

Pounding rains drive rockslide



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Rocks, trees and debris block U.S. Highway 101 after a small landslide occurred on Wednesday south of Cannon Beach.

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A geologist arrived at the scene Wednesday morning, and scalers would be necessary to knock down any other loose rock that could be a danger to drivers below.

"It's not particularly high in areas, but you have to know what you are doing," Torres said. "Their goal is to essentially force any material down that might come down later. We don't want to open up the road until we feel it's totally safe for travelers."

Throughout the day, the department of transportation's Perry Browning was stationed near Hug Point, redirecting southbound motorists back to Highway 26 as crews worked to clear the roadway and secure loose rock.

Dump trucks and track hoes carried fallen rock to a transportation stockpile site.

"We'll figure out where to go with it then," Browning said shortly after midday. "It's sandstone, so they may be able to break it. They're start-

ing to haul rock now."

After record rainfall saturated soils, drivers were urged to remain aware of slide dangers. Travelers should drive with caution and be alert to downed trees, debris and other materials on roadways.

"We've had a tremendous amount of moisture, record rainfall in February," Torres said. "We could continue to have some slide issues. We have many of those areas along U.S. 101 and along the coast range corridors. Anyone

traveling in those areas, you really do need to be very alert and keep both hands on the wheel, especially at night."

At the Cannon Beach Visitor Center, Lead Information Specialist Laura Kaim said the closure had cut down on Cannon Beach tourist traffic. One couple arrived at the center seeking detour directions. "When I told them their ride would be almost an hour out of their way, they replied, 'That's OK, we're on holiday and we've got nothing but time,'" Kaim said.

City Hall makeover faces shaky future

South Wind site eyed for future

By R.J. Marx
Cannon Beach Gazette

Cannon Beach councilors await a Plan B after bids for a proposed City Hall renovation exceeded the allotted budget.

After design, updates and review, Cannon Beach Public Works Director Dan Grassick opened sealed bids in mid-January to find the two construction bids had both surpassed the city's \$150,000 cap.

At the Feb. 7 City Council meeting, Grassick told members of the council the bids exceeded "well above \$200 a square foot."

In a competitive construction environment, the scope of the job was well below what contractors could make on a standard residence.

"What we realized from the feedback from the construction community, was timing's everything," Grassick said. "Everybody's busy. Money has come in suddenly in the last 15 months and we've seen the building pace pick up at a pace we haven't seen since 2007."

A new city hall building would have cost at least \$3

million, but modifications were expected to come in at a fraction of that cost.

Among changes sought were a new entrance, doorway and storage for police. Offices would have been shuffled so building, planning and police visitors could access those offices through separate entrances. Haystack Rock Awareness Project offices would have been moved and the finance corner completely redone and rebuilt. The Design Review Board approved the final stage of a plan to upgrade windows, doors and exterior at a December public hearing.

Grassick laid out the city's options after an inquiry from Councilor Nancy McCarthy.

"You're probably looking at \$1.2 million to renovate this entire building," Grassick said. "You're faced with about \$3.1 million to \$3.5 million to replace it somewhere else."

"Somewhere else" could be the 55-acre South Wind property, located east of U.S. Highway 101 almost entirely outside the tsunami inundation zone, purchased by the city in 2013 with the goal of housing an emergency shelter, police station, fire station, school, child care and a food bank.

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MEETINGS MARCH 2017

7	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
14	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
16	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
23	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, February 7, 2017

- Adopted Ordinance 17-02; for the purpose of Amending Chapter 3.12, Transient Room Tax, Section 3.12.10; Definition of 'Rent';
- Adopted Resolution 17-02; for the purpose of Dissolving the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee;
- Held a public hearing regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations for Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan amendments; directed staff to prepare findings of fact and appropriate ordinance;
- Appointed Janet Avery and Jim Avery to the EPREP Committee;
- Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn presented the Police Department 2016 Annual Report.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, February 14, 2017

- Finance Director Laurie Sawrey presented the Finance Report for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year ending 2017;
- Discussed the proposed construction excise tax;
- Discussed the South Wind site and will continue the discussion at future work sessions;

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - At their January 19, 2017 meeting the DRB discussed:

DRB 17-01, City of Cannon Beach, Modifications to City Hall, Located at 163 East Gower. Approved

The Design Review Board meeting scheduled for February 16, 2017 was cancelled.

