

CITY OF YACHATS
PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2017

Minutes

Chair John Moore called to order the October 19, 2017 meeting of the Parks and Commons Commission at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: John Moore, Michael Hempen, Linda Johnson, Ruth Bass, Dean Shrock. Absent: Derek Ojeda, Scott Gordon. Also Present: Facilities Manager Leon Sterner, Friends of the Commons Board Chair Rose Valentine, Trails Leads Joanne Kittel, Loren Dickenson and Bob Langley. Audience: 2.

I. Minutes

Commissioner Shrock moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017: Aye – 5; No – 0.

Commissioner Moore announced there is no City ordinance on overnight camping on City property. It will be on the agenda for next month.

The Keesey's Parliamentary Procedure workshop is Monday, November 13, 2017 at 10am.

Item III.D will not be addressed at this meeting.

II. Reports

A. Commons User Support Manager

Sterner noted his report in the meeting packet. Sterner reported the Church of God weekend went well, they have new storage for pipe and drape, and the cabaret tables are being used. Sterner noted the Mushroom Festival is this weekend.

Shrock asked Sterner if there was a place that lists the different events for the Mushroom Festival. Sterner stated there is a dinner tomorrow (Friday, October 20) with music. Shrock noted people are not aware of this event.

Sterner noted the lock on the Commons back door is still broken. Bass suggested Sterner call a repairman. Moore and Shrock suggested that Sterner call a locksmith other than the one Sterner claimed would not work on the door. Sterner had confusion over who was responsible for this repair task. Bass indicated she would take responsibility for getting the door repaired.

B. Yachats Trails Committee

Langley noted the Amanda Trail goes through several different jurisdictions (National Forrest, State Parks, Kittel private property, and ODOT). Kittel explained previous City administrations have enacted intergovernmental agreements with the various landholders. Moore indicated he would discuss with Kittel after the meeting to plan how to manage the issue. Langley noted ODOT is very "hands off" and the Trails work group maintains the ODOT portion.

C. Friends of the Commons

President Valentine noted her report in the meeting packet. Commissioner Johnson asked if the step lighting had been installed. Valentine indicated it had been installed and should be on now. Sterner reported the street lamp on the corner is now operational. The Commissioners, Valentine,

1 and Sterner discussed the need for additional lighting.

2 3 **D. Year to Date Revenues and Expenses**

4 Moore noted the reports are in the meeting packet. He noted Commissioners may bring comments
5 to the next meeting. Shrock asked about getting a year-to-year comparison. Moore indicated he
6 would ask Clerk Richter about having that information added to the report.

7 8 **III. Business**

9 **A. Public Restroom**

10 Hempen reported the contractor he contacted indicated a cost of \$150,000 for two rooms and
11 shower, and \$135,000 without a shower. Moore's company provided estimate in same range.
12 Moore suggested the Commission make a recommendation to the Finance Committee to reserve a
13 dollar amount for public restrooms. Moore raised the question of whether the City should have a
14 shower or not, noting the hot shower is a great service but attracting transients who do not normally
15 pass through Yachats was less desirable.

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17 Shrock asked if there were other shower services in nearby cities. Moore reported there is a
18 Siuslaw Outreach Center in Florence that offers a shower, daily hot meal, and laundry services.
19 Moore noted the City could have cards with information about services in other jurisdictions.

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21 Moore reported he Google searched "public showers in Oregon" and found truck stops and State
22 Parks, with no cities listed. Truck showers cost and are often limited to truckers only. Johnson noted
23 harbors often have shower facilities. Langley noted some RV parks will let people use their showers
24 and some laundromats have showers. Sterner suggested talking to the Newport Outreach group
25 and noted Bob Barrett at the Presbyterian Church is interested in getting a shower.

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27 Moore reported he made a field trip to the public facilities in Newport and Waldport and noted one
28 had a shower without any screening. Sterner noted when there is bus service to Florence, the City
29 could offer vouchers and a bus ticket for people in need to get showers.

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31 Shrock questioned the timing of asking for funding given the recent expense overruns with City
32 projects. Moore asserted waiting would result in higher costs, noting the total cost on the Waldport
33 kit facility in 1990s was just over \$30,000 and the stick built facility in 2002 was around \$42,000.
34 Current kits are priced in the \$50,000s.

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36 Shrock asked about the possibility of getting grant funding for the project. Moore reported the
37 Lincoln County Economic Development Council has grant funds available for 25-33% of the project.
38 Johnson asked what was the downside of asking for the money. Moore indicated there was no
39 downside.

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41 Bass asked if the Commission needed to make a decision on restrooms before making a request to
42 the Finance Committee. Hempen noted the bus service to Florence and upgrades in Waldport
43 facilities alleviates the immediate need for a shower. Hempen suggested a shower is desirable for
44 the long term but is not necessary in the short term.

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46 Hempen moved to recommend the City have the Finance Committee allocate \$60,000 for funding a
47 two-unit public restroom: Aye – 5; No – 0.

48 49 50 **B. Men's Room – replacement of urinals**

51 Hempen summarized the Commission had decided to replace the current four urinals with three new

1 urinals. The first bid received was just over \$10,000 with separate contractors for plumbing and for
2 building. Moore noted the City will need a minimum of three bids. Johnson asked for clarification on
3 what the bid covers. Hempen indicated the quote includes new walls and floors.

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5 Hempen moved to request that the City Manager post an RFP for replacement of the urinals in the
6 men's room: Aye – 5; No – 0.

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8 **C. Ball Field**

9 Moore summarized they had concluded at the last meeting that the field is not safe in its current
10 condition and commissioners had mixed opinions on paving. Other options were artificial turf or re-
11 plowing the field. Shrock asked about issues around wetlands. Moore stated Planner Lewis
12 indicated the ball field is not part of the wetlands. Sterner reported he and Baldwin got an estimate
13 some years ago of 250,000 for redoing the field. Johnson asked about rolling as an option. Moore
14 asked Commissioners to give thought to ball field options before the next meeting. Shrock asked
15 Moore to check how moles impact turf.

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17 **D. Tablecloths for Commons Rentals - tabled**

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19 **IV. Other Business**

20 **A. From the Commission**

21 Shrock expressed concern about the lack of publicity for the upcoming Mushroom Festival, noting
22 he could not find information at the Chamber website. Moore suggested Shrock email Linda
23 Hetzler.

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25 **B. From the floor**

26 Kittel announced View the Future and the Trust for Public Lands submitted a grant proposal to the
27 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) on the acquiring the Evans/Betz property. Kittel
28 noted Joan Davies and Andrea Scharf put in much work on the grant application. She reported VTF
29 got outstanding recommendations from County Commissioners and from Senator Arnie Roblan.

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31 With no further business to discuss, Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.
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Chair W. John Moore

Date

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39 Minutes prepared by H.H. Anderson, October 20, 2017