

## Agreement reached on Hood to Coast

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during the busy summer tourist season is negative," 74 business owners wrote in a letter delivered to the council at a workshop in September.

That number reached 87 signatures by Monday's meeting.

During the first Hood to Coast workshop, audience members complained about rude behavior by runners, "arrogant" organizers and vendors who tapped into private power supplies. With the beach closed off at this year's race because of high winds and stormy weather, runners filled the streets and blocked store entrances, business owners said.

"I'm not trying to get rid of the event," Councilor Randy Frank said at the first workshop. "I just think that they need to consider changing when they have it. It's just too big of a burden on our town and resources at that time of the year."

At the city's second workshop, complaints multiplied and more names added to the petition. But by the end of the meeting it became clear organizers could not accommodate a date change.

### A change of heart

Only a week later, councilors were unanimous in their support of granting a permit for the race for two more years.

"There was never an issue, as far as I know, about Hood to Coast going away," Randy Frank said. "The only issue was, would they change their date, and after all these meetings, it came down to 'no, we're not interested in changing that date.' That's why I'm voting we continue with Hood to Coast."

Frank shared his thanks with those who had attended meetings and workshops leading up to the vote Monday night. "It was a great time

for the process, for businesses and private individuals to be heard," he said.

Before adding his affirmative vote, Councilor Seth Morrisey asked for ways to involve more businesses and retailers on the beach, with the addition of local food vendors. "I'd also like Hood to Coast pay more money to come to Seaside, and I'd like to see that money earmarked in ways that citizens of Seaside can actually see," he said.

"The thought of disinviting 20,000 visitors just doesn't make logical sense to me," Councilor Jay Barber said. "I do not want to see Hood to Coast leave Seaside, and I believe reasonable people sitting down together in a collaborative way can make this work all the way around the route to benefit from the event."

Barber added a motion calling for formation of a collaboration committee, with members to be appointed by the mayor. The committee would include the city, not-for-profits, the Seaside Downtown Development Association, Seaside Chamber of Commerce and representatives of organizations who benefit from the race. The group would meet with "representatives of Hood to Coast to discuss changes that may be needed to be made at the end of the two-year contract, including date and potential compensation for the city and other potential beneficiaries."

This motion was also unanimously endorsed by the council.

After the meeting, Hood to Coast's Floyd presented a check to Mayor Don Larson on behalf of Seaside Parks and Recreation Department, proceeds from this year's race.

"We're humbled by this discussion," Floyd said. "We appreciate what's happening here in Seaside. We look forward to being here next year, and we thank you for your

## Utti shines despite Gulls loss

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Whenever two rivals meet on the court, as the old saying goes, "You can throw the records out the window."

The Astoria and Seaside volleyball teams would like nothing more than to throw their league records (a combined 2-16) out the window at this point, as the two met for the final Clatsop Clash of the season.

Astoria's three-game sweep over the Gulls Tuesday night at Seaside gave the Lady Fishermen (1-8) their first league victory of the season, while the Gulls fall to 1-8.

Chloe Hunt had 18 kills to lead Astoria in the 25-11, 25-19, 25-22 win.

Astoria is still holding out hope for a berth in the league playoffs and the 4A Regional Play-in round. The Lady Fish need to beat Valley Catholic Thursday at the Brick House, and hope Tillamook can defeat the Gulls.

For now, Astoria is just enjoying league win No. 1.

The Lady Fishermen dominated Tuesday night's opener, as Chloe Hunt pounded out a few kills for a quick 13-5 lead.

A service ace by Samantha Hemsley made it 18-6, and Hunt had back-to-back kills to help close it out.

The Gulls got their game in order, as Maddi Utti blocked an attempt by Hunt, and Alyssia Gonzales pounded a pair of kills to the open floor to bring Seaside to within 22-17.

Astoria answered with a rally of its own, and Hunt's set at game point gave the Lady Fishermen the second game.

Game 3 was the closest, a back-and-forth set that featured ties at every point from eight to 15.

Aurora Grafton's serving run helped Astoria build a 23-17 lead, before Utti caught fire and delivered a few kills to bring the Gulls to within 23-22. But after a quick time out, Astoria responded with kills by Hageman and Hunt at game point to close out the match.

"It was just back-and-forth and back-and-forth," coach Hunt said. "We were just kind of hoping to hold Seaside off and get one of our servers back there. We were solid in serve receive all night. Our defense really came to play."

Chloe Hunt's per game average is four kills, but the senior stepped up and pounded six per game Tuesday. Hageman added five kills.

Utti led the Gulls offensively, with help from a strong serving night from freshman Annaka Garhofer.



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Seaside's Maddi Utti dives to keep the ball in play during the volleyball game against Astoria.

### Banks 41, Seaside 7

The Banks Braves posted a 41-7 win over Seaside Thursday night, Oct. 8, at Broadway Field. Banks improved to 2-1 in league play, a game behind first-place Scappoose, while the Gulls fall to 1-2. Seaside hosts Astoria Friday, Oct. 16, at Broadway Field, in a game that could determine playoff position.

### Boys soccer title on line

The Astoria and Seaside boys soccer teams were scheduled to meet on the field Thursday night, Oct. 15, with a Cowapa League title possibly on the line. Both teams were victorious Tuesday, Oct. 13, as Astoria won 2-0 at Scappoose, and Seaside defeated Valley Catholic on the Valiants' home field, 5-2.

Seaside stood on top of the league standings with a 4-1 league record, followed by Astoria and Scappoose, both at 3-2. With two victories over the Indians, the Fishermen now hold the tie-breaker advantage over Scappoose.

### Girls soccer

Valley Catholic beat Seaside 9-0 in girls soccer action on Broadway Field in Seaside Tuesday, Oct. 13.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Seaside also fell to Banks, 3-2. Banks broke a 2-2 tie with four minutes left in the game for a 3-2 win over Seaside Tuesday, in Cowapa League girls soccer action.

Seaside scored the game's first goal in the 24th minute, as Chloe

Bartel found the back of the net for the only score of the first half.

The Braves tied the game just five minutes into the second half, then pulled ahead in the 70th minute when a loose ball was touched past the Seaside goalkeeper.

"We gave them that second goal," said Seaside coach Matt Johnson. "It was a scramble, and in the confusion they got a toe on it. That happens."

The Gulls got the equalizer just two minutes later, as Audrey Kunde fought for a 50/50 ball and zipped it past the Banks keeper.

Banks responded with just four minutes left in the game, scoring the eventual game-winner.

Seaside threatened to tie it late, as Sophia Trevino and Whitney Westerholm both had shots on frame but time ran out on the Gulls. "We battled well tonight," Johnson said. "The field was a factor and any time we play at Banks we know we are in for a scrum."

### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP SCHEDULE

##### TODAY

Volleyball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5:45 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.

##### THURSDAY

Football — Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 7 p.m.

Volleyball — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Jewell at Crosshill Christian, 5:30 p.m.

##### FRIDAY

Football — Corbett at Warrenton, 7 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 7 p.m.; Ocosta at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Football — Naselle at Mary M. Knight, 1 p.m.

Volleyball — Seaside Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Cross Country — George Fox Classic, 11:30 a.m.



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