

PLANNING COMMISSION: General Goals and Budget Recommendations

Planning for the City of Yachats is at a crucial turning point. There has been a rise in housing starts as well as an increased awareness on the need for more affordable housing for the local workforce. With this increased population comes an increase in the need to plan for the future of Yachats' built environment. Maintaining the "Coastal Village" atmosphere will take revisions to many of the current documents that dictate how the city grows and how that growth is managed.

Rough list of current plans and Code. Dates and revisions need to be confirmed with the City Planner:

- Municipal Code - Many sections have not been revised since the 1990's. Currently the Sign Ordinance section is almost done being revised.
- Comprehensive Plan: dated 2008 with partial updates done to sections of the plan in recent years.
- Urban Renewal Plan: dated 2006
- Circulation Plan/Comp. Plan Amendment: dated 1998
- Vision 20/20 Plan: dated 1999
- East Hillside Local Improvement Plan: dated 2010
- Yachats Community Park General Plan: dated 2011
- Storm Drainage Master Plan Addendum: dated 2008

GOALS:

With the help of the City Planner a priority timeline should be developed and a step-by-step plan created with the goal of having each one of the City Plans integrated, and supported, with enforceable Municipal Code.

COSTS:

This is a lot of work and time that will be done by people mostly untrained formally in city planning. As the revising of the Sign Ordinance has shown each step of this process can take months. Basic training for the current planning commissioners, and subsequent training for any new commissioners, is needed.

City planing has evolved over the past decades, especially since the introduction of environmental, health and sustainability designs and concepts. Given the residents strong leanings toward environmental stewardship The City of Yachats should to integrate some of these concepts into how it grows. Making use of available conventions and meetings of city planners and organizations that are at the forefront of these positive planning developments might be one way. Suggestions include:

- Utilizing the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments CED programs
- Having commissioners attend planning meetings held in other coastal communities
- Cover some costs of attendance at Oregon based conferences and events
- Host webinars for the planning commission at City Hall
- Negotiate with related organizations to hold meetings in Yachats.

- Oregon Chapter of the American Planners Association
- Living Future Institute

- Urban Land Institute Northwest
- US Green Building Council, Oregon