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The Seaside City Council at a workshop on homelessness Monday.

## Vista Ridge II: Subdivision could bring 17 homes

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The streets have been designed to flow to catch basins that have a sediment sump in them, engineer Mark Mead wrote in his stormwater report, delivered at last week's meeting. "This will collect the major runoff items. The home driveways and roof drains will be piped to the street and also run off into the stormwater system. The yard areas will provide a small amount of runoff depending on the landscaping."

After treatment, stormwater will flow northwest into the existing wetland area that eventually discharges into the Stanley Lake drainage system. Storm drain water will not be directed northeast into the fish-bearing stream that is located along the eastern boundary of the site, according to the report.

The subdivision east of Wahanna Road, to be accessed by Hemlock and Aldercrest streets and separated from the Vista Ridge subdivision by a creek, could be developed into 17 residential building lots from 7,000 to 15,000 square feet, with a single one- or two-story home on each lot.

Typical house plans show one-story, 1,250-square-foot homes to two-story homes with about 2,300 square feet.

Features include outdoor patios, foyers, great rooms, dens and bonus rooms. Every home plan has a garage.

Buildings, located in a forested area, are to be wood-framed construction.

Since the city has a limited time to make a decision once an application is in motion, developers agreed to waive the 120-day time limit, and start the decision clock over at the Dec. 7 meeting, Kevin Cupples, the city's planning director, said. "The applicant has again requested a continuance because of the late date of bringing that material forward."

Three planning commissioners, Kathy Kleczek, Seth Morrissey and Lou Neubecker have recused themselves from the decision-making process. Commissioners Robin Montero, Christopher Rose and Jon Wickersham unanimously approved the continuance until the commission's December meeting.

## Warming center: Described as 'a good first step' for Seaside

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In February, a warming center proposed at the former Broadway Middle School — now the Sunset Recreation Center — was rejected by the park district's board. With the approach of another winter, a shelter remained a priority.

"Low barrier means they could have had a drink that day. They could have used (drugs) that day," said Alan Evans, of Helping Hands. "They can come to the facility, but they can't come to the facility and drink and use (drugs) in the facility."

The warming center, which will open in winter months during inclement weather, is fully funded for at least one year, Evans said.

An overnight staff member will be assisted by one or two volunteers to oversee the shelter. Men will be separated from women and children, Evans said. A pet policy has yet to be determined.

Data will be gathered to determine future needs. "Whoever comes in, we'll take their name and their information," Evans said. "We want to grab demographics. We want to hear their story, and then take that data and collect it so we can understand the people that we're trying to serve."

The park district will work with the shelter to provide vouchers



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A building on South Roosevelt Drive will open as a warming center on Dec. 1.

ers for shower access, said Skyler Archibald, the park district's executive director.

There is no financial contribution estimate at this time, Archibald added, other than the \$3 shower vouchers.

The park district is assessing the best way to provide food, Archibald said. "The hope is to provide a box lunch for dinner for folks at the shelter and then something for them to eat on their way out in the morning," he said.

Viviana Matthews, the executive director of Clatsop Community Action, asked for community support.

"Homelessness is a community issue, and we all need and want to work together to provide the best services possible for the unhoused in our community," she said. "I am thrilled that we are very close to making the warming and navigation center in Seaside a reality, as last year we were not able to achieve our goal."

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