

# Market: The cast of Hamilton will now include food trucks

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In December and January, the truck's owners, Jason Lancaster and Amy Myers, operated under a short-term sales provision which limited operation to four periods per year, not more than three consecutive days each period.

"Living in the south end of town with new expanded sidewalks and amenities about a mile from the concentrated tourist area of downtown shopping, sit-down and fast food restaurant," Montero said. "What we've done is established our relationships in the neighborhood. One of the constant requests we've been getting are pre-packaged foods. These requests intensified when COVID shutdowns hit us in the last 12 months. As a

result, we did a trial run with a temporary permit with a Seaside business license-permitted food truck Sasquatch Sandwich Shop in the market parking lot December and January weekends when it wasn't raining."

The service they did and the food they prepared were extremely well-received by the neighborhood, he said, and turned out to be a financial success.

"In canvassing neighborhood residents and businesses we received no objections, just requests to make it a permanent fixture on the south end of town," Montero said. "I am here to make it happen."

Montero asked planning commissioners to approve the longer-term permit under a zoning code provision that allows outdoor sales as long

as the use is similar to the main use of the site.

As proposed, the food truck would be located within the existing parking lot on the west side of the market, using about 2% of the parcel area of more than 18,000 square feet — well below the code maximum of 15%.

"The outdoor mobile food truck serves prepared foods to local residents and visitors," Planning Director Kevin Cupples wrote in a staff report. "The food truck would complement the current use of the building on the property which sells a wide variety of packaged food, beverages and household products."

In 2018, Seaside restaurant owners largely opposed a request from another food cart owner to operate in Sea-

side, citing limited housing and the short tourist season, which, they said, put brick-and-mortar businesses at a disadvantage.

Prohibitions around food trucks and other outdoor sales are in place "to prevent people from finding an empty parking lot and locating there," Cupples said.

Although the Sasquatch Sandwich Shop food truck was specifically identified in Montero's application, the permit approval would be valid for licensed food trucks of similar size.

Montero has no plans to add outdoor seating. "It's strictly people walk up, or they go shopping in the store, get their food, take the food to the beach or their residence back home. We have no picnic tables, benches, nothing."



City of Seaside

Proposed food truck, without fencing.

Commissioners Teri Carpenter, Kathy Kleczek, Lou Neubecker, Jon Wickersham and chairman Chris Hoth unanimously approved the application. Commission

member Robin Montero, a co-owner of the Hamilton Market, recused herself.

"I am fully in favor of this," Wickersham said. "I think it's pretty exciting."

# Rentals: Commission updates complaint process

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ing and continuous, that's something we'll want to address. If it's every once in a while, and it's a reasonable accommodation, I think we can explain it to the neighbors as such to try to keep on top of it. If it's a continuous problem, we'll come back to you guys and ask you to readdress that policy."

Other policy updates include conditions for applying for vacation rental permits, including neighborhood density and occupancy.



Map indicates density levels of vacation rental dwellings in Seaside.



R.J. Marx

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board members at Tuesday's work session. From left, Celeste Bodner, Su Coddington, Erika Marshall, Michael Hinton, Katharine Parker and park district executive director Skyler Archibald.

# Candidates: March 18 is the last day to file

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Businessman John Huisman filed for Position 2 in February.

Marshall was appointed in August to fill the remainder of the four-year term of former board member John Chapman, who also left the board in July.

A Seaside resident, Marshall is interim director of global human resources for Mercy Corps, working with the organization's vice pres-

ident to guide overall vision and strategic direction.

Marshall will be challenged by Jackie Evans, who announced her candidacy for Position 4 last week.

Evans, a Seaside resident, is a former vice president of operations at Fred Meyer stores. She works part-time at Bath and Body Works in Seaside. A graduate of Oregon City High School, her prior governmental experience includes

work as an enumerator for the 2020 decennial census.

Vice president and secretary Michael Hinton, who holds Position 3, is the board's longest serving member and has served for 19 years. Hinton has more than 45 years experience in appointed and elected positions. He submitted his application for candidacy in February.

Al Hernandez, a retired accounting and financial professional, is on the bal-

lot for the Position 1 seat. Most recently he was financial officer at Sunset Empire Transportation District.

The position is held by Su Coddington, who has yet to file for candidacy.

Katharine Parker, president of the board, represents Position 5. She has yet to announce her plans.

Candidate filings began Feb. 6 and continue until March 18, the last day for district candidates to file declaration or withdrawal.

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