The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet March 16, 2017 at 6pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

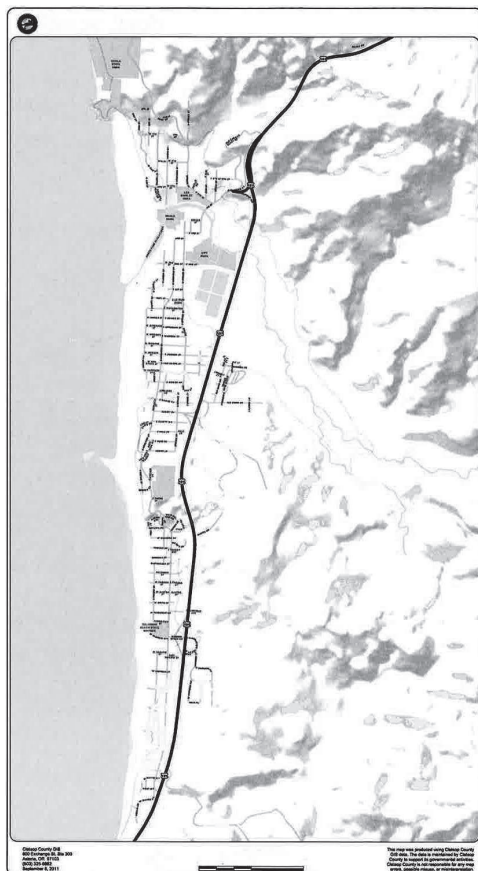
- At their January 26, 2017 meeting the Planning Commission discussed:

CU 16-05, Cannon Beach Academy request for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary location for Cannon Beach Academy Charter School at 171 Sunset. The applicant was previously approved for a condition use permit (CU 15-02) which has expired.

Approved Z0 17-01, City of Cannon Beach request for Zoning

Ordinance text amendment; revision of Municipal Code Chapter 17.77, Short-term Rentals. The proposed amendments address short-term rental permit administration, enforcement, inspection, revocation and standards. **Continued**

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet February 23, 2017 at 6pm.



Of Interest...

- The Cannon Beach Recycle Center is open Tuesday - Sunday, 8am - 4pm for residential and commercial use;

NOTICE OF SENIOR STAFF VACANCY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Salary range \$73,000 - \$88,000 plus excellent benefits. Under the general supervision of the City Manager, administers, plans, organizes, integrates and directs the programs and maintenance functions of the City's Public Works Department including water treatment and distribution system, roads and streets, wastewater treatment plant and wastewater collection system, stormwater, recycling and parks and all facilities. This position supervises the work of 13 employees and manages an average annual operations budget of \$5 million and an average capital budget of \$500,000.

Desirable qualifications include a Bachelor's or Master's degree in engineering, public administration or a closely related field and a minimum of three years progressively responsible senior management level experience in public works administration, experience with the administration, management, and regulations governing public work areas, operations, and maintenance. Experience with budgeting. Experience with managing bid processes, project management and the performance of contractors. Experience with reviewing construction plans and specifications. Experience in managing and supervising the work of Public Works staff.

Obtain further information from the City Manager, PO Box 368, Cannon Beach, 97110; phone (503) 436-8050 or e-mail kucera@ci.cannon-beach.or.us . All applications and resumes must be received at Cannon Beach City Hall by 5pm, February 28, 2017.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: ONE (1) vacancy to fill a four-year term beginning April 1, 2017. The Design Review Board (DRB) reviews development proposals that are subject to the design review provisions of the City's zoning ordinance. The Design Review Board holds its regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm and may also schedule work sessions as needed.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:

ONE (1) vacancy to fill a four-year term. The EPREP Committee meets regularly for the purpose of providing evacuation planning and public education regarding emergency preparedness. The Emergency Preparedness Committee normally holds its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 10:00am. and may schedule work sessions as needed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: TWO (2)

vacancies to fill four-year terms. The primary responsibility of the Public Works Committee is to review all public works projects and make recommendations to City Council. The Public Works Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00am.

To be eligible to serve on a City committee, applicants must have resided within the city or its urban growth boundary during the one year immediately preceding appointment; or at the time of appointment, shall have owned real property located within the city or its urban growth boundary for at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Council has implemented an interview process consisting of a set of questions particular to each committee/board or commission and written answers must be submitted with the application. Applications with questions are available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, by email addressed to riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or online at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us. For consideration at the March 7, 2017 City Council meeting, applications must be returned to Colleen Riggs, Assistant City Manager, Cannon Beach City Hall, at P.O. Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110 by 4:00 p.m., February 24, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

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