



### Environmental Legacies

More so than January, I think of September as a new beginning. It might be because life gets a little less hectic here and we have more opportunities to get out and enjoy the things that make Cannon Beach unique. Or it could be that as an unemployed school teacher I have flashbacks and think it is time to be getting a fresh group of inquisitive kids to play with for the new school year. All things considered September is one of my favorite months to meander the beaches and trails of the north coast.

It is also time when I think of all the great people in my life who have exposed me to the wonders of the earth. I find it amusing that we often eliminate living creatures from environmental equations. Unless animals are endangered or humans have done some extraordinary feat, we do not hear about their interactions within the ecosystems often. We generally do not hear testimonies to the generations of everyday folks who guided us to our present place in the history of the world. Those everyday heroes who lead each of us to the discoveries of nature. It would seem to me that these people are the ones who kindled our passions and connections to places. Those who initiate the sacredness of place are passing down a legacy to us that cannot be written about in history books. For me this is the truest form of education. An interconnection between time, place and people which form stewardships that transcend one lifetime. The people who guide us on these adventures can be relatives, teachers, neighbors or strangers we happen upon. They somehow reach into our souls and light the flame of adventure and temper it with respect, imagination and awe.

Having spent my first ten years in New England and the Midwest, I arrived in Cannon Beach a few days after my tenth birthday and with my first swim in the Pacific Ocean my passion for the north coast began. I can recall three relatives, all at least 50 years older than me, who helped shape my attitudes regarding the beach.

My Uncle Bal took me for a "dip in the water". I never knew how old Uncle Bal was but I did know that he was my Great-great Uncle and he was older than anyone I had ever met except his wife, my Aunt Helen. I had been a waterbaby since I was born and had been in the Atlantic before, but this swim was my first in the Pacific. The time spent with Uncle Bal left me with more than a kodak moment. I often watch the waves and remember the care he took in playing with me and teaching me to respect the surf.

More than anyone my Uncle Harvey has had the most profound influence on my relationship to the environment. He taught me to make whistles, find clams and how to spot birds. We spent endless hours combing the beach for treasures and drawing pictures. He would regale all of us with wonderful stories and adventures. He fostered a love of the beach in me that has continued to grow.

As anyone who knows me can testify, I have had an on-going love affair with flowers forever. I attribute this to my Aunt Dorothy who took me on many enchanted journeys into the flower kingdom. She taught me how to plant, nurture and love all growing things. She also took me berry picking and taught me how to bake a cherry pie!

I can only hope that I have the opportunity once in my life to pass down the care and appreciation I feel. I also hope there will be something left for future generations to appreciate.

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#### DEPARTURES

SEASIDE: Bus departs 11:30 a.m. from North side of Chamber of Commerce (Hwy 101 & Broadway) Departure from Portland at 6 p.m., arriving in Seaside about 8:30 p.m.

CANNON BEACH: Bus departs 12 noon from lot adjacent to City Hall (163 E. Gower) Departure from Portland 6 p.m., arriving in Cannon Beach about 8 p.m.

In order to participate, please send a check for \$40 per person payable to Cannon Beach Arts Association P.O. Box 684, Cannon Beach, OR 97110. (Add \$10 for non-members of CBAA or join for \$20 yearly donation). Deadline - August 31st. Space limited to 30. Questions? Call CB Gallery 436-0744.

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# Municipal Memo

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION JULY 25

The City Council held a worksession to address the following issues:

### Storm Drainage

Brad Moore of KCM, the city's engineers, presented estimates for completing additional storm drainage studies for the city north of Ecola Creek. Moore asked Councilors to determine whether the city's storm drainage system should be designed to meet the 5, 100 or 500 year flood event, understanding that the cost for designing to meet the requirements of the 100 year flood event would be about 50% more than for the 5 year flood event. Moore noted that even if the city's storm drainage system is designed to meet the 100 year flood standard, there would be some flooding because during such an event, the level of the ocean and creek would also rise, preventing the outflow of storm water from the city's system. It was the consensus of the Council to design to the 5 year flood standard with the understanding that not all flooding will be prevented.

Dave Kinash, Public Works Director, explained that the undeveloped areas of the city were not included in the Storm Drainage Master Plan prepared by KCM and it is difficult to design a drainage system when it is unknown how and to what extent those areas will be developed. It was the consensus of the Council to prepare a preliminary design for those areas of the city that were not previously included in the study so that when they are developed the property owners can be notified of their responsibility for the installation of the storm drainage.

Other storm drainage policy issues were also discussed. The Council directed KCM to address the engineering issues and prepare the best 2 or 3 alternative policies for Council consideration. Council will request that the Budget Committee appoint a sub-committee to address the financial issues of the storm drainage plan and make recommendations to the Council as to the best options for financing the drainage improvements.

A revised proposal for storm drainage design and study of drainage policy issues will be presented at the September 5 Council meeting.

### Recycling

The Energy Committee presented a report recommending relocating the City's burnpile/compost area to the southernmost two sewer sludge cells which have now been filled in and for which there is no anticipated need as part of the sewage treatment system. The proposal included moving the current access through the sewer ponds to a new road which would enter from Spruce Street at about Washington Street. A number of concerns were expressed by Councilors about this route. It was the consensus of the Council to retain the present location of the burnpile/compost area and the current access until the City is prohibited from using that access. (A)

The Energy Committee also recommended adding plastic bottles to recycling collection and adding a part-time position for up to 20 hours per week to assist with the processing of plastics. Questions were raised about exactly how many additional labor hours would be needed and how much additional storage space would be required. Staff agreed to present additional information at the September meeting of the City Council.

### Affordable Housing

Mike Morgan, of the Community Development Corporation, presented some ideas from the CDC about developing a project for assisted home

ownership for qualified low income buyers. He pointed out that there are employees of the City and of some businesses in town who would like to be able to own a home in Cannon Beach but are prohibited from doing so in the current housing market. Morgan said that there are resources available to assist with low interest loans and some forms of subsidies. A majority of the Council members said they would consider the City getting involved in some form of assistance.

### Sunset Blvd Sidewalks

Two options engineered by Handforth, Larsen and Barrett, one for the north side and the other for the south side, were presented for sidewalks on Sunset Blvd east of Spruce Street to Elk Creek Road. By consensus Council selected the south side option. The majority supported some modifications to the intersection at the bottom of the Sunset hill but favored retaining an area as a pull out for large vehicles and a turnaround for school buses. In order to accomplish that, it was suggested that the sidewalk be at grade through that intersection. There was also some discussion of landscaping treatment in the area of the intersection. (B)

The City's application for a grant to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program of the Oregon Department of Transportation to fund the sidewalk project has been approved, and a grant of \$90,000 has been awarded. The final design of the sidewalk will need to be approved by ODOT.

**SEPTEMBER 1995 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

5 CITY COUNCIL, 7 P.M.  
14 PUBLIC WORKS CMTE., 4:30 P.M.  
20 ENERGY CMTE., 8:30 A.M.  
21 PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, 9 A.M.  
21 DESIGN REVIEW, 6:30 P.M.  
28 PLANNING COMMISSION 7 P.M.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no Planning Commission meeting held in July. Commissioners held several worksessions to discuss issues such as proposed revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance. Commissioners also met with representatives of the Fire Department for demonstrations and discussions of the requirements of emergency vehicles regarding turning radius in cul de sacs.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 1, 1995

Held a public hearing on an appeal by Shorewood Associates of Planning Commission's denial of the tentative subdivision plat for the proposed Shorewood Subdivision, a 19 lot subdivision on a 3.53 acre parcel of land east of City Hall. The Council voted tentatively to uphold the Planning Commission decision, denying the subdivision. A special Council meeting was held on August 3 for the adoption of findings of fact. (C)

Held a public hearing related to a LUBA remand of Jack Kaady's 1993 appeal of a city determination that the Tolovana Inn is a motel and therefore not subject to the provisions of the ordinances regulating short term rental of dwelling units. The single matter remanded to the city was the lack of evidence in the record in support of the city's contention that the Tolovana Inn site was zoned R3 in 1970 when a conditional use permit was issued to the Tolovana Inn. The Council voted unanimously to find that the Tolovana Inn site was zoned R3 in 1970; final findings will be considered by Council at its September meeting. (D)

Held a public hearing on a City application for Zoning Ordinance text amendments to establish a process for including newly discovered stream corridors under the stream corridor protection provisions of the Municipal Code. The Council voted tentatively to approve the proposal and will consider an ordinance effecting the change at the September Council meeting.

Adopted an ordinance incorporating Sandra Larson's property off of Sunset Blvd into the city's urban growth boundary and rezoning the 3.4 acre parcel to Residential Lower Density. (E)

Appointed Larry Peters and Janet Rekte to the Planning Commission to fill vacancies created by the resignations of Jim Hannen and Ron Crowe; appointed Eleanor Green to the Design Review Board to fill the remainder of Scott Rekte's term and appointed Robert Carey to the Parks and Community Services Committee in place of Richard Pavlik who resigned.

Considered design options for the Sunset Blvd sidewalk project between Spruce Street and Elk Creek Road and determined to locate the sidewalk on the south side of Sunset Blvd. Councilors also supported retaining the area at the foot of Sunset Blvd that is not presently defined by curbs as an open vehicular refuge area with landscaping incorporated where possible. (B)

Voted to send a letter of endorsement to the State in support of a grant application by the Sunset Empire Transportation District.

### HAYSTACK ROCK AWARENESS PROGRAM ENDS THIS WEEKEND

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program, a City and community sponsored interpretative program on the beach at Haystack Rock, finishes its summer season on Monday, August 28. The program provides guides, marine life displays and viewing scopes for the birds and operates during periods of low tides. The schedule for this final weekend of the program is Saturday, August 26 from 7-10 a.m.; Sunday, August 27 from 7-10 a.m. and Monday, August 28 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

### SOLAR HEATING

The Energy committee sponsored a workshop on solar heating on July 24th. Representatives of the Oregon Department of Energy and Pacific Power were present to describe the tax credits and grants available to assist homeowners with the cost of installing solar powered equipment for water and space heating. Six households were represented at the meeting and three others have subsequently requested information about the program. Interested persons should contact John Williams at City Hall, 436-1581

**RECYCLE SCHEDULE**  
SEPTEMBER, 1995

**CURBSIDE**  
MON. Collection 11th & 25th  
TUES. Collection 12th & 26th  
WED. Collection 13th & 27th  
FRI. Collection 8th & 22nd

**RECYCLE SATURDAY**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2nd & 16th



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