

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER-SHEET

From: Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder

- Regular Meeting Agenda Item Work Session Discussion Topic
- Add to agenda for _____ meeting.
 - Continue this item until _____.
 - Item dismissed.

DATE: December 20, 2011

Title: Commons Policy Amendments

Item: The Parks and Commons Commission is recommending changes as follows:

YACHATS COMMONS PROGRAMMING/ROOM USE POLICY

Free Category

- Yachats Government (City Council and Commissions)
- Community events to raise funds for the Commons
- Open/community gym in the multipurpose room
- Yachats Youth & Family Program
- Friends of Commons fundraising events
- Fee-waived groups and activities
- [Events sponsored by individuals for commemorative Life events \(such as birthdays, anniversaries or memorials\) where the public is invited and any donations go to local nonprofits or to support the Commons](#)

Community Rate

- Events that build a stronger sense of community while benefiting the individual (non-profit), educational, sports, cultural and arts, and recreation
- Non-exclusive service clubs/organizations
- Tax supported agencies (community colleges, etc.)
- Other federal, state, or county government agencies
- Commercial events open to the public that are sponsored by non-profit groups or organizations (C of C Arts & Crafts Fair etc.)
- [Hardship fundraising benefit events \(not involving commercial activities\) organized by a group of community members to benefit another community member in need.](#)

Private Rate

- Private meetings or events with restricted access, i.e., family reunions, wedding receptions, etc.
- [Fundraising benefit events involving commercial activities organized by a group of community members to benefit another community member in need. \(For example a fair or show where the benefit to the community member in need is raised from the rent of space to commercial vendors who will be selling products for their own profit.\)](#)
- [Memorial services open to the public or not.](#)

Commercial Rate

- Commercial or for-profit events open to public, i.e., activity for which the purpose of the rental is to make profits for an individual or company.

Related Goal:

No specific goal, but rather speaks to the Vision Statement: *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.*

Reference And Review Material:

From the Parks and Commons Commission Minutes – December 15, 2011:

E. New Item: Discussion regarding Rental Rates for Fundraising Events for Individuals

Niskanen said that from time to time people want to hold a memorial or a fundraising event for an individual and currently the policy does not address the rental rate that should apply. Batchelder has asked to have the Parks and Commons Commission make a recommendation.

Niskanen said that there are two kinds of benefit events, and he thinks that they should be treated differently. One type of fundraising event is where money is raised by donation and all the proceeds will go to the community member in need. The other is where vendors are invited to come sell their wares with the table rental proceeds going to the community member in need. At that type of event, there is commercial activity taking place so that complicates things.

Following discussion, it was agreed that although fundraisers with vendors making a profit are a commercial activity, the rate should be discounted from the commercial rate because there is benefit to a community member in need. Therefore, the private rate should apply. It was also agreed that the rental rate for memorial services, even if they are open to the public should be the private rate.

The Commission agreed that the community rate could be charged if the fundraising event did not involve any commercial activities and all of the proceeds were for the community member in need.

Motion to recommend to City Council that the Commons Policy Manual be amended to include community member hardship benefit event to the community rate, Aye - 7, No - 0.

Budget Impact: Unknown

Additional Information:

Attachments: