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Planning commission tables unit size zoning discussion

Kathleen Stinson

For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission decided last week to table its discussion of the proposed unit size zoning ordinances, which included homes, bed & breakfasts, short-term rentals and accessory units to its June 24 meeting.

The city has recently been under pressure to allow more developable space. In response to builders pushing the envelope in that direction, the commission had proposed limiting the size of a house to 2,000 square feet and other unit considerations.

For more detail, see the following initial story published by The Gazette on this subject at https://www.cannonbeachgazette.com/news/planning-commission-to-review-unit-size-ordinances/article_9c6b60cc-3459-11eb-a223-9fe-2c0612a7e.html.

When the commission met on December 22 to discuss the proposal, which generated criticism, the commission decided to continue the meeting to take more input from the community.

Then, when the commission met to discuss the matter on the 28th, commissioners questioned the wisdom of deciding such a significant change to the code during a Zoom meeting and tabled the matter until June.

Commissioner Joseph Bernt led off the discussion by saying that he objected to "doing this in a Zoom meeting." A Zoom meeting would not give the matter "fair consideration."

Bernt said he wanted to "table this issue until the pandemic slides across the sky in 2028." Commissioner Janet Patrick said she agreed

and that this is "difficult to discuss online."

Commissioner Lisa Kerr said the 2,000 square-foot limitation, which would include the square footage of the garage, "was not

nough room."

Bernt said the proposal to make accessory units larger and at the same time restrict the house unit size begged the question, is this some sort of compromise between the Mc-Mansions and the cute cottages?

He said not long ago, the town debated this issue when it took up the short-term rental restrictions.

"We already went through this," he said. "I think we're running headlong into a revolt."

He said the commission is "trying to change everything at once without doing the work necessary for a comprehensive plan change."

He suggested tabling the issue until they can invite people to talk about the matter at a live meeting.

The motion was to table the issue until the June 24 meeting, which passed unanimously.



SUMMER OF SANDCASTLES

Chamber hosts virtual Sandcastle Contest this year

Event slated June 5 - Sept. 6

An official save the date announcement from the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Sandcastle Committee; the 57th annual Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest will be a virtual Summer of Sandcastles with the kick-off June 5. The virtual competition is intended to be a COVID-safe alternative during this time requiring physical distancing for public safety. So, start sketching your dream sand creation for 2021!

The committee is working on COVID-safe small celebratory events to accompany the virtual contest such as music.



This sandcastle was built by Team Mai Tai Crew for last year's contest. Photo courtesy of Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce

More to come as planning develops so keep an eye on our Sandcastle Contest webpage and Facebook page for updates.

Cannon Beach has hosted this Oregon Heritage Tradition event since 1964. Chamber Executive Director, James Paino explained, "The health of our community, volunteers, competitors, and attendees must come first. Rather than a one day, large-crowd event, the virtual contest goes the entire summer so more builders can safely participate."

Volunteer and Committee Chair Debbie Nelson said "It's fun to come across a sandcastle while walking on the beach. We have encouraged past teams to come create and build on their own through September 6th. I can't wait to find the sandcastles and sculptures they build!"

es and sculptures they build Supporters and collectors can buy 2021 limited edition posters and other merchandise when they become available online and in-person at our Information Center.

Event URL: For more information and to view all our 2020 entries visit our event webpage www.cannonbeach.org/sand-castle. Below are last year's winners for the two categories: With Haystack Rock and Without Haystack Rock.

City talks pickleball retrofitting on tennis courts

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

This spring Cannon
Beach residents may
be able to play the sport of
pickleball on the city tennis

The Parks and Community Services committee has been discussing for several months whether to stripe the tennis courts so pickleball can also be played on those surfaces, said Karen La Bonte, city public works director. They may make a decision on this at the committee's February 18th meeting.

"We've had overwhelming excitement and feedback on this idea. It's all being worked through at the Parks Committee level and they've had it on their agenda for the past 4 months discussing proposed ideas and options based on public comments," La Bonte said. "We even posted it on Facebook asking for input."

