

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – January 14, 2018

Trails – The work session scheduled for 1/6 was cancelled because of its proximity to the Peace Hike in which so many trails crew members participated as volunteers.

YIPS! – The YIPS! work session scheduled for December had a weather cancellation. However, a group of 15 volunteers responded on short notice on December 13 to help spread three yards of hemlock bark around the new plantings at Prospect Park. In the near future, we intend to have work sessions in the Commons Wetland, the Whale Tail Park, and Prospect Garden. There is still plenty of work to be done at each venue.

2018 Peace Hike – By all accounts, this year's Peace Hike was a great success. Lauralee S. did an excellent job with its planning and coordination; 35 additional volunteers helped with event planning and with hiker safety during the hike itself.

Interpretive Sign Project, Phase Two – The grant application to the 3 Rivers Foundation was fast tracked and funded; \$1500 were requested but they increased it to \$2000. Diane, Betty, and Joanne can now start working on this project earlier than they had planned. Jesse Beers will provide appropriate images for the signs.

804 South – Our efforts associated with this project are temporarily on hold while the City determines whether or not to accept ownership of Ocean View Drive.

Evans-Betz property – We are following with interest the City's steps to potentially acquire this property and want to be involved in any planning that involves potential trails on the property.

OPRD native plant nursery – OPRD is developing a native plant nursery on Beaver Creek. A group of five trails crew members spent a productive day in mid-December and built 14 large planters. Another group of seven helped on January 12 and built 22 planters as well as 16 planting tables. This is part of the ongoing collaboration between Yachats Trails Committee and OPRD.