

New 74 unit development receives approval

Pedestrian, traffic safety measures required

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Seaside Signal

A 74-unit apartment complex received conditional approval from the Seaside Planning Commission last Tuesday.

The property comprises about 4 1/2 acres and is located near the TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union building near Neawanna Creek. Neighboring businesses include Randall Lee's Flooring America, Ticor Title and Seaside Car & Boat Wash.

Lots would be sold to builders, with apartments anticipated to be leased at \$1,200 to \$1,400 a month. The facility will include nine six-unit buildings and five four-unit buildings.

In addition to the original staff report's findings, the Planning Commission added additional conditions.

The examples of pedestrian safety measures that were provided by the applicant's traffic engineering firm must be incorporated into the access at North Roosevelt Drive.

Commissioners asked for improved lighting at the north and south ends of the crosswalks, flashing crosswalk signs and reflective thermoplastic in pedestrian right-of-ways. A warning sign could be installed on a northbound turn lane of U.S. Highway 101.

In a separate condition, the owners are asked to approach nearby property owners to rename the private access road for fire department identification. The road could be named Cross Creek Lane, Way or Drive, subject to the approval requirements of Clatsop County's



Vicinity Map



Figure 1
Cross Creek Multifamily TIS
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Cross Creek traffic map. The development is the area in white, center.

surveyor and acceptance by the other abutting owners. If this name is unacceptable, the alternative name must be approved by the Planning Commission at the time the final plan is reviewed.

The site is zoned residential high density, which allows the development, according to the transportation impact study prepared by property owners. Owners received an approval letter from the Department of State Lands for the wetland delineation, according to the developer.

The complex would use the existing, shared driveway serving the nearby commercial spaces, according

to the study. The study also says the site access and sidewalk configuration provides efficient access and circulation for anticipated pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles.

In July, commissioners sought details about the impact to traffic and pedestrians at the Highway 101 intersection.

Signage, lighting and striping could enhance pedestrian safety, said engineer Adam Dailey, including a 9-foot-wide crosswalk at the intersection or slow or right-turn arrows.

"It gives the driver kind of a visual cue," Dailey said. "They subconsciously even tense up and slow down."

Lights that are 50 feet off the crosswalk could be moved closer, he said. Maintenance of the vegetation around the area could also improve safety.

Owners must also provide short- and long-term bike parking. They will have to determine the planned drainage, sewer and water systems for review by the Seaside Public Works director.

Commissioners Jon Wickersham, Kathy Kleczek, Christopher Rose and Robin Montero voted for the conditional approval. Seth Morrissey and Lou Neubecker abstained; Teri Carpenter was absent.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Aug. 1

12:42 a.m., 1000 block 12th Avenue: Suspicious circumstances are reported.

1:51 a.m., Beach and Second: Caller reports woman in an emotional state has run into the ocean. She was out of the water when police arrived and refused to speak to them.

9:45 a.m., 500 block N. Downing: Caller reports dog not cared for that lives on the porch. Police spoke with the owner and were assured the dog is being cared for.

Aug. 2

6:03 p.m., Broadway Park: A woman walking back and forth swinging a machete is reported. As police are unable to get a good description, they were unable to locate.

Aug. 3

2:43 a.m., Avenue G and the Prom: A minor is cited for being in possession of alcohol.

6:54 a.m., U.S. Highway 101 near the old high school: A car accident is reported. Ambulance is involved.

5:36 p.m., Broadway and Columbia: A little girl reported lost is reunited with her parents prior to police arrival.

9:29 p.m., 1200 block Beach Drive: A person reported sleeping in their car says they've only been napping for a few hours and they will be moving along.

Aug. 4

5:10 a.m., Northgate Park: A person is cited for unlawful lodging.

4:12 p.m., Outlet Mall: A business reported a theft from their store. They said the subjects left the area in a U-Haul box van.

6:15 p.m., Safeway: Caller reports subject yelling at an injured seagull. The seagull took off prior to police arrival.

Aug. 5

6:43 a.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: A transient male reported in the loading dock refusing to leave the area is trespassing from the property.

11:59 a.m., S. Wahanna: A male reported sleeping on private property is advised to move along. The manager of the property called back two hours

later to say the person is still there and is now urinating on the property.

12:50 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 near Avenue U: People reported unloading garbage on the side of the road say they are dropping off belongings for a camp in the woods.

2:51 p.m., 600 block Broadway: Caller reports a dog in a car honking the car's horn. Dog and car are gone prior to police arrival.



July 26

2:44 p.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: EMS call.

2:58 p.m., 300 block Second Avenue: EMS call.

July 27

3:32 a.m., 1000 block S. Downing: EMS call.

4:57 p.m., 1100 block Broadway: A grass/brush fire is reported.

July 28

12:15 p.m., 300 block S. Columbia: EMS call.

Aug. 1

12:53 p.m., Hillside Loop: EMS call.

1:16 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: EMS call

3:38 p.m., 1700 block N. Holladay: Fire investigation.

9:20 p.m., Recycling Center: Fire investigation.

Aug. 2

7:15 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Fire investigation

1:52 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: EMS call

8:20 p.m., Avenue U and Ocean Shore: Fire investigation.

8:50 p.m., Third Avenue and Ocean Shore: Fire investigation.

Aug. 3

8:34 a.m., Avenue G: EMS call.

11:52 a.m., 1100 block Avenue B: EMS call.

10:28 p.m., 700 block S. Wahanna: Bark dust fire.

Aug. 4

11:04 a.m., Antique Mall: EMS call.

3:06 p.m., Avenue I and Roosevelt: EMS call.

8:23 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 and Captain Kid PlayLand: A car on fire is reported. Police are unable to locate any burning vehicle.

8:38 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 and Helipad: Fire investigation.

Aug. 5

10:54 a.m., 1300 block Second Avenue: EMS call.



Domestic incident

A 29-year-old Seaside man was reported by an Astoria woman July 22 at 11:49 p.m.; the complainant said she witnessed him abusing one of his three children, ages 11, 10 and 5 on Del Rey beach while impaired. The suspect fled prior to law enforcement arriving and was not located. Police have the man's name.

Two elderly people who share the same last name from Vancouver, Washington were traveling east July 23 at 11:37 p.m. on U.S. Highway 26 by milepost 14 when the passenger commented to the driver about the darkness of the road. The driver, 73, veered off the highway on to the eastbound shoulder, hitting a guard rail, and stopping in the westbound lane. Hamlet firefighters and state police responded to the scene and the driver was given a citation. His Dodge van was towed. No injuries were reported.

Reckless driving

Yovani Mora Lopez, 24, from Hillsboro was issued a criminal citation for reckless driving July 24 at 4:24 p.m. on U.S. Highway 26 at milepost 13, eastbound. Troopers saw him speeding and conducted a traffic stop. Mora Lopez was given paperwork to return to court Aug. 7 and was released from the scene.

Domestic assault

Joshua W. Raniero, 29 from Gearhart, was arrested and taken into custody July 25 at 4:01 p.m. after state police were contacted by Gearhart police regarding his detainment at their police headquarters on probable cause from an earlier Oregon State Police report regarding domestic assault and reckless endangerment. Involved are three juveniles, ages five, ten, and eleven, who live in Gearhart. Raniero was taken to the county jail and lodged.

Vandalism

Two Portland men are under investigation for a vandalism incident reported July 26 at 10:34 a.m. at the summit of Saddle Mountain State Park. A responding trooper located a car with the suspects as described by the reporting party; the suspects, a 32-year-old male and a 40-year-old male, denied the vandalism. After interviewing the two and getting their identification, the trooper returned to the site of the vandalism and photographed it for documentation. The case is open and under investigation.

Dog running loose

A dog running loose on U.S. Highway 26 near milepost 21 eastbound July 26 at 17:05 p.m., was caught by a Tigard woman who brought it to the junction at U.S. Highway 101 and U.S. Highway 26 where she was met by a state trooper. The dog, black German shepherd wearing a red shock collar, was brought to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter by the trooper and left in a kennel.

Cadillac vandalized

A Hillsboro woman reported her Cadillac was vandalized and items were taken while she was parked at Ecola State Park at 6:11 p.m. July 28. She said her bankcards were stolen and used at area stores. Police are investigating.

Motorcycle pursuit

On July 31 on U.S. Highway 26 at 1:10 p.m., a trooper traveling westbound on patrol saw a large group of motorcyclists speed racing near milepost 10. After catching up with two involved motorcyclists, the trooper activated their emergency overhead lights and siren, but the two sped off, eluding them. Seaside police later located one of the motorcyclists, Beau Anthony Marthaller, 30, from Longview, Washington, who was issued a criminal citation for reckless driving and attempts to elude. The second motorcyclist who attempted to elude the trooper, Spencer Jacob Carsner, 22, from Beaverton, crashed his bike while being pursued near milepost 24 on U.S. Highway 101. He was detained by Seaside police before being transported to the hospital. Carsner was also issued a criminal citation for reckless driving and attempts to elude. His bike was towed from the scene by Triangle Towing.

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