"This is something that was considered several years back, but was never implemented because they could not overcome the challenge of managing the portable pickleball nets (no place to store or lock them up to prevent damage or theft), and the staff time to pull them out and put them away each day/ night," she said. "This would be the case if you made two pickleball courts in each of the current tennis courts. To avoid that issue, it appears

that the mostly likely solution



City Parks and Community Services committee is discussing the potential of adding pickleball stripping to the existing tennis courts.

Photo courtesy of Karen La Bonte

will be to stripe each tennis court with one pickleball court and have the players use the existing tennis nets. They are two inches higher than the official "regulation" pickleball nets, however the pickleball teams tell us that they would be happy with that because it at least gives them a place to play versus having nothing at all, and it avoids the issue of how the city manages portable nets."

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"I even got a call from the President of the Olympic Pickleball Association and he said (it) brings tremendous revenue to cities where they hold pickleball tournaments!"

she said.

The Gazette contacted the USA Pickleball Association in

Surprise, Arizona for comment, but it did not respond by press time.

At the November 19 meeting of the parks committee, Cannon Beach resident Megan Lea said as stated in the minutes that she "noticed other places in which pickleball courts have been placed on existing tennis courts to provide multiple recreational opportunities. Lea wants to see what is possible, and she is curious about the current usage level of the tennis courts."

courts."
Resident Randy Neal stated in the meeting minutes that "he is a regular tennis court user, but he also plays pickleball. He wants a pickleball court painted on one tennis

court first, but a rolling net. He wants the south or east court done, the one along 2nd Street. He said the lines should be a complimentary color or contrasting color, but not something distracting."

"The only push-back has been a few local tennis players who are not real excited about 'sharing' the courts they've been able to solely play on for many years, other than that we've had such excitement about the idea!" La Bonte told The Gazette.

"When the Council gets

"When the Council gets deeper into the plans for the old elementary school location that would be another place we could advocate creating official regulation-type pickleball courts," she said.

State of the State: Brown talks fires, equity, COVID-19

Monique Merrill Country Media

One year ago, Gov. Kate Brown established an incident management team to prepare the state against COVID-19, and today she delivered her 2021 State of the State address reflecting on the past year defined by the pandemic and looking ahead to the future.

She likened the pandemic to a marathon and said it was uncertain at this time one year ago what kind of race the fight against the virus would be.

"We didn't know what lay ahead," she said.
"Whether the race would be short and steep or long and arduous."

Proven went through the state's response to the paper.

Brown went through the state's response to the pandemic and justified her decisions to close and reopen businesses and schools based on metrics created by the state

"Some said it was too cautious, others thought it was too risky," she said about allowing some businesses to reopen in May.

The result of the actions taken by the state to tamp down the pandemic has placed Oregon in a position to look toward recovery, Brown said. Nearly 2,000 people in the state have died from the pandemic, and over 135,000 people have been infected since the onset of the pandemic.

Brown addressed the summer protests in Portland calling for racial justice following the police-caused killing of George Floyd on May 25.

"Many of us were awakening to what has always been true: Our Black, Latinx, Pacific Islander, and other communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the crises that befall our nation," she said.

She also addressed the wildfires that swept through the state in September, displacing thousands and killing nine.

"Our friends and neighbors lost their homes, entire towns were wiped off the map and smoke filled the sky for weeks," Brown said. The fires burned over 1.2 million acres of land, and 1,000 survivors remain displaced.

The 45-minute address was delivered online this year and featured four guest speakers to speak toward the topics raised by Brown: a pediatrician at Doernbecher Children's Hospital; a rural fire chief; and two members of an advisory racial justice council.

Antwon Chavis, the pediatrician who joined Brown during the address, spoke to the trends he's seen over the last year and said there has been a disproportionate effect on families of color, and heightened financial stress across the board.

christiana Rainbow Plews joined Brown to speak about her firsthand experience fighting the wildfires while her own home burned. Brown used the conversation to speak on the wildfire bill she has reintroduce, stating the importance of preventing fires and safely and efficiently responding to fires.

