

CITY OF YACHATS
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01-05

WHEREAS, City Council received comments and ideas from the various Commissions related to Goals and action items; and

WHEREAS, City Council discussed the goals and actions items for the year at a special Goal Setting Session held on January 9, 2012;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Yachats resolves to adopt the City Council Goals for 2012 as follows:

Section 1 – City Council Goals

Introduction

The following pages contain the City Council’s broad and general goals for the City of Yachats. They are based on our vision, which is:

Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens’ basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.

We have endeavored to make our goals broad statements of what generally needs to be done. It then becomes the role of elected officials, employees, commissions, and volunteers, and citizens at large to identify what needs to be done to achieve these goals. Following each goal is a list of potential action items for the Council. Each commission will be asked to identify it’s own list of action items that support the achievement of these City goals. These action items become the “to do” list which enables us to move toward the accomplishment of the goals.

If we have the right goals, they may never change. They will continue to be ideals that we strive to achieve. Action items will change, be checked off, be revised, and newly created over time. The more they change, the more we will know how much we’ve achieved.

Goal: Provide for the effective governance of the City of Yachats

- * Assess revenue and expenditure realities and their relationships to city government programs and responsibilities
- * Develop programs for encouraging participation in local government, including candidate forums
- * Evaluate code compliance program
- * Review existing City Ordinances for current applicability and consistency
- * Challenge City employees and commissions to identify sustainability practices
- * Utilize informational public (“town hall”) meetings to allow for greater citizen awareness
- * Solicit citizen expertise through ad hoc committees

Goal: Improve administrative processes to maintain and surpass previous high standards

- * Improve process for maintaining Yachats Municipal Code documents
- * Develop long range public financing options
- * Simplify budget document to improve citizen comprehension and provide measurable out-comes
- * Develop public feedback mechanism to ascertain the effectiveness and satisfaction of City programs by the community.
- * Assess and improve personnel practices
- * Develop “desk manuals” for City Hall positions

Goal: Improve City infrastructure

- * Identify financing and implementation strategies for street and storm water drainage improvement plans
- * Implement water system improvement plans including water storage south of the Yachats River
- * Evaluate energy efficiencies to continue to reduce cost and energy consumption in the Yachats Commons
- * Continue trails system improvement and seek new trail links consistent with the Village Circulation Plan
- * Participate in efforts to expand youth and senior programming in the Commons
- * Secure funding and install moveable doors and sky lights, and improved drainage in the Commons Park picnic shelter
- * Work with staff and volunteers to identify and implement beautification initiatives
- * Work with various other agencies to improve transportation options between Yachats and destinations in Lane and Lincoln counties
- * Obtain administrative control, repair and improve Oceanview Drive and the 804 Trail.

Goal: Provide or facilitate opportunities for self growth, education, and participation in programs and projects that enhance quality of life

- * Support programming in the Commons, the library, the little log church and other venues that encourages local participation in the arts, personal expression, and fitness
- * Cooperate with organizations that seek to showcase local talent including but not limited to: theatrical productions, art and science programs, gardening and other community sustainability endeavors
- * Assess the local development planning process for both compliance with law and opportunity for changes which will assure protection of quality of life in Yachats

Goal: Foster “Seventh Generation*” thinking in our community.

- * Implement program to discourage disposable plastic water bottle use at the Commons
- * Explore opportunities for alternative energy sources and energy conservation at City facilities
- * Explore opportunities for funding and construction of electric automobile charging stations

- ✱ Explore chipping and composting as well as other means of providing alternatives to open burning for the disposal of garden waste
- ✱ Encourage and support watershed protection initiatives
- ✱ Encourage and support efforts to control and remove invasive exotic plant species
- ✱ Host a community forum to discuss a common definition of “sustainability” and explore potentials for achieving it.

**In the Iroquois society leaders were encouraged to remember seven generations in the past and consider seven generations in the future.*

Section 2 – City Commission Objectives

The City Council acknowledges the following input from the City Commissions and hereby adopts the objectives they have identified as items they will work on to implement the City Council Goals for 2012:

Public Works & Streets Commission

- Continue work on securing the water rights on the Yachats River.
- Monitor the condition of the watershed.
- Review and oversight of the master plans for storm drains, water and sewer.

The Planning Commission

- Continue work on reviewing the Land Use Code, making recommendations for amendments.
- Develop Code to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

Library Commission

- Complete 10-year strategic plan.

Attest:

Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder