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[ODOT Community Charging Corresp.pdf](#)
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CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
Yachats OR
Thursday March 2, 2023, at 9:30 am
To Be Held Via Zoom & In-Person

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AGENDA

Council Work Session

I. Goals

Immediately Following Work Session - Regular Council Meeting

- I. Announcements, Proclamations, and Correspondence
 - a. ODOT Community Charging Rebate Program
 - b. Women's History Month Proclamation
- II. Public Comment - limited to items not on the agenda (5-minute limitation per person)
- III. New Business
 - a. Appoint new member to Budget Committee
 - b. Status of Local Wetland Inventory – City Planner, Katherine Guenther
 - c. Address Modifications of Administrative Policy #1
- VI. Ongoing Business
 - a. Water Report, Water Lead, Rick McClung
 - b. Schedule Housing Implementation Plan Joint Work Session (Council with Planning Commission)
- IV. Other Business
 - a. From Mayor
 - b. From Council
 - c. From Staff

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Correspondence to the Mayor

Brittney Breen <brittneybreen@forthmobility.org>

My name is Brittney Breen and I work on the Access-to-Charging team at Forth, a non-profit organization dedicated to the equitable advancement of clean transportation.

It is my pleasure to announce to you the upcoming launch of the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) Community Charging Rebates (CCR) program. The CCR program aims to increase access to Level 2 charging stations in Oregon communities to encourage widespread EV adoption. Rebates will be offered to public and private entities to reduce the cost of purchasing, installing, and maintaining qualified Level 2 charging equipment at publicly accessible parking locations and multi-family housing (MFH) throughout Oregon. Level 1 charging station rebates will also be offered at multi-family housing only.

ODOT has contracted with Forth to implement an Outreach, Education and Technical Assistance Program to increase awareness of the CCR Program and to reduce barriers to access for priority applicants. We would love to meet with you to discuss how Forth can support you in leveraging these funds to reduce the cost burden and promote the installation of charging infrastructure.

You can find out more information on ODOT's website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/climate/Pages/communitychargingrebates.aspx>

In addition, Forth is hosting biweekly information sessions on the rebate. You can register on the Forth website: <https://forthmobility.org/Community%20Charging%20Rebate>

If you have questions about CCR or are interested in potential partnership opportunities related to Forth's Outreach Program, you can contact Forth's Program Manager, JR Anderson, at jranderson@forthmobility.org. If you would like to stay informed about CCR program news, sign up for ODOT's EV listserv.

Sincerely,

Brittney

FORTH Empowering Mobility

BRITTNEY BREEN (*she, her, hers*) | Program Associate

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On Wed, Feb 22, 2023, 3:40 PM Janette Square <janettesquare@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing to you regarding the street lights that were removed a week or so ago. At first I thought the bulb was out on the one out in front of our house. After a few days, I went out to get the pole number to report to CLPUD only to discover that the light and its bracket were gone entirely! I contacted CLPUD and was advised that the City recently requested they remove 4 street lights and this was one of them. They also said that it was not scheduled to be replaced and to contact the city if I had any safety concerns. I believe another one that was removed is at 7th and Ocean View, another intersection where safety is a concern, especially since this is where it changes to one way. I have filed a report on the city website.

This is a major safety concern for me and others as well. I understand that the city wants a "Dark Sky", but these lights were placed at strategic corners for a reason...safety. I live at the corner of Marine Dr. and Ocean View Dr. right at the curve. The left pointing arrow that used to be on the street sign disappeared during a storm some time ago and was never replaced. Now the street light is gone. Both are important safety features for this corner and are no longer there. Cars and semi trucks go around this corner much faster than the stated speed limit. Since the city apparently ordered them removed, I think this could be not only a safety issue, but potentially a liability issue as well.

There are other options available besides simply removing them. LED directional lighting is one. I posted in the Residents facebook group when I first noticed it was gone and was surprised at the number of comments and messages from others who also think that the "Dark Sky" initiative has gone too far. We were never notified that this or the other lights were going to be removed and had no say or input in this. I have even been contacted by a person who lives on another dark street and can't even leave her porch light on without getting complaints from the "light police". Where do we draw the line between safety and the wishes of a few people who prefer to live in the dark? The few tend to be the loudest, and therefore it is believed to be the wishes of all. This is not the case where lights and safety are concerned.

You can read the comments in the Yachats Residents group on facebook for yourself. Suffice it to say that there are more comments in favor of safety than against. The city manager commented that they received "many calls" asking that these and other lights be replaced. She also stated that no one removed the lights. The lights are gone.

