

City of Bandon

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOCUMENTATION	DATE: October 2 nd , 2023
SUBJECT: Planning Department Report	ITEM NO: 6.3.5

BACKGROUND: The Planning Department continues to work on a variety of projects and applications and this report provides a summary of those efforts.

Planning Applications in 2023

Housing Units	Land Divisions	Variance/ Adjustment	Accessory or Additions	Certificate of Appropriateness	CUP	Other
16	5	8	11	6	7	32

* Previously, I have reported only single-family dwelling applications. However, more recently, we have received applications for housing units that don't fit in that category (ADUs, duplexes, etc), so we will be reporting the number of total units instead.

Planning Fees Collected in FY23

	Last FY	July	August	Sept	Total
Total Fees	\$61,465.12	\$2,866	\$1,747	\$1,285.03	\$5,873.03

Planning fees remain low this year as development has waned, likely in light of higher construction costs and increased interest rates. Large projects have yet to be billed, which staff expect will help make up for any shortfall.

Commissions:

The Parks & Recreation Commission met in September and discussed parklets, protecting city assets such as the new pickleball court, and prepared for the Johnson Creek Greenway party. They also heard a presentation from Bethe Patrick, the new Executive Director of the Greater Bandon Association. The Johnson Creek Park Party was held on September 23rd and was a great success. Over 50 neighbors came by the site to take a native plant tour, have lunch, and provide input on what the future of the property might look like.

The Planning Commission met in September to hold a Public Hearing on the Gravel Point Resort project.

General Updates

- Downtown Streetscape Plan: City Staff and the consultant team, Dougherty Landscape Architects hosted an open house for the project at the end of August to solicit feedback about

initial concepts and ideas. The event was well attended (I counted about 70 people) and there was much conversation about the future design of Old Town streets, sidewalks, and parking. After a brief presentation, audience members were asked to provide feedback using dots or post-it notes to represent what they liked. If you didn't get a chance to attend, but want to learn more and provide input, please visit the City's website:

<https://www.cityofbandon.org/general/page/downtown-parking-and-streetscape-plan>

- **ADU Amnesty Program:** After the last Council meeting, Staff brought this idea to the Planning Commission for input and found the Commission was supportive of the idea as presented. Staff then met with members of the County Building Department to discuss the feasibility of implementation. County staff were supportive of the concept as well and are preparing a packet of information detailing the process a property owners will have to go through to bring their ADU into compliance. It is taking a little longer to solidify the building permit process, and we do not want to begin offering the program until we have everything lined up.
- **DLCD Projects:** The City applied for additional planning assistance to help with the implementation of new code provisions stemming from the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory work that was completed this past year. We were placed on the waitlist for funding as DLCD explores funding options to cover projects that were not funded with HB 2001 and 3395 dollars. DLCD has reached out recently with information that another funding source is available. We have applied for that funding and continue to request assistance to update our housing code.
- **Staffing:** The Planning Department hired Jason Kral, the current Vegetation management Coordinator as a part-time, limited duration Planner I. Jason will be 2/3 of his time continuing to manage gorse eradication efforts and will spend the remain of his time supporting the planning department on natural resource activities, such as the Beaches & Dunes overlay project, helping to staff parks & recreation and tree sub-committee, and the naissance of a GIS program. We are also currently interviewing for a new Planning Assistant, which is a full-time, permanent position.

SUBMITTED BY:

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