

**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:** May 10, 2012

**Title: Request: City Council Approval for the Installation of a Solstice Education and Seating area at the Yachats State Park.**

**Item:** At the April 19, 2012 Parks and Commons Commission meeting Betsy Price said that her mother, Virginia Gilmore spent many years sitting at the same picnic bench at the Yachats State Park watching the sunsets, and she had painted foot prints on the concrete marking the exact location of the sunset on the horizon at the summer and winter solstices and lines on the pavement marking the spring and fall equinoxes.

Betsy said that she and her family would like to build a more permanent public gathering place and Solstice education installation; and, she described it as five stone column laid in a semi circle, the foot prints in cement and colored lines, together with a small plaque explaining the meaning of the foot prints and colored lines.

Although the installation would be on Oregon State Parks land, and the family will be funding the project, State Parks would like the Yachats City Council to approve the project before it moves forward.

The Commission voted to forward the proposal to City Council and recommend that they approve.

**Budget Impact:**      \$0

**Attachments:** Letter from Betsy Price and drawing of the proposed installation.

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To the City of Yachats

We would like to propose a Solstice Education and seating area at the entrance to Yachats State Park in front of the existing picnic table. It would consist of 5 stone columns laid in a semi circle. At the base of the center stone we propose to have (right and left) footprints in cement. On the sidewalk in front of the seating area the 3 colored lines (there now in white paint) pointing to the exact location of the sunset on the horizon at summer and winter solstice and the equinox. A small plaque would explain the footprints and the meaning of the equinox lines. People gather at the table during sunsets regularly and we hope to give them a friendly, inviting place to sit and socialize while putting their feet in the prints and looking to see how far the sunset varies during the year.

Bob Alexander from Red Hat Construction has located some solid basalt rock near Eugene the height and length for the seating area and would transport it to the site and place the stones.

**Concerns:**

**Digging into the soil.** We would not be digging into the soil. Rock placement will be on top of existing ground and ½ inch minus will be compacted around the rock up to existing rockway.

**Cutting the existing asphalt pathway for the lines.** We would cut 3 strips 1" wide then replace the asphalt with a contrasting color of cement to make the 3 lines required. Red Hat will provide this

