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I received this email from the Marshalls as resident feedback for the conditional use permit hearing on the 15th.

Could you add it to the Planning Commission meeting packet please?

Thanks,

Lance

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From: **maggie marshall** <[marshallmag@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallmag@yahoo.com)>

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Subject: Public hearing on conditional use permit for Fireside/Overleaf Lodge

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Ahead of the public hearing next week, as full time residents we have some comments.

We believe that the idea for an RV park is ill thought through. The housekeeping jobs that need to be filled are not jobs that middle aged and retired people would be prepared to do. Typically these jobs are done by much younger people who don't own RV's. Housekeeping is hard work. It is not the same as being a camp ground host. The idea that maintenance staff could be changed out to do housekeeping and RV'ers do maintenance is not practical. Surely far more housekeepers are needed than maintenance staff?

At the beginning of this discussion the manager of the Overleaf said this would be a temporary measure. By any estimate this would be 6-9 months. Now apparently it will go on for 4-5 years! This would not be acceptable to many full time residents.

We can't think of any good reason why this business should be granted special privileges when ALL businesses in Yachats are suffering from a lack of employees. If the City grants this for one business then it should do it for all which would surely destroy the character of Yachats which we all love. A precedent would be set here that we will later regret.

The piece of property in question backs up to a residential street. The presence of multiple RV's in close proximity for extended periods of time would be unacceptable.

Where would any oversight be and who would administer it? Once the workforce shortage problem is over what would happen to the hook ups for the RV's? Since money would have been invested it would be very tempting for a business owner to leave the hook ups in place and rent out to tourists. That would also be unacceptable.

We understand that this is a problem not just for businesses in Yachats but also for our livelihood, but there must be other solutions. If workers were offered higher wages that would create competition and local workers would be rewarded. There are many good campsites nearby as well as cheaper motels with which maybe deals could be worked out. The Event center at Overleaf rarely seems to be used so could that be a solution? Sacrificing rooms at the Fireside for guest workers would also work. The Job Corps is also just down the road. Others in the community have suggested the excellent idea of spending a small amount of money on a shuttle bus that could ferry workers to and from RV parks in the area.

Overall we would say that this is a bad idea which hasn't been well thought through. It's certainly not in keeping with the mission and vision statements of Yachats. It is for business owners to solve and not for residents to put up with. We respectfully suggest that the commission does not grant this permit.

Sincerely,  
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