



CITY OF YACHATS  
PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION  
JANUARY 3, 2023

Meeting Summary

1. (0:00:14) January 3, 2023, meeting of the Parks and Commons Commission at 2:00 pm via Zoom Meeting. Members present: Dean Shrock, Michael Hemen, Adam Altson and Catherine Carey. Trails - Joanne Kittel and Bob Langley. Staff: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder, Holly Hamilton (CIP Coordinator)
2. (0:01:05) Correspondence/ Communications: The Peace Hike was well attended with about 130 people counted at the pavilion. Janet Square filed a complaint with the City regarding the dilapidated bench behind her house. The portion of space belongs to the County and until the road is turned over to the City, it doesn't have a responsibility.
3. (0:05:46) Citizens Concerns: None
4. (0:06:42) Bike Racks and Wetlands Boardwalk - Contractor: - The City hired a contractor who will look at these items and address. The cones put out ended up in the water; Commissioner Carey did slip on the boardwalk recently and is hoping it will be taken care of. The pond is filling in, but still should be dredged, as wildlife is still visiting the area.
5. (0:12:06) Pocket Parks, Insurance Adjustor: The Commission discussed the CIP Projects and the status. The pocket park was tagged to have the insurance adjustor go out and give feedback on the benches being so close to the edge of the cliff. It has been that way for the last 40 year. There are some questions on the engineering, and the platform is also incorrect. The Chair will forward concerns to the CIP Coordinator.
6. (0:27:07) Skate Park is in discovery phase, and unsure if the insurance adjuster is taking a look at this area.
7. (0:27:46) Delineators – the delineators on Ocean View Dr. are not sufficient for Hwy 101 and the alternative will cost around \$40,000; the City and Lincoln County will need to redraft the agreement. The City will address the replacements. They were installed by the County Road Department. Public Works does have several replacements. Commissioner Berdie will follow up.
8. (0:31:04) Applicants – Interview Meg Simans: After hearing from Mrs. Simans, the Commission is in favor of recommending to Council this nomination be accepted.
9. (0:35:08) Ron Simons: After Hearing from Mr. Simons, the Commission is in favor of recommending to Council this nomination be accepted.



1 Commissioner Carey made a Motion to approve Meg Simons for Seat B on the Parks &  
2 Commons Commission and forward to Council for final approval. The Commission voted  
3 and the Ayes have it.

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5 Commissioner Altson made a motion to approve Ron Simons for Seat C on the Parks &  
6 Commons Commission and forward to Council for final approval. The Commission voted  
7 and Ayes have it.

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9 10. (0:47:16) Parks & Commons Commission Goals for City Council Goal Setting: After  
10 discussion on goals, they should have been given to the City back in November and  
11 would like to get back on track. The term "Strawman" is a term, throw stones at, to say  
12 here are some thoughts, accept, reject and it encourages ideas.

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14 The trails indicated some goals for 2023 are: 1. Maintenance & Repair, survey each  
15 trail, and mark the needs and prioritize; 2. Compile routine maintenance list; 3. Continue  
16 the process in finding trail members to become trail leaders; 4. Trail leader and crew  
17 members, seek out training, networking, management through associations; 5. To  
18 maintain collaboration with various groups and entities; 6. Continue fostering trails  
19 support.

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21 Discussion continued about items that need to be completed such as painting the  
22 Commons, doorways maintenance in the pavilion and heaters, lights, and closing up the  
23 openings; status of the audio and stage lighting system; the sound system is outdated,  
24 and lighting is incandescent and should be changed to LED lights. Polly plumb has  
25 mentioned it's having issues booking groups because they need to bring their own  
26 sound system. Room 8 is not suitable and doesn't have a bathroom; improve acoustics  
27 and appeal to the performing arts groups. Improve relationship with reservation staff and  
28 improve commons as an event center. Improve Commission and Commons staff  
29 working collaboratively.

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31 11. (1:20:40) Parks: the aesthetics needs to be balanced. Possibly change the rules for  
32 membership to being in the zip code. There are people that use the Parks and  
33 Commons, and work in the city limits, including part time residents. Discussed  
34 Recreational districts exist and could create a board and could take over the Parks &  
35 Commons. The Commission will continue to discuss at the next meeting. Will seek  
36 having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to look at Yachats as a whole and  
37 come up with a masterplan. To apply for grants, projects need to be shovel ready. The  
38 Ford foundation is willing to give information for free for the first 10 hours. The  
39 Commission should have their budget done and forward to the city for finance by end of  
40 February. Trails mentioned that they have unexpected issues every year, such as trees  
41 down, and would like to know if they need a contingency budget line item.

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43 12. (1:52:40) Commission will chose a chair at the February meeting. Commissioner Altson  
44 volunteered to write the news article due by the 20th, and Commissioner Hempen  
45 volunteered to temporary chair the next Commission meeting and complete the agenda.

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47 Chair Berdie adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm.



1 Prepared by Kimmie Jackson on January 5, 2023