



**CITY OF YACHATS  
PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY  
November 1, 2022  
Zoom Meeting Summary**

1. (00:15) Meeting Call to Order: Chair Craig Berdie called to order on this November 1, 2022, meeting of the Parks and Commons Commission at 2:01 pm via Zoom Meeting. Members present: Dean Shrock, Michael Hempten, Adam Altson and Catherine Carey. Trails - Joanne Kittel and Bob Langley. Staff: Kimmie Jackson, Recorder.
  2. (00:43) Correspondence/Communications: None
  3. (01:00) Reports: Meeting Summary – Information only
  4. (01:10) Trails Report: Langley report attached.
  5. (02:28) Wetlands Boardwalk and Benches: Civil West had prepared a bid to do the engineering with a cost figure back in April; in May Council authorized the firm to go ahead and complete the detailed engineering and then the project was halted. Civil West has enough information to move forward to write the Local Government Grant and View the Future will write the Three Rivers Foundation Grant that opens up in December and will apply for other grants. Kittel prepared an Income & Expenditure document and will forward to the CIP Coordinator and City Manager. The City matches the mandatory 20%, it should be about \$236k; the project will be over a million dollars. Discussion continued on the standards, different materials used and requirements for writing these grants. Some concerns regarding the archaeological costs and an engineer may have to be on site while digging the holes; and now it is in the SHIPO process. There are 804 mitigation funds but are controlled by the County and has very narrow guidelines and it is primarily for land acquisition, not for trails. There is \$305k in the fund for land or easement purchase around the 804 trails. The City Manager is in talks with Murray Morgenstein regarding the costs to do the digs and report. The current roadway is a safety hazard and needs to be rebuilt before someone is seriously injured or worse and it won't matter who owns it.
- (14:47) Trails Crew and the Fire Department Plans: The trails crew can help as individuals and has offered, but not on the city's behalf. Other options were to contact Angell Job Corps., they could help once the covid restriction has been lifted. Mr. Langley volunteered to assist with what work needs to be done on the trail, and to suggest where signage can be placed so that people know it leads to Hwy 101. There would need to be an Intergovernmental Agreement between all parties before Trails can work on the area. It is low priority for Trails.



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- (17:31) The trail south of the library that the trails crew cleared would make a great extension of the planned library walkway as a pocket park demonstrating seasonal wetland; Chair Berdie will check with Public Works to see what their plans are for that area.
  - (18:02) Commons Boardwalk: Report attached: Reviewed report and covered the boardwalk structure and would like safe wheelchair/walker access. There are decking areas that are unsafe, boards are bowing, and need replacing and deck boards and slippery. Commission Member Hempen reached out to the City Manager and requested how to approach, whether by using Public Works or contractor and is waiting on a response. Discussion continued on the locations needing repairs or replacements and the large bench, if the size should be reduced or removed and replaced with railings.
  - (30:40) Delineator: Chair Berdie will send to City Manager as an action item on this project.
6. (31:18) Pocket Parks: Archeologist, Excavator Bids, Delineators & Possible MOU: archeologist is in SHIPO the report is complete and thorough, it looks at the whole area of the along the walkway and references previous archaeology reports. The report is not public at this point. The excavator bids are all in, two were reasonable; there may be two different MOU's, one with the County or one with the State Parks. Discussion continued regarding the scope of project, could start with contacting Dylan Anderson or Dennis Comfort about improving the area and note that the archaeological work is complete.
- (39:42) The City Manager would like a community presentation of what has been done so far. Mr. Hempen, Mr. Langley, and Mr. Altson will put this together and include steps, description to date, how the project started and why and why it's not moving forward. CIP Coordinator took some pics showing the area and Mr. Langley will request to use some of them. Maybe present on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Chair Berdie will book room 8 and contact the City Manager and will need to advertise.
7. (45:30) Bicycle Racks: How to move forward: Commission Member Hempen is not clear from the city who can do the work and would like to see approval in writing; If not volunteers, the City Manager may choose to write a grant to hire someone, hire a handyman or Angell Job Corps. They can be installed above ground otherwise an application will need to be done for an archaeological study to dig. The concrete will make it above ground in some locations, but it may be possible to place them in places where fill will make them level; will put together a sketch together for Murray Morgenstein and the City Manager.
8. (53:12) Delineators Hwy 101: Status is no longer this commissions primary concern, see City Manager Report.



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9. (55:20) Skate Park: not much change. Greenland's will host community input in the spring.
  10. (55:52) Parks Master Plan: Commission to start identifying potential greenspaces to preserve and land acquisitions on a macro and micro scale to put in the master plan. Including Parks in a general master plan could make it easier for getting some help with the Parks portion. Discussion continued on potential areas to look at and if some Vacated locations can be undone. Will consider a newsletter article soliciting community input to help identify desired greenspaces.
  11. (1:10:34) Commissions end of time for the Commons: It was a Council decision; the Commission is obligated by City Charter and doesn't believe the council has the authority to suspend that indefinitely. They have administrative powers for short term activities, like a street closure, or if need to get work done. This may not include overriding a City Ordinance. There either needs to be a change in the ordinance or start having a voice in the Commons and not prohibiting Commissions from talking about something. The Commons is making some progress, but this Commission could be helping out. Discussion continued with examples of how they could have assisted with the Commons.
  12. (1:15:56) Library Park and Path seems to drain to the north not directly to the ocean. Chair Berdie will work with Public Works. There is no update on the wetland's ponds at this point other than a desire by some city councilors to just dredge the pond. The overall project is part of the new improvement CIP Plan to be rated and ranked. That process will be covered at the Council meeting on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Craig Berdie adjourned the meeting at 3:27pm.  
Prepared by Kimmie Jackson on November 2, 2022