwalk and is unsafe. Bob Langley
39 will go by again and take a look; need to make the boardwalk safe. Commission Member
40 Hempen and Witten-Carry and Bob Langley will schedule a time to walk the area and
41 prepare a work order to submit to the city.
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43 7. (41:45) The running event over the weekend had little to no advertising about this event.
44 Day Break Running Group sponsored the event; the city had no advertisement of this
45 event to forewarn the community that there would be over 400 runners on the trails.
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47 8. (50:45) Ongoing Projects: Delineators Hwy 101 –ODOT is on the third revision, as



1 there's issues with the diameter, it does not allow for ADA space, not sure what is
2 happening at this point and ODOT wants the city to go to phase II, putting in the
3 sidewalks in stead of the delineators.
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5 9. (57:00) Green Space: No update but need to do a study on the comprehensive total
6 Master Plan.
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8 10. Pocket Parks: Archeologist, Benches Signs, Plants, Excavator Bids: The digs are done,
9 no relics found; dug four holes and analyzed the soil, there are three layers and waiting
10 on report. Received three excavator bids, one for \$9,200, \$25k and still waiting on one
11 more; also contacted George Dollowitch is backed up for a year. The request for the
12 signs is a concern that the city would take on more liability, the City Manager did send
13 an inquiry to the attorney on the status. The liability of the volunteers is the City
14 Manager's concern, and also noted will ask about the bench specifications.
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16 11. (1:09:40) - Bike racks – Hempen met with Jako and will coordinate with Langley to move
17 forward in the next two weeks. The Skate Park project is scheduled this winter; the crew
18 will come out of Newport and will be doing a fund raiser; needs to have more space for
19 the skate park.
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21 12. (1:14:15) NEW BUSINESS: Parks Master Plan: Purpose and future direction Discussion
22 continued on ideas of what direction to go in and how to approach the master plan. The
23 City Manager is going to be restructuring the commissions/committees and have advised
24 the commission to wait on this item and maybe a subcommittee could work on a project
25 like this. The plan is to accomplish including inventory parks and trails, potential areas
26 and identify some areas that should be added or changed. There is a need to connect
27 the trail on King St., street easement and it goes up to Horizon Hill. Need to approach
28 the City Manager & Council for backing of this project first and then move forward. The
29 county has a plat that's available to use to look at easements for one of the work
30 sessions.
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32 13. (1:53:35) Holly Hamilton identified her responsibilities and will look to each of the
33 committees to see what projects they have, and identity how do we keep moving,
34 ranking the projects, and developing a larger master plan and does expect the
35 commission to continue its work. Also working on getting the GIS maps internally, and
36 archaeological component should be added.
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38 Berdie asked the commission to send thoughts to him by mid-November on what we
39 want to accomplish and the timeframe and will send to the Recorder to distribute to the
40 members.
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42 14. (2:04:09) Rick Urbanski, 370 Ocean View Dr. - turned in the easement papers, just had
43 some concerns about if they were going to remove the roots and they are not, they are
44 only excavating 6 inches up to the vegetation line.
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46 15. OTHER BUSINESS: None
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1 Craig Berdie adjourned the meeting at 4:08pm.
2 Prepared by Kimmie Jackson on October 4, 2022