

Arch Cape Design Review Committee

# County steadfast in shutdown goal

## Some hope design review panel will get second chance

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Clatsop County still wants to dissolve the Arch Cape Design Review Committee.

The Board of Commissioners discontinued the citizen advisory committee in February, calling the group an unnecessary, time-consuming land use authority with an expensive application process and potential legal liability.

Former interim County Manager Rich Mays accused the committee of harassing a county employee about her disability and refusing to hold meetings in a federal Americans with Disabilities Act-approved facility.

However, Arch Cape resident Jim Jensvold challenged the county's decision with the state Land Use Board of Appeals, which has sent the issue back to the county for review.

The county plans to discontinue the committee again, but this time through a land use process that would include public hearings before the committee, the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners.

"We agreed we will go through the land use process instead of the appeal," Community Development Director Heather Hansen said.

Supporters of the Arch Cape Design Review Committee see the opportunity for public comment at the upcoming hearings as a second chance. The committee is the last active citizens advisory committee in the county and is 39 years old.

For now, the committee is alive and will discuss its future at a meeting July 12. The committee's recommendation will be heard by the Planning Commission later in July. The land use process to dissolve the committee is expected to reach the Board of Commissioners in August.

"Now there is more time for them to try to convince the board to keep them around," Hansen said.

The committee screens all major construction design applications for the unincorporated community of Arch Cape submitted to the county planning office.

County commissioners have heard complaints about the committee from people who wanted to build or sell homes in Arch Cape.

Former committee members and others in the community have argued, however, that the committee is valuable for maintaining the community's livability.

# Tourism fund winners in Cannon Beach

By Lyra Fontaine  
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Cannon Beach Tourism and Arts Fund will disburse about \$266,000 this year to area nonprofits.

The commission suggested \$5,000 to North Coast Land Conservancy, fulfilling their request for a new event, CoastWalk Oregon, a three-day, 30-mile hiking event on the Oregon Coast Trail starting at Columbia River and heading over Tillamook Head to Cannon Beach.

The Chamber of Commerce requested \$110,000; the commission recommended \$35,000.

"I think the general feeling was, with the city increasing its annual contribution through the additional 1 percent that was passed this year, that a lot of the items were a part of doing business as the destination marketing organization for the city," City Manager Brant Kucera said. "There was a feeling that the city had already set aside money to do those activities."

The Chamber of Commerce requested \$50,000 for an inaugural culinary, beverage and music festival and night market; \$25,000 for marketing on the North Coast; \$20,000 to expand the website and social media; and \$15,000 for marketing videos.

The commission recommended \$35,000 in total fund awards: \$6,700 for the festival and night market, \$11,000 for North Coast marketing, \$8,700 for social integration and \$8,700 for videos.



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The Cottage and Garden tour is among the recipients of funds from tourism and arts grants.

"Several people felt that some of the events would fall under the normal course of business for the chamber and not require Tourism and Arts Commission funding," Commission Chair Tom Drumheller.

"I am pleased to hear how the commission responded to the chamber coming in and asking for \$110,000 when they've been granted a significant increase in their budget this year," Councilor Melissa Cadwallader said.

Cannon Beach Arts Association requested \$24,000 to create three juried shows and a new series of art weekends; the commission recommended about \$20,000 in awards. The goal is to expand the organization's artist community to include visiting artists, non-resident members and "engaged cultural tourists," the proposal stated. The events are planned for November 2016 to June 2017.

The commission recommended about \$45,000 for the

Cannon Beach Gallery Group festivals Spring Unveiling Arts Festival and Plein Air & More Festival.

The gallery group requested \$53,000. "We have established both festivals as viable events with great potential for continued expansion," the proposal read.

The commission recommended about \$21,000 of the \$27,000 request to the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum for the 14th annual Cottage & Garden Tour. The event, scheduled for September 2017, has grown significantly and includes a luncheon, lecture, concerts and more, according to the proposal.

The commission recommended about \$40,000 to Clatsop Animal Assistance, which requested \$46,000, for the eighth annual Savor Cannon Beach, a four-day wine, culinary and arts festival. The March event "introduces Cannon Beach to a new, younger and affluent demographic,"

the proposal stated. In past years, Savor helped raise money for the Cannon Beach Children's Center, which closed in April.

