

City of Cannon Beach

Monthly Status Report

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brant Kucera, City Manager
Date: July 7, 2015

Executive Report

- Attended 'Burger with a Cop' on June 16th. It was good to see such a large turnout of citizens. The highlight for many was to see our K-9 officer Gunner show his skills at searching.
- Received the renewal for Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance from our broker, WSC Insurance and the cost has gone down.

City Planner Report

Planning Commission: May 28 — the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the Cannon Beach Academy to operate their proposed charter school in an existing building at 171 Sunset Street. June 25 — the Planning Commission considered a setback reduction for a residential remodel at 163 East Chisana Street. The request was approved by a 4-3 vote.

Design Review Board: The DRB met on Thursday June 18 and consider major exterior modifications to a commercial building at 251 North Hemlock Street. The modifications included landscaping, artwork, signage, and a pergola. The request was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Other Planning Matters:

- Discussed floodplain map updates and the possibility of a Letter of Map Revision with Chris Shirley of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.
- Planning staff met with Jon Allen and Laura Stimely of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, and Laren Wooley of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to discuss an update of the City's dune management plan documents.
- Met with representatives of the Pelican Pub to discuss their proposed brewpub at 1371 South Hemlock.
- Site visit with AT&T staff to discuss col-location of their antenna on T-Mobile's tower on Spruce Street.
- Met with Carmen Swigart to discuss the OWEB grant application for purchase of property adjoining the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve.
- Met with Jeanette Stevens to discuss design review issues at the Ecola Inn.
- Met with Andra Georges to discuss improvements to the end of West Second Street.
- Met with representative of Coaster Properties to discuss off-street parking, utility easements and lot line adjustments for their downtown properties.
- Short-term rentals: see the attached report from Alisha Gregory.

Public Works Director Report

PW Admin:

- City Hall projects for the restrooms and kitchen are substantially complete - a couple of minor items in the kitchen will be completed by the July 4 weekend.

- The adjacent project for the hallway between the administrative and printer/copier work area is nearing completion - target for finish work is mid-July.
- The RFP for City Hall long range/master planning has been sent out to three local architecture firms. Responses are due back the first week in July. Selection of the architect and contract negotiation should be completed by the end of July.
- The repeater project for Police Department is moving forward with a cabinet to be installed at the intersection of Hemlock and Pacific. Project includes a digital repeater unit to enhance emergency communications for personnel on the beach front from Silver Point to Chapman Point.
- Tolovana Hall landscaping continues to be enhanced. A few more plantings have been installed and the grass has been mowed for the first time since seeding.
- The Library landscaping and Sroufe fountain relocation project is scheduled for completion by 3 July.
- The state department of forestry has issued a high fire danger hazard warning for the coast range forests. This prompted the posting of forest access closure signs for the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve. Until the weather pattern changes this closure will remain in place.

Wastewater:

- WW crews have repaired a air supply line on the aeration basin at the wastewater treatment plant that came loose over the Sandcastle weekend. With higher flows the additional blower air pressure apparently caused one of the aerator lines to come loose. The crews had to place the pontoon work deck in the basin to retrieve the line, clean it and reconnect to the header.
- Crews are also working to repair a loose connection on one of the biosolids discharge lines to one of the storage ponds.
- A residential service line on North Laurel was repaired on 25 June. Apparently the line became separated just before the connection with the main service line.

Water:

- Crews completed installation of a new mainline valve on the waterline in Hemlock just south of the Forest Lawn intersection. This will provide isolation capability for a large segment of Hemlock south of the intersection.
- Rainfall to date through 25 June has been 0.85 inches - well below the monthly average of 3.3 inches. Yes - the weather has been unseasonably dry - 21 of 25 days so far in June with no measurable rainfall.
- All three springs are on line providing service to the system. This requires the water to be pumped through the water treatment plant's wetwell. Water consumption is slightly up over the same time last year.
- Crews have replaced one of the remaining manual read commercial 2 inch water service meter with an automatic reading meter. That leaves 5 manual read meters in the system.

Streets & Storm:

- Street overlay projects have been completed including shoulder grading. What little rain we have received occurred in the middle of the project, delaying the completion by 4 days.
- The new bus shelter to be located at Yukon and Hemlock Streets will be constructed and installed in late July - early August.
- All three stormceptor units were installed on Spruce Street between 1st and 2nd Streets. The size of the excavations created challenges given the amount of woody debris that underlies this entire area. The units should provide a higher level of contaminant removal capability to the stormwater that enters the Little Pompey wetland area.

Parks:

- Flower baskets have have been hung up for the season.
- New picnic tables have been deployed on the concrete circular pads at several locations around the City.

- The Elmwood trail project will begin during July with an estimated completion of 1 September. It will be a connector trail segment from the south end of Elm Street around to the east end of Gower Street at the intersection with Spruce Street.

