

City of Yachats
PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION
August 8, 2017
Minutes

John Moore called the August 8, 2017 regular meeting of the Public Works and Streets Commission to order at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Doug Johnson, Don Groth, John Moore, Rick Haynes, Marc Courtenay, Tom Bedell, Larry Nixon. Staff present: Water Plant Lead Rick McClung, Wastewater Plant Lead Dave Buckwald. Audience: 3.

I. Minutes

Commissioners had not received copies of the July 11, 2017 minutes. Hard copies were distributed, and Moore indicated the vote would be taken later in the meeting.

II. Reports

A. South Tank Project

McClung reported questions were raised about the tank placement at the August 2, 2017 City Council meeting. He had met with the Project Engineer and concluded the current location is proper as the stakes marked the outer edge of the 10-foot road around the tank. Tree cutting will begin later this week. McClung explained the grading process of benching and building the retaining wall as soil is removed. They will not know which trees will remain until this excavation is underway. McClung expected the pad to be completed by the end of September and has asked that construction not disturb the roadway during the winter months when drainage issues are more severe.

Nixon asked if the construction company planned to put a job trailer on site. McClung indicated space was tight and he had offered to set up a staging area by the ball field.

B. Public Works Department

Buckwald reported with little rain, PWS was able to take on many projects. Buckwald highlighted PWS uncovered two manholes on King St and one on Greenhill. Buckwald reported they have opened bids on a backhoe and are looking at dump trucks.

Groth asked about potential water restrictions. McClung summarized the tripping points of declaring a Level 1 shortage.

C. Solid Waste District Advisory

Groth reported he and Nixon were covering meetings.

III Business

A. Clean Sweep

Moore reported Dahl had received no complaints from drivers regarding pickup following clean sweep. Moore suggested putting off the waste categories for pickup until next year when they know what Dahl is accepting at that time.

B. Trash Cleanup Post-Eclipse

Moore encouraged Commissioners to volunteer for the Trails Committee for the eclipse cleanup.

C. Traffic Flow on E 2nd and Prospect

Moore summarized the issues as:

1. E 2nd currently flows one-way downhill and many people will turn onto E 2nd from Hwy 101, going the wrong way.
2. Prospect currently flows one-way up the road and many people from the Drift Inn parking lot and the motel turn downhill to reach Hwy 101.

Moore reported access from the side streets onto Hwy 101 is safest from Prospect. He believed making Prospect two-way would be safer. This change would necessitate turning the perpendicular parking spaces on Prospect into parallel parking, resulting in a net loss of one space.

Moore mentioned Manager Davies wanted the first fifty feet of E 2nd St to be two-way to accommodate people leaving the Green Salmon. Groth was concerned that the two-way section on E 2nd would not address the safety issue of turning onto Hwy 101 from E 2nd. Moore indicated that intersection could be for right turns only.

Haynes suggested closing off the Green Salmon lot entrance from E 2nd. This change would decrease the traffic on E 2nd and create more parking for the Green Salmon. He asserted the access is too close to the Hwy 101 intersection to be safe. Nixon asserted the parking for that building has changed significantly over time. He believed closing the Green Salmon lot entrance from E 2nd would be better.

Haynes pointed out that a person traveling up the hill on Prospect would have to turn right onto 2nd to turn around.

Nixon suggested that if they were to change the direction of traffic, they should confer with the business owners.

Bette Perman (E 2nd St resident) concurred Prospect should be two-way. She thought the direction of E 2nd should remain westbound, in part because of potential back-ups on southbound Hwy 101 turning left onto E 2nd. Perman was concerned about closing the 2nd St access from the Green Salmon, as cars would get stuck in the parking lot and need to back out onto Hwy 101.

Moore suggested creating visible signage for "right turn only" for traffic coming out of the Green Salmon and "right turn only" onto Hwy 101. Courtenay noted there is a dearth of signage on Hwy 101 indicating E 2nd is one-way uphill now. Courtenay was in favor of keeping the direction of E 2nd as is (east to west).

Haynes noted allowing two-way traffic in the short section would cause confusion as there would be no turnaround except through the Green Salmon lot.

1 Linda Hetzler asked that if Prospect is made two-way, they should pave the east end to
2 increase the width so two passing cars would have room. Hetzler believed making
3 Prospect two-way is a good idea.

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5 McClung noted a lot of prep work is required to prepare for paving and has asked
6 Pioneer to move back a telephone pedestal. He suggested putting out bids in early
7 spring would get more competitive offers, rather than trying it now.

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9 Moore heard consensus to go two-way on Prospect, leave W 2nd westbound/downhill,
10 making exit onto Hwy 101 from E 2nd right turn only.

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12 Bedell added there is a lot of foot traffic in that intersection which makes the Green
13 Salmon exit onto 2nd dangerous.

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15 Hetzler asked that the section on E 2nd where there is currently a “no parking” sign be
16 turned into a parallel parking space.

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18 Haynes suggested McClung create a map of parking with space standards as a good
19 approach to give to the paving company. McClung estimated an engineer would charge
20 \$2,000-3,000 to generate such a map.

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22 Perman noted cars do not always pull fully into the diagonal spaces on E 2nd and that
23 results in the need for drivers going down the road to drive onto the shoulder. Hetzler
24 suggested having fiberglass poles to indicate parking depth. Nixon was concerned
25 about the stability of the shoulder wall in those spots.

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27 Johnson moved to make Prospect a two-way street, keep E 2nd one-way flowing east to
28 west, create “right turn only” onto Hwy 101 from E 2nd, prohibit access from the Green
29 Salmon onto E 2nd, and install “no right turn signs” for 101 Northbound traffic onto E 2nd:
30 Aye – 7; No – 0.

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32 Courtenay moved to approve paving of the entire area all at once: Aye – 7; No – 0.

33 34 **I. Minutes - revisited**

35 Haynes moved to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes of the Public Works and Streets
36 meeting: Aye – 6; No – 0; Abstain – 1 (Haynes, absent from meeting).

37 38 **IV. Other Business**

39 **A. From the Commission**

40 Moore noted at the August 2, 2017 City Council meeting the Emergency Planning
41 Commission was designated as reporting to the Public Works and Streets Commission.
42 Nixon would like to see Trails have a more active role with the Emergency Planning
43 Commission. Courtenay said he is on the Trails Committee and could serve as liaison.

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45 Groth asked for an update on delivery trucks driving on Ocean View Dr. Moore reported
46 the Council discussed traffic on Ocean View Dr but did not reach a decision.

1 **B. From the Staff** – none

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3 **C. From the Floor** – none

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5 With no further business before the commission, Moore adjourned meeting at 4:11 pm.

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9 John Moore, Chair

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Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson on August 14, 2017.