Next, Brown introduced Reyna Lopez, executive director of the state's farmworkers union, and Paul Solomon, executive director of an organization that helps people with criminal convictions transition from prison. Both are members of Brown's racial justice advisory council and spoke about ways to advocate for racial equity.

Brown also proposed expanding access to broadband across the state and increasing health care funding— two needs that have been exacerbated by the effects of the pandemic.

"Even when you're close to the finish line, the final stretch can be the most challenging of all," Brown said. "We can see the finish line, but the race is far from over."

Cannon Beach Florist thrives in floral design studio

Hilary Dorsey

For The Gazette

Cannon Beach Florist has moved from its downtown shop to a floral design studio. Owner/key designer Debbie Nelson continues to locally deliver fresh flowers in Cannon Beach and surrounding

Nelson moved her business to the studio in the fall. Cannon Beach Florist had been in the downtown shop for over

"I had thought about it for a few years," Nelson said of her decision to relocate to the floral design studio.

Nelson now focuses on the flower side of the business, while leaving the retail part of the job behind. Her husband remodeled their tool shed to become her charming studio. Nelson is working the same amount of time in the studio as she did in the store and still does her own deliveries. She has extra designers who work who help on arrangements for weddings and elopements

when needed.

The business is not open to the public, Nelson added, and is open by phone call and delivery only. 90 percent of the flowers have been over the phone. Her other orders come from her new floral cooler, located inside the Cannon Beach Soap and Candle Shop, located at 251 N. Hemlock St., one of the oldest buildings in Cannon Beach. The cooler has unique arrangements, rose bud vases and wraps.

Nelson said over her 24 years in this business, she has seen trends come and go. Right now, people like brightly colored arrangements.

"Red roses are always in style," Nelson said.

Websites like Pinterest help set the trends, Nelson added. Cascade bridal bouquets have become popular. This bouquet is an arrangement of flowers that cascades from the bride's hands, creating a trailing

Nelson opened the studio Oct. 1 and made floral arrangements for four weddings a few days later. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and

businesses in Cannon Beach were shut down, including her downtown shop, she had people calling, wanting to send flowers to their loved ones. She has made flower arrangements for many elopements and small weddings during the pandemic.

"This is what I do," Nelson said of her work.

Nelson said those eloping order decorated arches. Their small weddings become a photo session to share photos to the people who could not be in attendance due to limited gatherings.

Nelson loved working downtown. She was born and raised in Cannon Beach and loved seeing people she knew pop into the store to say hello. She is still delivering in a no-touch capacity with customers. While she can do the job by herself, she misses her staff.

"I had a wonderful staff," Nelson said of her employees at the store.

Nelson said she calls her texts her former employees and sees them every now and

then. They are focused on their schooling and would not have been able to work at the store this year.

The studio is very darling, Nelson added. There is a lot of unknown with a brick-andmortar shop and she feels she made the right decision.

Nelson loves her hometown and is the chair of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Sandcastle Committee. She believes in being involved in the community.

"I hope other businesses that take a step back will remember to stay involved in the community," Nelson said.

Specific requests and signature details are filled by calling the studio, which has two coolers full of flowers. Destination wedding and elopement consultations are by appointment and email inquiry at debbie.cannonbeachflorist@gmail.com.

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Debbie Nelson outside her Cannon Beach Florist studio. Photo provided

Police Chief commends officer, appreciates citizen in lifesaving actions

Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn presented a lifesaving commendation to Officer Cody Dietel, as well as a citizen appreciation to Shannon Fish, during a city council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 2.

"He's actually been with us for three years and received four commendations in three years," Schermerhorn said of Dietel.

On Jan. 10, Dietel responded to the Hallmark Resort to assist the

fire department with an unresponsive man. Dietel was told the man fell over the bathtub and was unresponsive. Assisted by Hallmark employee Fish, Dietel was able to remove the man from the bathtub and into the hallway.

Fish received gratitude for her selfless acts of assistance. She had been in the room attempting to calm the distraught wife.

