

# Strategic plan

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Moving the goal of creating clearer short-term rental regulations by the year's end from the "affordable housing" priority to "effective government" was another change before adopting the plan.

The Planning Commission no longer needs to consider the suspension of new short-term rental lottery permits at its upcoming meeting, since the council eliminated the part from the plan, City Planner Mark Barnes said. The commission could still consider moving the short-term rental program from the zoning code to a stand-alone ordinance at its August meeting.

The strategic plan is not legally binding and is separate from the city's comprehensive plan, City Attorney Tammy Herdener said. She said 85 to 90 percent of each item "will come before the public by law in the future as we implement the plan."

For example, the budget committee would vet the goal of saving money each year for South Wind infrastructure, and any zoning code change would go to the Planning Commission first, Herdener said.

"It will come back to the community," Councilor Wendy Higgins said.

## Public involvement

Two open houses in July shared the plan with the public.

Some residents criticized the timing of the open houses and the citizen survey.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund suggested the city allow another month for public input, and hold an evening open house for residents who work during the day, before adopting the plan.

"This plan would have a substantial impact on our community," Siebert-Wahrmund said. "It's complex, it's dealing with very large proposals. There could be more community ownership if you involve the public in the process from the beginning."

Angela Benton and Linda Beck-Sweeney agreed that the council should wait to adopt the plan for further community input.

"It's really important not just for the local community, but for the second homeowners to have

an opportunity to provide input on the strategic plan," Benton said.

The strategic plan open house was "poorly announced," during the busiest week of the year and "explained the attempt of what I see as manipulation of the public," Beck-Sweeney said.

Kucera said the city advertised the open house in advance. Councilor George Vetter said public input was intended to come from the survey, which had a 40 percent return rate.

"The purpose of this open house was not necessarily for the public to change the plan, but rather for the public to become aware of the survey results and interviews with staff and council," Vetter said, adding that a better time could have been chosen.

## Survey criticized

Siebert-Wahrmund said the survey was not "real public involvement."

"Not only was this survey poorly executed but there were questions in the survey obviously developed to achieve a particular outcome, rather than a fair inquiry of the public opinion," Beck-Sweeney said.

Mayor Sam Steidel also opposed the survey.

"I don't put a whole lot of weight in surveys because I know that surveys muddle things," Steidel said. "I grew up in Cannon Beach, I know Cannon Beach. I know that people like to talk about things. Having a process that actually counters one of the topics in the survey, which is relationship with community, is disturbing."

"A survey is the only way of getting as much input as possible in a statistically valid method," Kucera said.

Higgins said she was "amazed by the valuable input" the surveys provided.

"This is not an attempt to sabotage the concept of Cannon Beach," Councilor Melissa Cadwallader said of the plan. "I strongly support the fact that this council adopt the plan tonight."

Some councilors suggested educational sessions during the evening to reach a broader audience.

"It's time to move forward but continue to have a dialogue," Higgins said.

## OBITUARIES

### Nancy Lee DeVey

Oct. 13, 1937 — July 18, 2016



Nancy Lee DeVey

Nancy Lee DeVey was delivered to the angels in the same manner in which she was born: surrounded by love. Nancy was born Oct. 13, 1937, to William and Mabel Brooks in Allegan, Michigan. She grew up in Michigan, and attended Otsego High School, where she enjoyed acting and excelled in theater.

After graduation, Nancy became a licensed cosmetologist. She and her first husband, Dick Walter, owned and operated The Hair Loft, a popular beauty salon in Plainwell, Michigan. When her marriage ended she moved to Cannon Beach, Oregon, to start a new life with her two young sons, Brent and Darin. As a single mother, Nancy worked hard and also earned her associate's degree. While working at the Cannon Beach Conference Center, she met William DeVey, and they were married in 1978.

Nancy was a gifted artist who always strove to improve her skills. She enjoyed learning from others, and shared what she knew about art and painting freely, earning her many friends in the art world. She especially loved the art classes taught by Barbara Evers. She eventually opened Color by You, a paint-your-own-pottery and coffee shop in Cannon Beach.

As seen in her art, Nancy saw beauty in everything, and did her best to be beautiful inside, as well as out. She was a very kind, patient, caring, generous and selfless person. Nancy loved peace and tranquility, allowing others around her to talk for hours and not say a thing. She was also very loyal to everyone; others knew that she would keep their confidence, and that she would not engage in gossip. She disliked manipulation and condescending behavior from others.

She loved the Oregon rain as much as a beautiful sunny day, and loved her coastal walks on the beach when there

was fog. Nancy loved animals of all kinds, but her favorite sound was hearing the birds singing while she was out walking. As much as she cared for nature, Nancy cared for those around her as well; she contributed and volunteered with many several organizations, and often helped to care for the less-fortunate. As she had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, she would often turn to passages in her Bible — or as she named it, her "Jesus Calling" book — when she was seeking perspective.

Nancy courageously battled stage IV cancer since October 2013, but on the night of July 18, 2016, Jesus came with angels and took Nancy's pain and suffering away. Her faith made her new again, and took her to a place where pain and sickness don't exist. Her son, Darin, was with her, holding and kissing her hand when she passed from this realm.

All who knew Nancy will deeply miss her kind, loving and peaceful nature. She is survived by her husband, Bill DeVey; and two sons, Brent Walter and Darin Walter, and his partner Michael Morse. She is also survived by stepdaughter Annette King, and her daughter Anika. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her sister Carlene Arndt. In addition to her family, Nancy leaves behind many, many friends, much beautiful art, and memories of a warm smile and open heart.

### Kathryn Marie Billings

July 26, 1941 — June 26, 2016



Kathryn Billings

Kathryn "Kathy" "Katy" Marie Billings was born in Columbus, Ohio, on July 26, 1941. She entered heaven's gate on June 26, 2016, at her home in Kent, Washington.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 2, at the Marlatt Funeral Home in Kent.

Kathy graduated from Renton High School in 1959, and was a resident of Kent for over 40 years. She was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in Renton and Cannon Beach Community Church.

Kathy is survived by her husband of 37 years, George Billings; a brother, "Buck" Ecalbarger; a daughter, Faith Walker; six stepchildren, stepdaughters Patti Ziegler, Debbie White, Cindy Cameron and Lori Birnie, and stepsons Mark Billings and Larry Billings; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

"Katy," as she was known by her friends in Cannon

Beach, often spent time with her husband George, family and friends at their second home in Cannon Beach, Oregon. She found joy and relaxation at the beach for many years. The memories of her gracious life will always fill our hearts.

A memorial will be held at the Cannon Beach Community Church on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m.

# Flood hazard zones

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These preliminary maps are separate from the flood plain maps under dispute by the cities of Astoria and Warrenton, Clatsop County, Port of Astoria and Diking District No. 9.

The five parties are currently splitting the cost of an outside analysis and technical review of FEMA's draft maps, which they believe overstate the flood risk and would lock locals into paying thousands of extra dollars in flood insurance every year. The results of the review may affect the provisional accreditation status of Warrenton Levee System No. 1.

## Timeline

After the open house, a 90-day appeal period will soon begin, most likely in late September or early October, Ratté said. From there, the time frame for adopting the maps will depend on how many appeals and comments are submitted.

"If there are significant comments we need to address, or an appeal, that could add some time to our processing," Ratté said.

## Maps online

**GO TO:** <http://maps.co.clatsop.or.us/applications/index.html>. Click on "Map Layers" tab and select "Draft FEMA Revisions 2016."

Once that stage is completed, FEMA will issue a letter of final determination to the communities, which will happen early next year at the earliest.

From there, communities will have six months to update their flood plain management ordinances. The maps will then go into effect.

Ratté encourages locals to bring their comments and concerns to the open house so that they leave better educated about the maps that will shape the lives and livelihoods of many coastal residents.

"Hopefully, what's occurring is, as people learn about the changes, they're reaching out to their cities and counties and asking questions, gathering information," he said.

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