

Candidates expressed differing views on housing and tourism

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City role in housing

Candidates agreed the city should have some role in facilitating affordable housing.

"I'm not a big fan of big government, but I do think government has a place in helping parts of our society that need a little more help," Florer said, adding that city government could help search for solutions before stepping in directly.

McCarthy said affordable housing is needed to have "the life and diversity we want" and the city is responsible for providing some housing for first responders.

"Many folks that work for the city are unable to afford houses here," Ogilvie said. "I would like to see business members being able to step up if they are that interested in having some type of housing for their employees."

Addressing how service industry employees could afford the workforce housing recommended by the task force, Ogilvie said the units would be available to those making less than median income.

McCarthy said a connection between short-term rentals and affordable housing exists in that renting a home short-term derives income and therefore increases home values, making them less affordable.

Florer, whose wife Tami Florer owns Cannon Beach Property Management, said short-term rentals have little effect on affordable housing.

"If people don't rent their houses, many of them will just be second homes," he said.

Ogilvie agreed property owners currently renting homes out short-term are unlikely to rent homes long-term at affordable prices, but



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said for people simply renting out their house, there could be a way to "incentivize renting houses out to people who need it."

Business and tourism

Each candidate supports allowing recreational marijuana shops in town. In November, a ballot measure will ask residents whether recreational marijuana sales should be prohibited in Cannon Beach.

"It's going to be on the ballot and citizens will decide," Florer said. "If there's a demand in town, then hopefully there would be a store that would be in good taste and fit in town."

"They have to follow strict state regulations and also have to follow our own ordinances, including design review," McCarthy said. "I do not see any reason why marijuana should not be sold in town."

Candidates had slightly different ideas on Cannon Beach as a tourist destination.

Ogilvie said many depend on business from tourists for their livelihood.

"I'm conflicted at almost all times but it's what we are," he said. "I think the best we can do to welcome people to this town and at the same time try to create an atmosphere that is workable for those of us that live here."

McCarthy said the city needs to find a solution to balancing tourism with the year-round community. "We have to decide if we want to maintain a small village arts atmosphere that we have or if we're going to become a high-end destination resort," she said. "I'd like to see us preserve our village atmosphere."

Florer said tourism is identified in the comprehensive plan as part of the town's economy, and he is unsure if conflict exists between the business and residential "village" parts of town.

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The 'Cannon Beach way'

Candidates support the city purchase of the former elementary school property and making it a community space, if possible. While noting the school's "nostalgic and historical" importance, Florer said the property is within the tsunami zone but could be used as a park or for smaller gatherings.

Candidates said they support reopening an elementary school in town but not in the tsunami zone.

When asked how they value citizen advisory boards, Ogilvie said advisory groups like the budget committee and e-prep are crucial in making necessary decisions. Florer, who has been involved in the discussion of a potential e-prep committee restructure, agreed that citizen advisory boards are important.

Asked to define the "Cannon Beach way," Ogilvie said civic participation has driven the best decisions in town.

"If you feel impassioned about an issue going to come up for a vote, please participate," he said.

Florer praised the involvement of residents, including many in the room.

"I want to see us remain thinkers," McCarthy said. "I don't want to see a bunch of sheep out there."

Answering what makes Cannon Beach special, the candidates agreed it was the people.

"I've met the best people I've ever met in my life," Ogilvie said.

Many ways to get your Halloween haunt on

Frightful fun in Cannon Beach

By Lyra Fontaine
Cannon Beach Gazette

With live entertainment, costume contests and even selfie sticks, there are many ways to get in the Halloween spirit this year.

Kick off Halloween early at the Coaster Theatre with "Spooktacular Sunday" on Oct. 23. An open house from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. offers trick-or-treating, costume prizes, treats and seasonal activities (think apple bobbing). Looking for a unique costume? The theatre is selling and giving away costumes, props, furniture pieces and oddities at the open house. From 10:30 a.m. to noon, learn how the backstage magic happens at a free workshop with Patrick Lathrop and Nancy McCarthy.

On Saturday, Oct. 29,

come in costume to the Coaster Theatre's Halloween Bash, which features a performance by international touring artist and classical-word guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan. Revelries include a costume competition, belly dance presentation by local groups and a preview of the upcoming performance "The Complete Works of Williams Shakespeare (Abridged) [Revised]." Doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 or \$20 online or via box office at 503-436-1242.

From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday, the Cannon Beach American Legion is hosting The Dance of the Dead 2 featuring DJs DeadMoeFunk, DeadSpinoza and Misty Turn-Up-To-Death. Capture the night with a photo booth and selfie stick. The best-dressed will have the opportunity to win a \$100 costume contest prize. The Oct. 29 event is \$10 at the door and ages 21-plus.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Thursday, Oct. 27

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

Friday, Oct. 28

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

Monday, Nov. 7

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163

E. Gower St.

Thursday, Nov. 17

Cannon Beach Parks Committee, 9 a.m., 163 E. Gower St.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Monday, Dec. 12

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

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