"Although the bathroom was very small, and you were smaller



in stature, you were great assistance in safely removing the patient on to the floor where officer Dietel was able to administer CPR," Schermerhorn said to Fish. "Dietel reported that when he asked you for your assistance, you immediately dropped what you were doing and didn't hesitate to assist him.

Schermerhorn said Dietel performed one-person CPR on the man for 12-16 minutes. The man

resumed consciousness and was turned over to the fire department. He was later transferred to medics and Providence Seaside Hospital and was able to breathe on his own. If not for Dietel's quick response, the man might not be alive today, Schermerhorn added.

Schermerhorn commended and thanked Dietel for his actions. Send comments to: headlightreporter@countrymedia.net



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Joseph Bernt Library Volunteer

This column has twice I mis corum. ...
encouraged North Coast writers to submit their work, especially writings on the theme of "pandemic," to the Third Annual Writers Read Celebration, A record number of writers responded by the January 11 deadline.

The 51 submissions from 37 writers included a limerick, haiku, poetry, essays and short stories. Reviewers selected 10 writers to read 13 of their works at this year's virtual celebration via Facebook Live, Saturday, February 20, at 7 p.m.

Emily Randell will read Day Trip Through the Pandemic" and "Elegy, Interrupted." Nat Finn will read "Hey-on, OldOld Man."

Robert Mushen will read "I hope We Can Hug Again," Laura E. Bailey will read "Not the Skin of a Well Man" and Jeanie McLaughlin will read "Autumn Hope" and "Ocean's Remedy."

Lisa Mayfield will present "On Toilet Paper," Alana Thelen "Pandemic Feast" and Russell Myers "Remembering Walter Grey."

Jennifer Nightingale will read "Resentment at the End of the Road" and "The Collective Voice," and L. Swartz will present "Scared.'

Writers Read Celebration is sponsored by the Cannon Beach Library's Northwest Authors Speakers Series.

Bob Lundy will lead members of Cannon Beach Reads in a discussion of Brian Doyle's "Martin Marten," Wednesday, February 17,

7-8:30 p.m. "Martin Marten" earned Doyle the Oregon Book Award in 2017.

Doyle loved Oregon's small towns. He painted them so realistically that readers can just almost barely identify the actual models for his fictional villages. "Mink River," for example, is set in Tillamook County in the imaginary town of Neawanka. Perhaps Nestucca and Kiawanda?

"Martin Marten" is set on Wy'East (Mt. Hood) near the Zigzag River, but does not mirror the community of Zigzag. Doyle confessed only to borrowing the catchy name but not the existing community for this novel.

Doyle, who passed in 2017, is beloved by readers inspired by his nature writings. Reading "Martin Marten" explains why this playful pine marten captures readers' attention. Moses the crow is equally enticing in "Mink River."

This longtime editor of the University of Portland alumni magazine garnered a national reputation as a gifted magazine editor. In 2005, Newsweek editors selected Portland magazine for the Sibley Award as the best university magazine in the

Anyone interested in conversations about important bestselling contemporary or classic fiction and nonfiction are invited to attend Zoom meetings of Cannon Beach Reads, which are free and open to the public. Meetings are scheduled for third Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m.

The schedule for Cannon

At the library

All about reading

Joseph Bernt

Beach Reads Zoom discussions for the remainder of 2021 also includes:

Wanda Meyer-Price leading a March 17 discussion of "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks.

On April 21 Les Sinclair will lead the discussion of

"Night" by Elie Wiesel, and Joseph Bernt will lead the discussion of "The Age of Edison: Electric Light and the Invention of Modern America" by Ernest Freeberg on May 19.

Arthur Broten will lead a June 16 discussion of "Brave New World" and "Brave New World Revisited," and John Markham will guide discussion of Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" on July

On August 18 Kathy Bell will lead the reading group's discussion of "Pilgrim on the Great Bird Continent: The Importance of Everyday and Other Lessons from Darwin's Lost Notebook" by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.

On September 15 Mary Lloyd is discussion leader for "A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future" by Richard Attenborough.

