To the Mayor and City Council of Cannon Beach, 
and to the members of the Planning Commission, 

The purpose of this letter is to correct some of what I said in my email of November 29, and to apologize to the other members of the Planning Commission for misrepresenting what they said.

In that email I wrote, "Second, it has frequently been said both by Commissioners and in the public comment that the wish for dune grading for view reflects a sense of entitlement on the part of the rich owners of the Breakers Point units." In the past few days I have listened to all of the public testimony and Commission discussion of foredune grading from some of 2017 and all of it from 2018, and recognize that what I remembered hearing was not said, let alone "frequently."

Also, while I believed that I had made it clear to the Commissioners that I was in favor of much more extensive foredune grading, I can discover in the recordings only a few hints of this, nothing from which they could be expected to recognize that view. They were right to be stunned by my email, and to express their strong disarray at the December Commission meeting. I can only say that I did not consciously and intentionally conceal that view.

Also, referring to the email as a "dissenting opinion" reflects an inappropriate choice of wording, giving it much more weight than intended. The email was meant as a personal expression of opinion, and not in any way on a level with the unanimous recommendations of the Commission. Looking back, I failed to express my view because it was clear to me that it would not prevail and I believed it would be a distraction and a waste of time. This was a mistake. I owed it to the Commission to argue for my opinion and accept its rejection with good grace.

Having said this, my personal opinions about foredune grading are unchanged from those expressed in my November 29 email.

Regards,
Bob Lundy