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ORCA Testimony on AA 20-02,3,4 Roberts Appeal (Please acknowledge receipt)



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Dear Dr. Adams and members of the Cannon Beach Planning Commission,

Oregon Coast Alliance is an Oregon nonprofit corporation whose mission is protection of coastal natural resources and community livability.

We submit a brief comment on the matter before the Cannon Beach Planning Commission's Thursday, October 21st meeting, the appeal of the Roberts house decision. **By this email, we request a continuance of this hearing**, so that the public has time to weigh the many complex arguments in the appeals the applicant submitted.

The staff report says that the city has received further information (a survey) from the Roberts indicating that their dwelling, as proposed, does not comply with the city's Oceanfront Setback requirements. That certainly changes the situation; as the staff report notes, it puts the planning commission in the position of needing to deny the appeal, and uphold the Planning Director decision, because the Roberts house fails to meet city standards.

ORCA agrees with this interpretation. Though denial of the appeal, if the planning commission follows the city recommendation, does not by any means prevent the Roberts from building a sizable house, or applying for a variance from the oceanfront setback requirements, it does make the planning process very complex.

Thus, as above, ORCA requests a continuance of the planning commission hearing, so that the public has a chance to look at the Roberts survey and respond to it and the other many appeal arguments the applicants make, as well as digest the intricate arguments laid out in the staff report in response to the applicant's multiple appeals.

Please place this letter in the record for this matter.

Sincerely,

Cameron