Wanda Meyer-Price is discussion leader on October 20 for "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig, and Lila Wickham will lead the discussion of "How to Educate a Citi-



ber 15 Phyllis Bernt will lead the reading group in a discussion of "Honey in the Horn" by H. L. Davis.

Copies of these books may be borrowed from the library or pur-

chased at the Cannon Beach Book Company.

Duncan Berry and Kipp Baratoff, co-founders of Fishpeople Seafood, will discuss sustainable fishing practices that create jobs and support rural communities, Saturday, February 13, at 7

Their discussion is sponsored by the Friends of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series and is accessible on Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack Rock.

Before this column concludes, I should make good on an earlier promise to review "Our Time Is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America." Here Stacy Abrams blends memoir, family history and analysis of voter suppression, mostly in Georgia, with passing references to similar efforts elsewhere.

Abrams' description of vote suppression, and efforts to combat it, offers readers some hope for a coalition of black and brown, women, young, immigrant and progressive white voters now emerging as the nation shifts demographically, particularly in the American South and Southwest.

To empower this coalition, however, requires year-round contact with eligible voters who are easily dissuaded by intentionally complex voter registration processes and an impression that little changes no matter how often they vote.

These complexities include required identification, fewer voting sites, mergers and closures of precincts, increased time in lines, limits on number of voting days. misplaced absentee ballots, purging of registration lists, disqualification of ballots based on missing information or suspicious signatures and so forth.

These modern constraints on ballot access exploded after a 2013 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Shelby v. Holder found that states no longer required that the Justice Department review election law changes, as the 1965 Voting Rights Act mandated, because discrimination no longer occurred, making such reviews unnecessary.

Stacey Abrams knows better and has benefited from the support of an exceptionally strong family for whom access to the ballot and quality education were worth pursuing. Her parents, both United

Methodist ministers, earned divinity degrees from Emory University. Dr. Andrea Abrams, her older sister, is an author and professor at Centre College. Dr. Jeanine Abrams works as an evolutionary biologist at the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, and Leslie Abrams, a third sister, was appointed an assistant U.S. Attorney by President Barack Obama and now serves as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of

Georgia. One brother, Richard Abrams is a social worker, and Walter Abrams, her other brother, has struggled with addiction and bipolar disorders.

Abrams graduated magna cum laude from Spelman College in 1995, earned her Masters degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in 1998 and a Law degree from Yale in 1999. A specialist in tax law, she joined the Atlanta firm of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan following her graduation from Yale.

She was elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 2007 and resigned in 2017 to run in a competitive but losing campaign for Governor of Georgia. Thereafter she founded Fair Fight 2020 to minimize vote suppression in Democratic races.

Her work on 2020 elections in Georgia resulted in Joe Biden winning the presidential election there as well as two U.S. Senate seats flipping to the Democrats.

In addition to "Our Time Is Now," Abrams has recently published "Minority Leader: How to Lead from the Outside and Make Real Change' and "While Justice Sleeps," a legal thriller scheduled for May publication, and eight romance novels under the name Selena Montgomery.

2020 in Kindsight: OCVA recognizes 20 of the kindest coasties

Glass art made from wildfire ash, free books sent to your quarantined door, a peaceful gathering held to honor Black History Month and the list goes on. In what has repeatedly been called difficult, divisive and pivotal, the past year also highlighted the resilience of the Oregon Coast and its communities. The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) set out to prove that by recognizing 20 of the kindest people along all 363

miles of the coast.

Perhaps your kir binoculars have been sitting idle in your new 'working from home' office. Allow us to help you dust those off. Audrey Long and Kirista Trask opened an art gallery to focus on underrepresented artists in rural Oregon, Harv Schubothe helped raise over \$300K for furloughed caddies at Bandon Dunes, and Carrie Oldright used her crafting expertise to coordinate hundreds of handmade masks donated to the Lower Umpqua Hospital. What else can you find through your

"Taking time to shift our eyes from the uncertain horizon to the abundance of creativity and innovation that already exists in our region has been an inspiring reminder of how strong and diverse our tourism industry is," said Deputy Director

Arica Sears. The OCVA team had the opportunity to call each individual, thank them for their contributions this past year and gift them their own 'Be Kind' t-shirt.

