

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 15

Cannon Beach Public Works, 9 a.m., City Hall 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

Thursday, March 17

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, City Hall, 6 p.m. 163 E. Gower St.

Friday, March 23

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, March 24

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, April 19

Cannon Beach Public Works, 9 a.m., City Hall 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

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Thursday, May 26

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Kiosks, markers to help people get to tsunami safety zone

Signs to lead way to assembly areas

By Lyra Fontaine
Cannon Beach Gazette

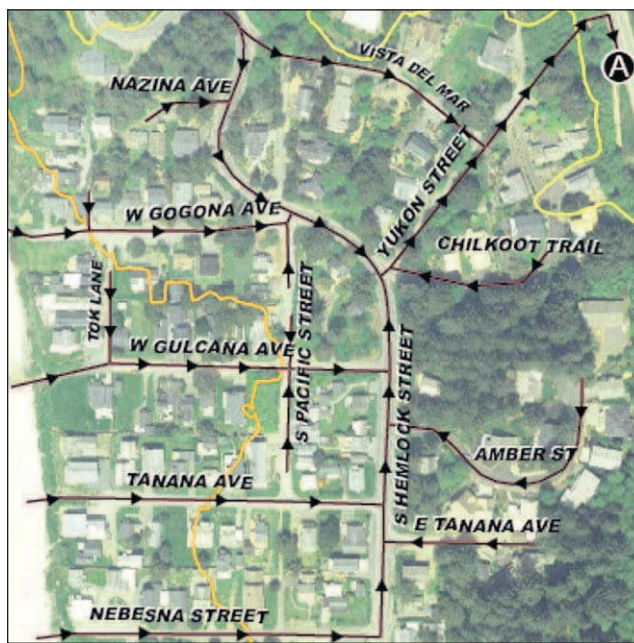
By fall, finding the way to a tsunami safe zone in Cannon Beach might get a little easier, with help from a state grant.

The city will put up kiosks, as well as markers on streets and the beach, to help guide people to safety in case of an emergency. "These three concepts are part of emergency outreach and education focused on helping visitors and residents get to safety," Public Works Director Dan Grassick said. "We're trying to make it intuitive."

The city's Emergency Preparedness Committee received a \$30,000 grant from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to help build and put up three informational kiosks, eight beach access identification posts, and a dozen pavement markers for the tsunami line that lets people know they reached the "safe zone."

"The paintings on the pavement is intended to be if you're not sure that where you're are, if you see the blue and white marking, that confirms you're heading in the right direction," Grassick said.

The emergency preparedness committee discussed the



SUBMITTED PHOTO/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Kiosks will be located in downtown Cannon Beach on Second Street and Spruce Street, near the Midtown bus shelter, and on the Tolovana Wayside. Pictured, evacuation routes in north Tolovana.

new resources that will orient and direct people on where to go when an emergency occurs at its Feb. 11 work session.

Kiosks will be located in downtown Cannon Beach on Second Street and Spruce Street, near the Midtown bus shelter, and on the Tolovana Wayside.

One panel will include emergency preparation information and a site-specific tsunami evacuation route map to highlight the kiosk's location. The second panel will display the Cannon Beach Visitors

pearance. They hope to "create something more dynamic than just four-by-four posts," Grassick said.

The 7-foot-tall kiosks will likely have a lockable glass display case, so information can be updated.

The kiosks should be completed by October, since the deadline for the grant is November, Grassick said, noting that it's difficult to get things done during the summer. "We will get them up as soon as we can."

The grant also goes toward putting up eight posts, with iridescent paint that will glow after sunset, that mark the egress of the beach with iridescent paint that will glow after sunset, and marking the "tsunami safe zone" line on pavement to let people know that they are safe. Grassick said that a template will be made with a tsunami wave and the "tsunami safe zone" marked on it.

The committee briefly discussed the possibility of having safe houses, but Kucera said that the city cannot be liable for that. The committee also discussed ways to spend the \$10,000 in the budget that is not anticipated to be spent, offering suggestions such as fire pits.

The kiosks and markers are part of a larger plan to be ready for emergencies. The emergency preparedness committee meets again on Feb. 26 and the city co-hosts the Focus on Preparedness forum on March 3.

Letters: Two sides to development issue

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Since this will be the first PUD in Cannon Beach, we should all agree that this PUD be done right. If the applicant's proposal does not comply with the Cannon Beach zoning code for PUDs, then it should be rejected.

Many changes have been made in what was, at first, to be the restoration of an historic house and the building of a small additional house. The applicant apparently lost sight of his goals and has redoubled his efforts, causing much confusion. When the applicant threatened the city with a lawsuit, staff, working from a position of weakness, suggested a PUD. We aren't, as the applicant's attorney said, trying to take another bite out of the apple; nor are we just acting like spoilsports because some changes are going to be made to that sloped area.

All that the citizens in opposition want is for the city to require the applicant to adhere to the city codes. Setting a precedent by allowing him to violate them will make it easier for every developer coming to town to threaten a lawsuit in order to avoid conforming with the city zoning code. Historically, Cannon Beach has not caved in to threats like this. Please don't start now.

Fred and Elizabeth Lorish Eugene

Adhere to city codes

I am not writing to badger you about Jeff Nicholson's Planned Unit Development. My concern is that whatever you decide to do about the applicant's PUD that it be done in accordance with the city

code about PUDs and from the definite recommendations you have received from the Cannon Beach Planning Commission.

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Rex Amos Cannon Beach

City Council gathers at team-building retreat

By Lyra Fontaine
Cannon Beach Gazette

The mayor, City Council and city manager gathered in a team-building session at Haystack Gardens Saturday, Feb. 6, for a team-building session led by facilitator Jan Carothers from Portland.

The employees demonstrated camaraderie, a willingness to work together, and

a desire to better understand and communicate with one another.

Concerns were raised about the ability of new members to get acquainted with working on a council. As two council members Wendy Higgins and Melissa Cadwallader soon finish their terms on City Council, the possibility of creating resources to guide new councilors was considered.

Many also echoed that it was important to support city staff, which they praised as "qualified."

Activities included a writing exercise through which council members identified what they wanted for themselves and the Council, such as active listening, mutual respect, stronger relationships, more knowledge of each other, and clear discussions.

Councilors also chose pictures that represented their feelings about themselves and the city, a visual activity that showed how the same images can be interpreted differently by each person.

The council agreed on the need for teamwork in making decisions.

"Our power is only together," Cadwallader said.

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