This isn't the first time major issues have been acted upon regardless of, or without citizen's input. The trucks that fly down Marine Dr. never used this road until the other end of Ocean View was made one way (in the wrong direction). Now we have big heavy trucks using the very area of Ocean View Dr. that "the city" was trying to preserve in the first place. The trucks never had the need to use it before. This also requires people that live in my area to make multiple left turns on to and off of Highway 101 to return from town. As you know this can be difficult in the summer. This was done despite the input from residents and only to accommodate the trucks going into the grocery store and for no other reason. The

original consensus of the majority was to have it one way north bound if it did indeed need to be one way at all.

I hope that CLPUD is indeed mistaken and that the lights will be replaced. I trust that someone at City Hall is spearheading the effort to correct this safety issue in a timely manner. I'm curious if the complaints received came from people that are actually affected by them directly. I am affected by them directly and want them returned as soon as possible. One of the CLPUD workers I spoke to yesterday when they were here for another issue said he was actually threatened once by someone when he went to replace a burnt out street light.

Sincerely,

Janette Square
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To all concerned in city decisions,

Before making the one way on Ocean View Dr it was the wild west of persons parking cars, RVs, and other things along the trail to the west of the pavement for minutes, hours, overnights, and days in some cases. It was unsafe and unsightly for all except the people parking their vehicles. Walking and/or bicycling along the edge of the pavement was scary at times due to speeding and poorly parked vehicles.

Once some action was finally taken after months and years with the introduction of the dilineators and the one way designation it appeared that all would be much better, it wasn't due to the intellectually challenged violating all logic. People would drive to the west of the dilineators and park on the paved portion of the trail to the west of side of the dilineators or in the dirt and gravel of the "pocket park areas". They ran over dilineators or drove down the paved portion west of the dilineators until reaching the "pocket park areas." After much discussion, in my opinion, the large boulders were installed, thank goodness, and have pretty much solved the parking problems.

Signage has never been adequate and still isn't with regard to trail usage by pedestrians and bicycles. A few pavement markings show an outline of a pedestrian BUT absolutely nothing about bicycle usage on the trail.

So here we are today. The paved portion of the trail west of the dilineators is about 7 foot wide which is perfect for usage of walkers and bicyclists. This idea of moving the benches to within no less of 4 foot from the dilineators has not been considered completely with respect to ALL users. It makes no sense. It is blocking 3 foot of the trail for no good reason. As the mayor said as you sit there on the bench people will be walking/bicycling right behind your head possibly striking you and at the very least disturbing your relaxation on the bench, others will be walking/cycling right in front of you disturbing your view west. That is the way it will be if you implement this proposal.

Leave the rocks or move them slightly west and place the benches line abreast with the rocks to get them away from the drop off and not on trail as proposed. Don't ruin the benches view with this poorly thought out solution. **DO NOT MOVE THE ROCKS MUCH TO THE WEST OR PEOPLE WILL START ONCE**

AGAIN DRIVING DOWN THE PATH AND PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT/GRAVEL DIRT AREAS BY RUNNING OVER THE DILINEATORS.

Believe me, IT WILL HAPPEN THAT WAY, it did before and it will repeat itself and be a serious safety problem.

Do it right the first time, by considering all the solutions thoroughly, or you will generate more problems otherwise.

Respectfully,

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City of Yachats

Women's History Month 2023 Proclamation

Proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month” often point out that women in the U.S have not only worked for their own rights and opportunities but have also been principal advocates in every major social movement.

The theme for this Women’s History Month is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.”

WHEREAS, Women’s histories and stories are regularly and systematically ignored or neglected in media and educational institutions

WHEREAS, Stories help us understand the root causes of discrimination and violence against women and other often silenced groups of people such as Black, Hispanic, Indigenous, Asian, disabled, and LGBTQ+ individuals

WHEREAS, Women’s history in Yachats is no different, as it includes a great deal of violence against Native Americans of the central Oregon coast. Recently there have been efforts, with the support and supervision of regional Tribes, to document some of the government-sponsored genocidal policies (that led to massive number of deaths and inter-generational trauma among those who survived), and to honor the lives of the women and men native to this area (think of, for example, the creation of the Amanda and Ya’Xaik Trails).

WHEREAS, Women’s accounts have been passed on from the earliest storytellers to pioneering and current authors, songwriters, playwrights and poets, including stories from the Black, indigenous, and other women of color who form the majority of the volunteer labor force and the essential workers of the nation

THEREFORE, May we resolve to learn more about women’s history not only globally and nationally, but also locally. Good resources to do so are bookstores, libraries, and online accounts, as well as the local historians and social activists dedicated to telling women’s stories. May we take responsibility to actively fight against current discrimination, aiming for true equality and equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Yachats City Council do hereby proclaim the Month of March Women’s History Month.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2023

CRAIG BERDIE, MAYOR