This recognition was part of OCVA's larger 'Be Kind to the Coast' campaign which includes coordination with land management agencies, ongoing stewardship messaging on social media channels and a new clothing line to accompany these messages. All messaging (and proceeds from the

Be Kind products) educate visitors on how to behave appropriately and safely while on the Oregon Coast. Check out the final "2020 in Kindsight" list for inspiration from the past year and do not forget to use those kindsight binoculars every now and then.

The 2020 in Kindsight list includes: Jenee Pearce-Mushen

(Clean it) Nothing says 'dedicated' quite like picking up trash on your favorite beaches. Pearce-Mushen has served as a Zone Captain for SOLVE's beach cleanups for many years. In 2020, she hosted six beach cleanups of Cannon Beach using SOLVE's COVID-19 Event Guidelines. She led a July 5 Cleanup, a cleanup for the Summer Beach Cleanup Series as well as cleanups that were part of the Beach & Riverside Cleanup in

beaches is incomparable. Victor + Jennifer Troxel

"can do" attitude is inspiring

September. Her positive

and her passion for clean

(Offer it) The Troxels own Troxel's Gem and Jewelry Shop in the heart of Rockaway Beach. They are actively involved in community efforts including organizing the Rockaway Beach Merchants Association and creating a free mini-golf course that families love, with a theme of the "yellow brick road." This year, they have also helped improve beach access by providing beach wheelchairs for those with mobility issues. They have one of three wheelchairs funded by Visit Tillamook Coast and maintain the chair as well as manage its use for

David McCall (Recycle

David McCall has worked tirelessly during 2020 to ensure that recycling and solid waste management

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continued to be available to all Tillamook County residents. He personally worked the transfer stations in both North and South County to ensure all residents had the ability to recycle. During the fires in Bay City when garbage services could have been interrupted, he worked with the haulers to ensure and help craft an emergency plan where there residents would be without service.

Ingrid Henrickson

(Build it) As a top notch volunteer for Trailkeepers of Oregon, Henrickson was a big part of the outstanding trail infrastructure that provides incredible outdoor experiences on the Oregon Coast. Since January of 2020 Henrickson



trail stewardship events on the North Coast. Working on projects ranging from trail repair and maintenance, to

new trail construction, she always exhibits a positive attitude and a hungry spirit to learn and grow.

See the full Kindsight list at https://visittheoregoncoast.com/industry-news-/2020-in-kindsight/



Single vehicle accident takes life

On Monday, Feb. 1, at 12:37 p.m.., Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a single vehicle crash on Hwy 26 near milepost 17.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a Kia, operated by Kenneth Rislow (77) of Astoria, was eastbound when it traveled off the road.

Several citizens performed CPR on Rislow, but he was eventually pronounced deceased.

It is believed Rislow had a medical emergency before the Kia traveled off the road.

OSP was assisted by the Elsie Fire Department and ODOT.

Cannon Beach Arts Association presents Palette, Kiln exhibit

The Cannon Beach Arts Association is pleased to present their Palette and Kiln exhibit. This exhibit features 2D work and ceramics by local and regional artists.

2D work is by Dorothy

Mohler, Christine Harrison, Christa Grimm and Lisa Sophia. Ceramics are by Steven Gibson, Barbara Temple Ayres, Mary Roberts, Levering Thomas, Tara Spires, Barry Calvarese, Donna Miller, Janice Gaines Ehlen, Biegun, Michelle Valigura and Kathleen Kanas. This exhibition was curated by Lloyd Lindley and Sharon Gibson. The exhibit will be

on view Feb. 3-28.

Call for Artists!

The Aqueous Materials Exhibit is open to local and regional artists. To participate, please submit up to three pieces using mediums with water as a solvent to be considered; meaning watercolors, gouache and acrylic paint. This exhibition is juried, and unselected work will be returned to the artist by March

For your work to be con-

sidered, it must be wired to

hang, fully dry, and submitted by the deadline. Submission Deadline: March 28. Check out Cannon Beach Arts Associations' website for more information.

