November 29, 2018

To the Mayor and City Council of Cannon Beach:

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission submits to the City Council the accompanying Foredune Management Plan amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code, but does so with reservations. As the Council is aware, the City’s current Comprehensive Plan allows for foredune management in order to maintain views but does not require the City to allow such dune grading. During an extensive public process focused on these matters, it became clear to the Planning Commission that there is no consensus, either among Cannon Beach residents or on the Commission, to allow such dune grading. Many Cannon Beach residents opposed dune grading for views. In fact, some residents favored placing the issue on a ballot. Accordingly, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council carefully consider whether to allow dune grading for views at all, and that you adopt the accompanying Foredune Management Plan only to the extent that the Council decides to allow such grading activities.