**Moving the existing picnic table back around 5 feet**

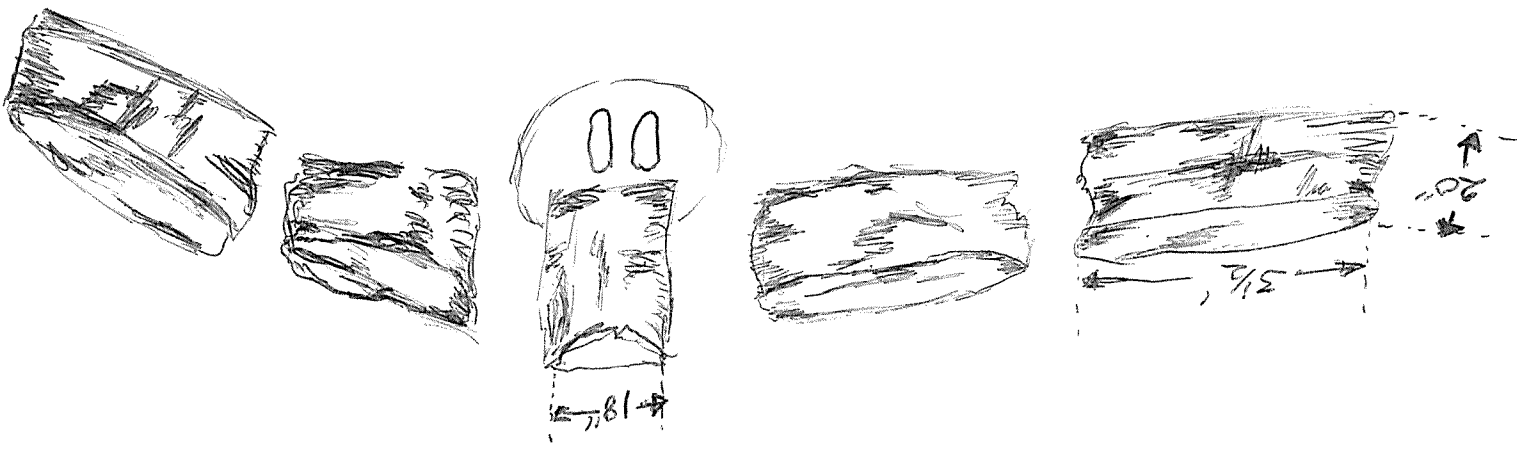
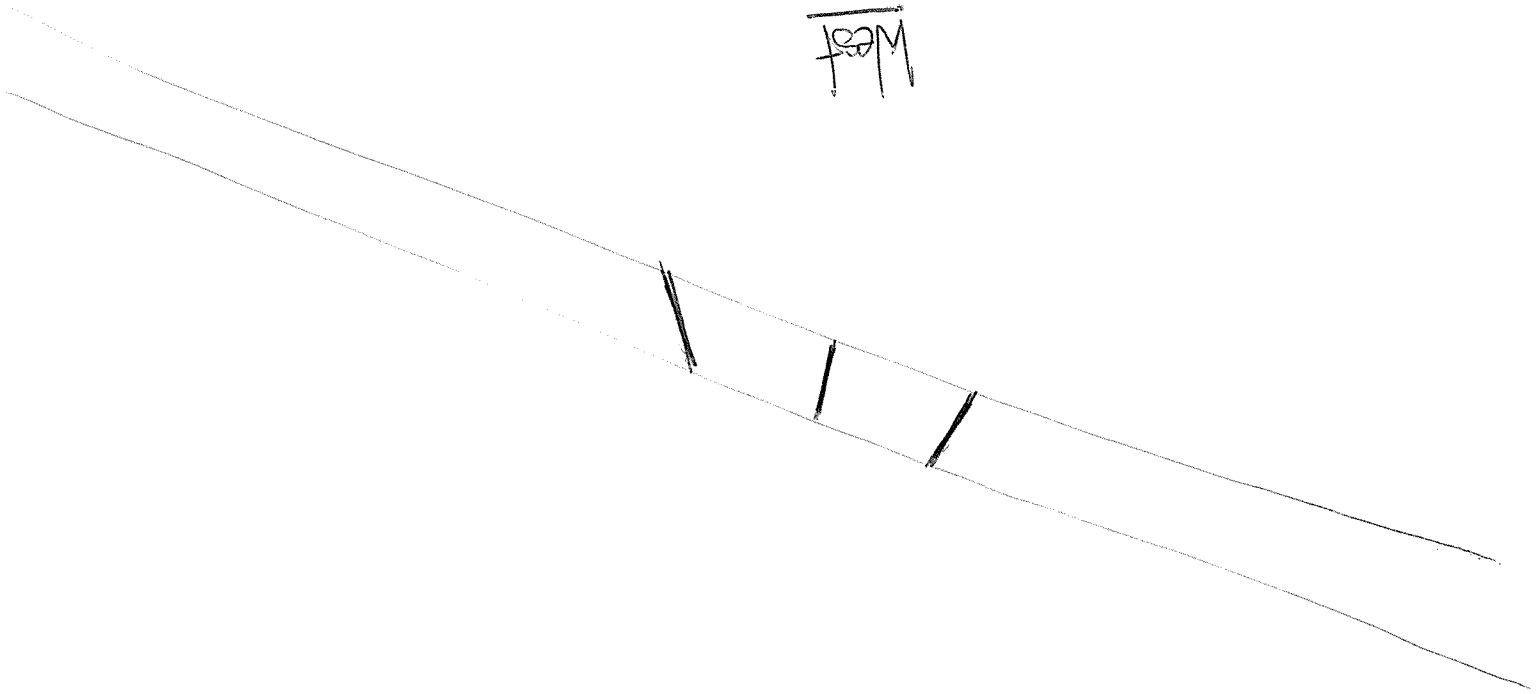
**Handicaps accessible – yes, there will be rocks from the pathway to the rocks ½ inch minus.**

**Maintenance - because there will be rock around the stones there will be no need to mow this area.**

**Funds: All costs will be covered by a donation from Rock Park Cottages by Anne Bonn and Betsy Price. No costs to the city of Yachats or the State of Oregon**

Respectfully Submitted by

Anne Bonn (503 643-8711) & Betsy Price (541 563-4788) owners of Rock Park Cottages



Rock Park Cottages  
~~Sketch~~ Solstice Proposal  
 (541) 547-3214 Adam, Krish, or Betsy

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