Letters to the Editor

A note of gratitude from the Driftwood Restaurant and Lounge

As we round out our 76th year in Cannon Beach, we recognize the last several

months have been extraordinary. In this extraordinary time, we have extraordinary gratitude. For the City of Cannon Beach for their tireless efforts in allowing businesses like ours to remain open, for their prompt decisions and flexibility to use the space we have, and for their assistance in navigating new and challenging protocols. For our community, our loyal locals, loyal visitors, and the Chamber of Commerce - our deepest thanks for your support, patience, and steady stream of take-out orders. We are truly

grateful to be a part of this community - our success is your success, and we look forward to the next 76 years knowing whatever happens, we'll handle it together.

> Jordan Maier Cannon Beach

Network Pursues Creative Solutions for Tourism Impacts on North Coast

Thirty-seven individuals representing communities from Astoria to Neskowin gathered virtually on Thursday, January 28 to continue the work of the North Coast Tourism Management Net-

Following the last convening in November, the network identified six key tourism impacts amplified by visitation trends in 2020: trail congestion, human & pet waste, trash management, public health and safety, parking, and business resiliency. This latest installment of the quarterly meeting series focused on sharing work that action teams and partner organizations have already accomplished in these areas. and collaboration on creative solutions to these challenges.

The meeting brought together network members, partner organizations, and coastal community members interested in sustainable destination management. In addition to the network's on-

going goals -- to improve and diversify visitor transportation options, enhance outdoor recreation experiences, encourage stewardship practices, and champion the value of tourism -- key focus areas that emerged from presentations, breakout sessions, and large group discussions included stewardship messaging and trash management. Participants represented

30 partner organizations and businesses, including Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, Built Oregon Marketplace, Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, City of Manzanita, City of Seaside Visitors Bureau, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Escape Lodging Company, Garibaldi Museum, George Vetter Photography, Heartfelt Hospitality, Lewis & Clark National Historic Park, Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Manzanita Visitors Center, North Coast Land Conservancy, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Oregon

Parks & Recreation Department, Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association, RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments), Regional Solutions, SOLVE Oregon, Sunset Empire Transportation District, Tillamook County Emergency Management, Tillamook County Parks Department, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, Tillamook People's Utility District, Travel Oregon, Visit Garibaldi, and Visit Tillamook Coast.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, April 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will focus on solutions to trash and recycling issues in tourism on the North Coast. Details and registration information will be shared with network partners and on the network's Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/NCTMN. Those interested in conversations around waste management leading up to the next quarterly meeting can contact

network manager Karen Olson at northcoastmanager@ thepeoplescoast.com.

North Coast Tourism Man-

agement Network The North Coast Tourism Management Network seeks to enhance healthy, collaborative, sustainable relationships between coastal visitors, residents, businesses, and the environment. We champion the value of tourism for our local economies while striving to minimize negative impacts of visitation and help guests become excellent stewards of the coast we call home.

The network was formed in 2019 following the North Coast Destination Management Studio program developed and offered by Travel Oregon. NCTMN is a formalized network funded by grants and contributions from partner organizations and housed within a nonprofit 501(c)(6) sponsor, the Oregon Coast Visitors Association.

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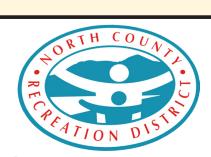
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City takes more suggestions on old elementary school property

Kathleen Stinson For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council met in work session on January 20th and the 23rd to hear more ideas from residents about how to use the old elementary school.

A number of the ideas focused on using the site as a way to honor the Native Americans who lived there for generations. Sports, especially pickleball, as a way to use the gym was a popular suggestion.

First to speak on the 20th was Susan Glarum, an Ecola Creek Awareness Project board member.

Glarum said she wanted the Nehalem People to be respected in the decision and would like to see a cultural display related to the Native

Americans and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

"We hope they will play a prominent role," she said.

She said she would like to see an "outdoor gathering area with rustic seating" to be used for educational purposes.

