

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER-SHEET

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

DATE: December 22, 2010

Title: Recommendation from the Parks and Commons Commission

Item: Fragrance-free Value Statement

Related Goal:

Reference And Review Material:

At the November Parks and Commons Commission Meeting Pat Armstrong asked the Commission to consider adopting a fragrance-free policy for the Commons because she and others with similar health issues are not able to attend functions at the Commons. She gave the Commission some information about how fragrances and scents can irritate the respiratory tract, nervous system and eyes, trigger allergies and cause other health reactions.

At their meeting on December 16, 2010 the Parks and Commons Commission voted to recommend to City Council that the following value statement be adopted:

“The City of Yachats supports sustaining healthy indoor air quality. In the interest of promoting the health and safety of the City’s citizens, staff and visitors, City facilities open to the public are encouraged to maintain a fragrance-free environment. Please refrain from using scented personal care, laundry, and cleaning products. Thank you for your consideration of others in providing an environment in which every person can feel safe and comfortable.”

They also recommended to have signs posted near each entrance.

Budget Impact: Unknown. The City currently makes every attempt to use fragrance-free and environmentally safe cleaners and paints. At this time it is not known if we will need to change any of the products we use or if there is any additional cost.

It is also not known at this time if this policy will impact rental fees or use of the Commons.

Additional Information:

Attachments: Minutes from the 12/16/2010 Parks and Commons Commission Meeting and Gerald Stanley’s written report to the Commission.