Building Department Report

May 2015 Building Department						
Permit Type	# of Permits	Permit Fees	Plan Review	FLS	Inspections	Total
Building	5	\$5,647.78	\$2,791.33	\$0.00		\$8,439.11
Mechanical	8	\$722.90				\$722.90
Plumbing	9	\$1,306.25				\$1,306.25
Vacation Home Rental	3				\$300.00	\$300.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Monthly Total						\$10,768.26
			Seaside		75% of Total	\$8,076.20
			Cannon Beach		25% of Total	\$2,692.07

Haystack Rock Awareness Program

- Summer is definitely here, we have had many visitor counts of over hundred during the month of June. Some of our highest counts this season were during Sandcastle weekend. On Sunday, June 21st we had a high count of 165 people in the Marine Garden. In July we expect counts to continue to rise, with more frequent counts of over a hundred people. From July 3rd through the 5th, the Friends of Haystack Rock will be joining us on the beach during their Puffin Watch event from 8:30am to 10:30am. Puffins are the most active in July, because their chicks have hatched and are hungry. Both parents are seen outside of their burrow and flying out to sea, returning with mouths full of fish and squid. Other chicks will also be hatching this month. Our black oystercatcher nest still has one confirmed egg that will be hatching any day now. Cormorant chicks have already been seen, meaning the spotted headed Western Gull chicks will soon be seen as well. July is a great month to join us on the beach! So please stop by during Puffin Watch or during our other beach programs this month.
- On June 5th, State Representative Bonamici met with scientists from Oregon State University for an update on ocean health. I was invited to discuss Sea Star Wasting and the citizen science initiative. Dr. Francis Chan, Associate Professor Senior Research in the Department of Integrative Biology, reported that ocean acidification and hypoxia events off Oregon and the West Coast are already occurring at levels scientists predicted to see globally in 50 years. He explained that this is due to our coast's

relationship with ocean circulation. Strong upwelling in nearshore waters causes acidification by increasing the amount of carbon dioxide dissolved in the sea water, and leads to hypoxia events by fueling phytoplankton reproduction. These issues will increasingly affect the State's mariculture operations and important nursery habitat for economically important species, such as rockfish, salmon, and Dungeness crab. 2007 ocean acidification crashed the Whiskey Creek Shellfish hatchery, and NOAA has already recorded decreased calcification in pteropods (a swimming snail that is an important food source for juvenile salmon). Dr. Gil Sylvia, Director of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station, reported on Oregon's fisheries. This is a very large topic so he was very brief. In general Oregon's fisheries are in good shape. Our state has 5 fisheries that are certified sustainable through the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) including Dungeness crab, pink shrimp, albacore tuna, and pacific whiting. Juvenile salmon survival on the south coast are increasingly impacted by drought. The Klamath salmon fishery may collapse in the near future due to this in combination with increased incidences of the Shasta parasite. The salmon fisheries on the north coast are in much better shape. To strengthen the salmon fisheries across the West Coast, scientists and managers established the West Coast Salmon Genetic Stock Identification project. Collaborators are working to collect 100,000 genetic samples of west coast salmon that reflect all spatial and seasonal coverage of migratory patterns. The data will then be used to determine real-time locations of specific stocks allowing for targeted harvesting and recreational access of healthy salmon stocks while avoiding ESA-listed or recovering stocks.

- As you most of you know the current sea star wasting epidemic that impacted the West Coast starting summer 2013 was unprecedented. Although similar die-offs have occurred before it has never been at this magnitude and over such a large geographic range. The current wasting event has affected 20 sea star species. Those most impacted were the iconic Ochre star (*Pisaster Ochraceus*) and the sunflower star (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*). Both are Keystone Species which have a large influence on other species in their ecosystem. Research published by Cornell University's Ian Hewson provided evidence for a link between sea star wasting syndrome and a densovirus. This virus has been present in the ocean environment for many decades so it is not known why the severe outbreak occurred. Scientists are looking possible environment factors such as warmer waters or ocean chemistry, however, the picture is not clear. It may have been a perfect storm of factors leading to this dramatic epidemic. Oregon State University researcher Dr. Bruce Menge and his team, as well as citizen scientists continue to monitor the sea star populations along our coast. Adult populations of the ochre star are much lower than ever before - at most sites nearly 75% lower. At Haystack Rock the population suffered even more dramatically. But there is still hope for these populations. Juvenile *Pisasters* have recruited densely at all sites, with incredibly high numbers at some including Cape Blanco, Port Orford, and Yachats. Also observed is an unusually high abundance of the six-rayed sea stars from the genus *Leptasterias*. This is consistent with what we have observed at Haystack Rock. With the support and training from Oregon Sea Grant, volunteers from our program, CoastWatch, Hatfield Marine Science Center, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Oregon Institute for Marine Biology have monitored a wide range of intertidal areas, providing crucial and time-sensitive information to scientists. A product of this effort includes a time-lapse of the outbreak. This time-lapse, which can be found at seastarwasting.org is helping scientists better understand how marine diseases spread throughout the broader west coast ecosystem. Additionally, CoastWatch and the Haystack Rock Awareness Program have begun bringing citizen science into the classroom. Hoping to inspire future scientific leaders. I was very thankful to participate in the meeting with Representative Bonamici. I have shared the information shared at this meeting with HRAP staff and volunteers, so we can further disseminate this important information to the many visitors that we interact with over the summer.