Randy Neal said he would like to see pickleball courts in the gym, an idea which has generated a lot of interest.

Andrew Tonry said he would like to see a space for winter concerts that are too large for Tolovana Hall. There are a number of places in Cannon Beach where people can meet and it would be good not to duplicate the various uses.

Non-profit events should take precedence over those that are for-profit, Tonry said.

Mike Manzulli said the school site where the "Pacific blends with the mountain spring waters" and the incoming tides mix with the fresh water and the swirling winds are "full of positive ions."

Manzulli said he would like the Nehalem people to "have a formal say in what happens on this land."

This is an ancient place for the community," he said. "Visitors should always be welcome, but tourism should not be the focus." Jeanie McLaughlin said

she would like to see something done for the indigenous people such as the construction of a long house, rather than a concrete structure. At the meeting on Janu-

ary 23rd, Jennifer Whyman spoke first about a children's museum in St. Louis, which is a "vision" for her proposal for Cannon Beach.

Whyman said she would like to see the school, in part, used for a children's coast museum, which would draw visitors from the Northwest.

She gave a power point presentation of the many children's museum ideas across the country, which included such interactive exhibits as a "trike town," bubble rooms, rock climbing walls, a giant bird's nest and outdoor sculptures, to name a few examples.

Erica Guenther, who joined with Whyman in the presentation, said she would like to see an inclusive local coastal children's museum.

Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jim Paino said in the 1980s, the community came together when they built the chamber community hall.

"It was billed as the Cannon Beach living room," Paino said. "It was a great example of how our community worked together."

He said he would like to see the school not become a duplicate of some other venue already in place in the town.

He said a tourism related facility that is funded by the Transient Room Tax should be by definition one whose "substantial purpose" was to promote tourism activity.

He said the small business meeting niche has been affected by the pandemic and some say the popularity of Zoom meetings may continue for another four-to-five years.

He said he would like to see something at the school that is "unique" to Cannon Beach. The children's

museum is one of those ideas that could provide something for the children who visit, especially on rainy days.

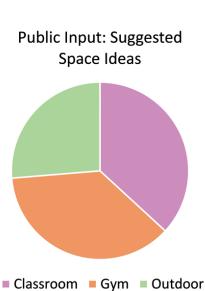
On a personal note, he said he would like to see basketball, pickleball and tennis indoor facilities in the school

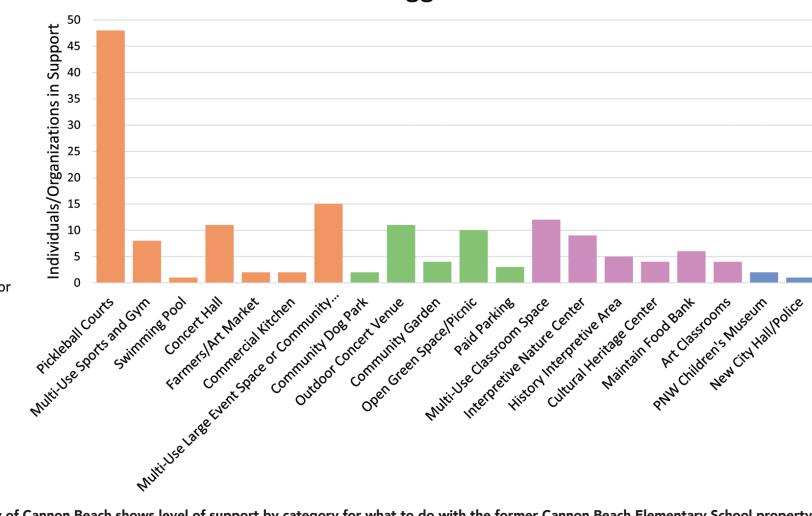
gym. Deb Atiyeh said she would like to see the school become a place where the story of nature and the tribes can be

Atiyeh said she would "love to see a choral workshop return."

On the 9th of January, Dick Basch and Doug Deur will make a presentation on what the Native Americans would like to see done at the school site. Also at this work session, council will discuss how to proceed with the process from this point.

All Suggestions





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