

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – March 15, 2018

YIPS! (2/17/2018) – Cancelled due to inclement weather.

Trails (3/3/2018) – Braving light rain, volunteers accomplished three tasks: minor repairs were made to the Amanda Trail across from Windy Way; protective bark mulch was spread around new plantings at the Prospect Garden; and minor trimming and removal of invasives was accomplished at the Whale Tail Park. Other than ongoing weeding and maintenance, work at Prospect Garden is now essentially complete. With the recently built fence and all the new plantings, the garden is now a real asset to the city. After the work session the crew retired to the Drift Inn for refreshments compliments of Linda Hetzler.

Three Rivers Foundation Grant – On February 22, View the Future was awarded \$2000 (\$500 above the amount requested) to replace the information box on the Amanda Story at the Amanda Gathering Area with two steel-framed interpretive signs similar to the five already installed. The City of Yachats Trails Committee and CTCLUSI are partners on this project.

NEA Event – Joanne along with Doc Slyter, Tribal Council member and Tribal flutist of the CTCLUSI, gave their Powerpoint presentation for the NEA event at the Eugene Library, preceded by drumming and peppered with Doc's playing. Attendance was about 75 with at least 6 Tribal members in attendance, including the Chief of the CTCLUSI; their feedback was positive. The next day, the *Amanda Transcending* play was performed for an audience of about 150; the response was very emotional and positive.

National Trails Day, June 2nd – Planning will start soon with Kraig Lindelin, Trails Coordinator with the SNF, for a trail or invasive weed project for our 7th National Trails Day Event.

Finishing the Oregon Coast Trail – At the request of Dennis Comfort, Coast Manager for OPRD, Joanne and was contacted by Greg Wolf of the Association of Oregon Counties. The AOC has been given the task of helping OPRD solicit aid from local stakeholders to help with closing the gaps in the OCT as mandated by the state legislature. Joanne teleconferenced with Greg who also met with Lauralee and Loren.

City Manager Meeting (3/9/2018) – All 5 Trails Committee members met with Shannon for 3/9 to introduce ourselves and to talk about what we do, why we do it, and how we do it.

Amanda Creek Bridge – Geo-tech sampling was done to test for soil stability. The current plan is to build two double truss fiberglass bridges. One will be approximately 70 feet, starting at the top of the bottom set of steps on the north side of the Amanda Creek and ending on a 10-foot tall gabion-like structure on the Kittel property. A second 130-foot+ bridge will extend south from that gabion, crossing Amanda creek with its south terminus being back on the Amanda Trail about 15-20 feet above the Creek area approximately 100 feet west of the former bridge site. Preliminary concept plans have been drawn up by Creative Pultrusions Inc, a division of E. T. Techtonics who manufactured the last bridge. If this project moves forward, the actual building of the bridge will be contracted out. Site preparation will involve the Job Corps and, possibly, the Trails crew. OPRD will perform a new survey and new easement agreement will be drawn up with the landowner, Joanne; it may include the Amanda Gathering area as well.

Circle Trail Update (3/9/2018) – Lauralee wrote and submitted a grant application requesting \$3000 from the Siletz Tribal Fund to help with the purchase of exercise equipment for the Circle Trail.