

Former Gazette editor is making a run for city council

McCarthy is the first certified candidate

By Lyra Fontaine
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Nancy McCarthy hopes to have a say in decisions at Cannon Beach City Council meetings after nine years of covering them as an editor and reporter.

So far, McCarthy is the only certified candidate running in November for one of two council positions. She gathered 126 certified signatures and filed papers in June.

Residents Herb Florer and Brandon Ogilvie are currently collecting signatures. Other residents expressed interest but have not started collecting signatures, city recorder and city elections official, Colleen Riggs said. August 30 is the last day for city candidates to file declaration of candidacy or nominating petition in the general election.

The council will have two open seats this fall, when Wendy Higgins and Melissa Cadwallader term out. New councilors will replace them in January.

From living in Cannon Beach and covering local news, McCarthy said she has a "deep background of knowledge" about the city.

"I know the issues in town and I thought I would try to contribute my expertise," McCarthy said. "I've probably attended more meetings than almost anyone around, not to mention having written in great detail over most issues."

"I know a lot of people here and I know a lot of their concerns," she added.

A long career before coming 'home'

After retiring from full-time newspaper work in 2015, McCarthy now has the time and



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ability to participate in local government without a conflict of interest.

McCarthy has 50 years of journalism experience, including covering state, county and local politics; editing Portland area weekly newspapers; and bureau chief in East Multnomah County, and being deputy bureau chief in Vancouver for *The Oregonian*. She also wrote about education, health, immigration, homelessness, business, real estate and more.

Between writing for publications, McCarthy was an aid to the Oregon Legislature in 1979. In the 1990s, she had various leadership roles, including district 7 governor, within communication and leadership development organization Toastmasters International. She oversaw 2,500 members in Oregon, Washington and California.

In 2007, McCarthy began living in Cannon Beach full-time and became the Cannon Beach Gazette editor. In 2008,

she became the South County reporter for the Daily Astorian, and in 2013 was named editor of the Gazette and Seaside Signal.

McCarthy served on the Friends of Haystack Rock committee and the farmers market committee for several years. Currently, she is on the Coaster Theatre board and volunteers at the farmers market information booth. She has attended numerous committee meetings.

Finding a balance

If elected, McCarthy hopes to address affordable housing and the needs of both tourists and residents.

"I'd like to see Cannon Beach retain its village atmosphere as much as possible and still have a healthy business sector," she said. "To do that, I think we have to work together a lot more closely."

A balance between being a destination resort and a community village is needed, McCarthy said, with town forums

one potential way to address community concerns.

"There needs to be a lot more discussion between year-round residents that deal with the tourism industry and businesses," she said. "I'm not sure that the great influx of tourists helps businesses as much as people think."

McCarthy is interested in examining how tourism and arts money is spent.

"I think we need to take a look at how we're distributing the money, in terms of the organizations receiving it and some things the city can do with that money under state law," she said.

To help maintain Cannon Beach's "village atmosphere," she would like to see certain design review ordinances enforced more strictly.

Since both Oregon and the county voted to legalize marijuana, McCarthy said she does not see why Cannon Beach should prohibit marijuana retail, though she would want the stores to meet local design review regulations and state requirements. Depending on the ballot initiative outcome, McCarthy said she would prefer marijuana retail stores to be in midtown or Tolovana and not downtown.

McCarthy said she looks at both sides of an issue before making a decision.

"I don't lean in one direction or the other," McCarthy said. "I would bring a lot of reason to the council."

McCarthy has owned a home in Cannon Beach since 2001. However, she "fell in love" with the town's small-town atmosphere and proximity to the ocean and forests in the mid-1980s. While living in Portland, she would come to Cannon Beach for the Haystack Arts Program.

"I feel like Cannon Beach is my home and probably will be my home for the rest of my life," McCarthy said. "I'd like to watch out for the people who live here."

Academy opening

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in opposition of the academy, concerned about funding for other district schools.

The district approved the academy, with conditions, in October. Under the conditions, the school would serve at least 44 kindergarten and first-grade students its first year. More grades could be added over time.

In March, the district revoked conditional approval, stating that the academy fell short on funding, enrollment and a state-approved English Language Learning program. The district refused an extension of the March deadline or to modify or eliminate the conditions.

The academy responded that the district "erected artificial barriers" to the charter school.

One condition required the school have all funds needed for the 2016-17 school year in the bank and a 10-percent contingency, amounting to a little more than \$450,000.

Updates and public meeting times are on the academy's website: thecannonbeachacademy.com

The district stated that the academy had \$145,798.

The district did not account for the funding it would provide, Hull said Monday, and it is "not precedent" to have Oregon charter schools come up with the entire first year's budget.

The academy plans to update its English Language Learning program to meet new state requirements.

Cannon Beach Academy was formed in 2013, once community members learned the district would close Cannon Beach Elementary that year for financial reasons.

"When we signed on, we didn't think we would still be sitting here," board member Barb Knop said.

Coaster Theatre to hold auditions for holiday show

The Coaster Theatre Playhouse will hold auditions for its 2016 holiday production of "It's A Wonderful Life" on August 8, 9, 15 and 16, at 6:00 p.m. each night.

In our American culture "It's a Wonderful Life" has become almost as familiar as "A Christmas Carol." George Bailey, from the small town of Bedford Falls, dreams of escape and adventure only to have them quashed by family obligation and civic duty.

His guardian angel descends on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him – by showing him – what the world would have been like had he never been born and that his life has been, after all, a wonderful life.

This faithful adaptation celebrates the faith of the season, as well as the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

Actors interested in auditioning will read from pre-selected sides from the show and should plan to arrive prepared to fill out an audition form including conflicts (out of town dates, work schedule, appointments, etc.).

