



CITY OF YACHATS  
PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION  
April 12, 2023

Meeting Summary

Guests/Audience: 17

1. Chair Adam Altson called this meeting to order on this April 12, 2023, of the Parks and Commons Commission at 1:00 pm. Members present: Michael Hempen, Meg Simans, Ron Simans, Dean Shrock, Dan Sterling and George Giroux. Staff: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder and Holly Hamilton, CIP Coordinator.
2. (0:01:01) Announcements & Correspondence:
3. (0:01:14) No Citizens Concerns
4. (0:01:32) Recap of the monthly Chair Meeting: Meeting was cancelled.
5. (0:01:48 ) Discussed the Parks & Commons Commissions projects to update the new members of the Commission: the NE Entrance of the Commons; sidewalk wall, /Westside to hold gravel and safety issues; building steps by the marquee and updating the marquee to be electronic; replace the horseshoe pit; enclosing the pavilion; paint the outside of the Commons; leveling the back parking lot behind the Commons for outdoor pickle ball and other activities; Sunset Park North & South; Bayside Walkway, Wetlands and Pocket Parks; beautification around the fence between the Wastewater Department and the Library. Civil West is doing a complete survey of the Commons building. The members requested a copy of the survey that the past Chair (Mayor) Berdie did with the results of the community input from the surveys. Recorder Jackson will forward the document after the meeting to the members to review. Member Ron Simans will work with the CIP Coordinator on the Pocket Parks.
6. Discussion continued around the transfers of Ocean View Drive and sign the easements. Two have signed, waiting on response from one and the other has the property for sale and will let the new owners take on this item.
7. (0:32:02) Trails Report – The report is attached to the online packet for review.
8. (0:42:15) No City Manager Report for April as of today.
9. (0:42:27) Meeting Summary is attached to the online packet for review.
10. (0:42:48) Progress of the nonprofit for the Commons and the status on the formation is still in progress. This would take the place of Friends of the Commons. The Friends fundraised and applied for grants to purchase items needed for the Commons. This group will submit a proposal to the City to possibly move this forward. There is a possibility of combining the Little Log Church Museum and the Commons, making it more of a campus and cutting down on the number of 501's.



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2 Also discussed who to contact at the City regarding the Commons and reservation. The  
3 CIP Coordinator stated to contact her moving forward.  
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- 5 11. (0:55:03) An extensive discussion regarding Ordinance 209 and where this document  
6 stands. The Commission believes that the Council vote was not valid. There was no  
7 public meeting, Council meeting with Parks & Commons Commission for input, and  
8 when Council voted there was no proposed amendments to the ordinance introduced.  
9 The Commission will continue to follow the ordinance until these issues are addressed  
10 by the Council and the proper steps are followed to change ordinances and hopes the  
11 Council will do this collaboratively.  
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13 The CIP Coordinator advised the Commission that she and the Bookkeeper are on call  
14 and people can call them regarding the City and Commons and Public Works is also  
15 calling them.  
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17 The Commission will revise Ordinance 209 and bring it back to the June meeting to  
18 discuss the changes to purpose to the City Council.  
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- 20 12. (1:37:21) Pocket Park – is a short-term project and could have some action before the  
21 June meeting. The consensus is to replace the large boulders with two many rocks to  
22 stop cars from parking. Discussion continued that members were all in favor of having  
23 two-man rocks replace the boulders and along the bluff and to install a small fence and  
24 plant salal behind it to become the barrier to detour people from walking to close to the  
25 edge. The fence can be removed by the time the growth is stable and tall enough.  
26 Member Ron Simans and CIP Coordinator will move this forward  
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28 (1:50:00) The Motion is to approve two-man rocks replace the boulders and along the  
29 bluff and to install a small fence and plant salal behind it to become the barrier to detour  
30 people from walking to close to the edge and remove the fence once the salal is  
31 established. The vote was called and all are in favor and passed unanimously.  
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33 (1:53:22) The agreements with State Parks is still outstanding for the CIP Coordinator  
34 and is looking for a contact person, it was suggested to contact Dylan Anderson, South  
35 Beach Division.  
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37 (1:54:39) Policy #5, Memorial Benches and the Finance Reports will be moved to the  
38 June meeting; the July meeting is on July 4<sup>th</sup> and needs to be moved to either the 10<sup>th</sup> or  
39 17<sup>th</sup>, the Recorder will check the dates and let the commission know the availability.  
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41 Chair Altson adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.  
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43 Prepared by Kimmie Jackson on May 3, 2023  
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