The commission suggested \$33,000 to the Coaster Theatre for its special events, upcoming theatrical productions and 45th anniversary celebration. The theater, which will have upgraded interiors, requested about \$55,000.

The commission recommended about \$43,000 to Friends of Haystack Rock for the Cannon Beach Yoga Festival, a four-day event with yoga, dance, art, music and wellness planned for February. The request was \$60,000. It is difficult to book in-demand teachers in advance when funding is received annually, festival director Christen Allsop said during the May interview.

The commission recommended about \$23,000 of the \$25,000 request for Tolovana Arts Colony's Get Lit at the Beach, a three-day spring event featuring best-selling authors from a range of literary genres. About \$300 was recommended to Tolovana Arts Colony for an inaugural Cannon Beach Comedy Festival. The request for the event, which was proposed to include stand-up comedians, improvisational comedy or sketch comedy throughout the city, was \$6,500.

Drumheller said the comedy festival could be tried locally before being opened for tourists. "We liked that it was a new idea, but it seemed like the first time would be mainly for locals," he said.

# City will file measure after July council meeting, vote to be held Nov. 8

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The committee members have differing views on cannabis outside of Cannon Beach, but they agree that a marijuana shop does not belong in town, said chairman Jeremy Randolph, a former county prosecutor.

"No matter where we are on the spectrum, we are all opposed to (a marijuana shop) in Cannon Beach," Randolph said.

People were "more than willing" to sign the petition, Randolph said. It took about two weeks to gather signatures.

The council can either reject the initiative or ignore it on July 5, assistant city manager and city recorder Colleen Riggs said. The petition is presented mainly to inform council members that the committee has enough signatures.

After the July council meeting, the city will file the measure with the county elections officer and a vote will be held Nov. 8.

## Time, place, and manner restrictions

Pending the vote's outcome, staff and city councilors are working to get time,

place and manner restrictions on medical and recreational marijuana businesses in place.

"Depending on how the vote goes, we could either implement this or erase it from your ordinance," City Planner Mark Barnes said to the City Council at a June work session. Cannon Beach municipal code prohibits licenses for businesses that are unlawful, illegal or prohibited by state or federal law. Since marijuana is not legal in federal law, the city cannot issue business licenses to marijuana shops. The draft ordinance has separate sections for medical and recreational marijuana, as state law currently does, although the two sections are nearly identical.

The draft requires a criminal background check by police for all applicants and others with a financial interest in the marijuana facility, and that the building comply with applicable laws and regulations for buildings and zoning.

The draft also requires the business to confine objectionable odors with an air filtration and ventilation system, and prohibits the use of marijuana and tobacco products on the marijuana facility site.

A medical marijuana facility cannot operate within a

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former prosecutor

residence or mixed-use property, residential areas of various densities, estuary, open space and RV park.

By state law, the facility cannot be within 1,000 feet of a public or private school.

## Downtown concerns

Although the draft restricted marijuana facilities in downtown and midtown

limited commercial zones, leaving only the Tolovana Park limited commercial zone available, councilors had differing ideas about what locations to restrict.

Marijuana shops should be restricted from downtown to maintain the character and to not worsen traffic problems, Councilor Mike Benefield said.

"The nature of that (marijuana) business is not people stopping and shopping," Benefield said. "We already have a parking issue in downtown."

Councilor Melissa Cadwallader agreed that marijuana shops should be excluded from downtown, "the heart of the commercial area."

Mayor Sam Steidel said he would restrict marijuana businesses from being downtown, and could see midtown and potentially Tolovana as possible locations.

Councilor George Vetter cautioned placing an additional "level of bureaucracy" on marijuana businesses.

"I'm not comfortable with us picking out a section of free enterprise and placing a bunch of rules and restrictions on that," he said, adding that marijuana

activity will not be publicly seen.

Councilor Wendy Higgins said she might prefer marijuana retail downtown, rather than in a residential area.

"If it's going to be commercial, I would probably prefer it to be in the downtown area," she said.

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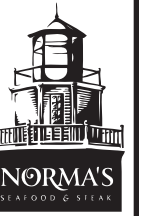
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