If an actor is interested in being a part of the show but are unable to make the audition dates they can contact the theater at 503-436-0609 to make alternate arrangements. More information can be found at coastertheatre.com/shows/auditions.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
MAYOR: Sam Steidel
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CITY MANAGER: Brant Kucera

MEETINGS AUGUST 2016

2	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
9	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
21	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, July 5, 2016

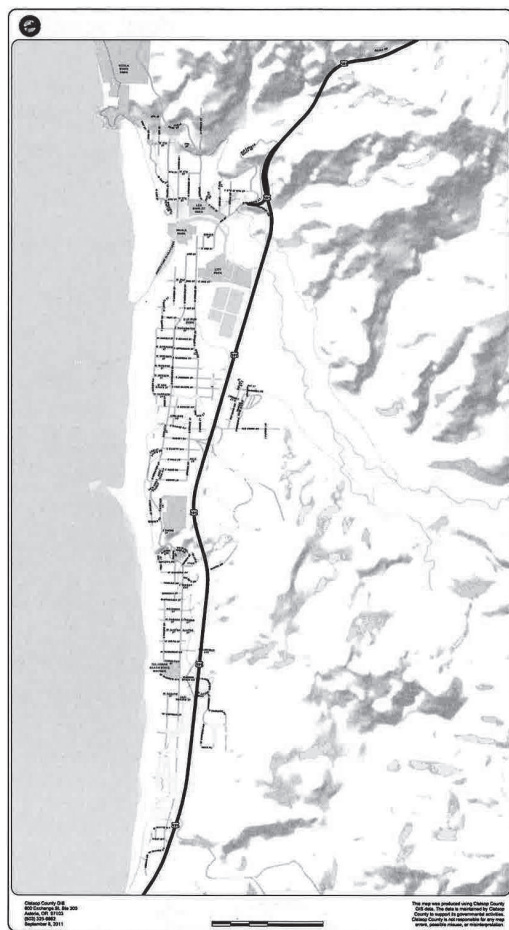
- Adopted Ordinance 16-04, For the Purpose of Amending Cannon Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Nuisances, Regarding Derelict Buildings and Property;
- Adopted Ordinance 16-05, For the Purpose of Amending Cannon Beach Municipal Code Title 6, Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulation, By Adding Chapter 5.20, Recreational and Medical Marijuana;
- Adopted Proclamation 16-05, Declaring August 2, 2016 as National Night Out in Cannon Beach;
- Awarded the FY 2016-17 Tourism and Arts Fund Grants as recommended by the Tourism and Arts Commission;
- Took no action regarding citizen initiative I2016-01, placing the question "Shall Recreational Marijuana Producers, Processors, Wholesalers and Retailers be Prohibited in Cannon Beach" on the November 8, 2016 ballot;
- Directed the City Manager to sign a contract with Stacy M. Burr, Consulting for emergency management consulting services for FY 2016-17.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, July 12, 2016

- Haystack Rock Awareness Coordinator, Melissa Keyser introduced two new staff members;
- Discussed the FY 2016-17 Parks and Community Services Community Grant recommendations. Council will consider the award amounts at their August 2, 2016 meeting.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - At their June 16, 2016 meeting, the Design Review Board discussed:

- DRB 16-07**, City of Cannon Beach, Bollard Installation at Three Beach Stair Locations. **Approved**
- DRB 16-08**, City of Cannon Beach, Major Modifications to the East Elevation of City Hall Located at 163 E Gower. **Approved**
- DRB 16-09**, City of Cannon Beach, Guard Rail Installation Located Between 1st and 2nd Streets on the East Side of N Spruce Street. **Approved with Conditions**
- DRB 16-10**, City of Cannon Beach, Informational Kiosk Installation at Three Locations. **Approved with Conditions**



FS 16-03, Cannon Beach Farmers Market Freestanding Sign. **Approved with Conditions**
The DRB is scheduled to meet Thursday July 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLANNING COMMISSION - The meeting scheduled for June 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers was canceled.

The Planning Commission met Thursday, July 21st at 6pm and will meet again Thursday July 28th at 6pm. On July 21st they discussed:

CP 16-01, Housekeeping Amendments, Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. **Continued to July 28, 2016.**

Of Interest...

- The Cannon Beach **Recycle Center** is open Tuesday - Sunday, 8am - 4pm for residential and commercial use;
- Evacuation Route Walks** are held every 4th Monday of the Month starting at City Hall at 12noon. The upcoming dates are 7/25/16 for ER-2, 8/22/16 for ER-3, 9/26/16 for ER-4 and 10/24/16 for ER-4;
- The Cannon Beach** Parks and Community Services Committee has an immediate opening and another opening as of September 1st. If you are interested, contact Colleen Riggs at riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or visit the city website to download an application. Applications are also available at the front desk at City Hall.
- Talk with **FEMA** regarding revised **Flood Insurance Rate Maps** and your property. You are invited to attend an open house Monday, August 15th, 6pm - 8pm at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center, 415 First Avenue, Seaside, OR 97138.

City of Cannon Beach

STRATEGIC PLAN OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend a review of the strategic plan process used by the City Council to develop the City's first strategic plan.

Friday, July 29th

**Chamber of Commerce
Community Hall**

10AM - NOON OR 2PM - 4PM

**Affordable Housing • Effective Government
Emergency Management • Infrastructure
Community Relationship**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2nd • 5pm - 7pm
City Park and the Chamber in Cannon Beach

3rd Annual National Night Out
presented by:
Cannon Beach Police Department

Please come join us in this fun and informational event. We look forward to sharing some good fun, good conversation and hopefully you will walk away with some good information.

Take this time to meet your neighborhood and us. Hope to see you there!