Cannon Beach Farmers Market



This week at the market we had 1665 visitors! Two of our vendors even sold out of their products, A&B Berries and Hello Waffle! Market numbers keep climbing due to our excellent group of vendors and musicians. June 30th should be bigger and better than ever!

Thank you to our 20 participating volunteers this week. We always have room for more!
Come join the fun!

Parks and Community Services Committee NeCus' Report

BEGIN DRAFT MINUTES

May 21, 2015

NECUS'

GENA COMMITTEE REPORT/PRESENTATION

Katie Voelke from North Coast Land Conservancy and also the Chair of the GENA Committee presented the draft Vision Plan for NeCus' Village Park. Voelke noted the various parties involved and a brief background of the plan. Voelke noted highlights of the history of the park's conception and visioning process. Voelke gave an overview of the report, a copy is available in the record file.

A discussion ensued regarding the school district's enlistment of Duane Johnson as their realtor. Williams noted it would be good for the school district to see what we are doing at the site. Dick Basch added for years the tribe has been meeting with the school district regarding their hope for the land noting it may be good do let them see where we are going, and a discussion ensued. Barbara Linnett noted any decisions about giving a formal presentation should go through Council.

Motion: Williams moved to have Katie Voelke as a GENA representative make a presentation on behalf of the Parks Committee to the Council as to their draft plans for NeCus' park; Rowley seconded the motion.

Vote: Knop, Risley, Williams, Sorenson and Rowley voted AYE. The vote was 4/0 in favor and the motion passed.

Grassick suggested Voelke doing the presentation on the July 14th work session. A discussion ensued regarding approving the draft plan. Grassick noted this concept will be a draft until the parks master plan is completed, at that time the Council will adopt it as part of the parks master plan, a discussion ensued.

END DRAFT MINUTES

NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

BUDGET COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy to fill a three-year term.

The primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is to review and recommend the proposed annual budget for the City. The Budget Committee meets on several occasions between April and the end of June. Meeting times vary.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy to fill a four-year term.

The primary responsibility of the Emergency Preparedness Committee is to plan emergency response on a city-wide basis and make recommendations to the City Council. The Emergency Preparedness Committee holds its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and may schedule work sessions as needed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy to fill a four-year term.

The primary responsibility of the Public Works Committee is to review all public works projects and make recommendations to City Council. The Public Works Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

To be eligible to serve on a City committee, applicants must have resided within the city or its urban growth boundary during the one year immediately preceding appointment; or at the time of appointment, shall have owned real property located within the city or its urban growth boundary for at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Applications are available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, by email addressed to riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or on-line at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us. Applications should be returned to Colleen Riggs, City Recorder, Cannon Beach City Hall, and P.O. Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110 **by Monday July 27 at 4:00 p.m.** For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

Community Grants

Presentations for Community Grants Applications scheduled for May 28, 2015 at City Hall beginning at 9:00am. The Parks and Community Services Committee will meet Thursday, June 18, 2015 to review the grant applications and prepare recommendations. The City Council will review the grant award recommendations at their work session scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015 and final consideration of the awards is scheduled for the City Council meeting on Tuesday August 4, 2015.

Public Safety Report - May 1, through May 31, 2015

Staffing:	Authorized	Assigned
Sworn	8	8
Admin/Support	2	1
Parking/Information	3	3
Lifeguards	10	9
Reserve Officers		1

Station Activity:

CBPD Walk-in	51
CBPD Incoming Phone	233
SPD Dispatched Calls	80

Overnight Camping Warnings	42
Local Security Checks	1605
Traffic Warnings	149
Traffic Citations	31
DUII Arrests	3
Alarm Responses	10
Other Agency Assists	35
Citizen Assists	60

Total Case File Reports 177

Cases of Significance: Fugitive Arrest x 3, Public Indecency x 1, DUII x 3, Burglary I x 2, PCS Methamphetamine x 2, DCS Methamphetamine x 1, Hit and Run x 3, Forgery I x 1

Code Enforcement Activities: During this period, 5 alleged municipal code violations were addressed and resolved or pending resolution.