

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: ASSISANT CITY MANAGER KRISTIN GRASSETH

RE: CHERRY STREET TRAIL

DATE: JUNE 30, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends placing this project on hold until Fiscal Year 2021-2022 so that funds can be allocated to assist in the construction of the Classic Ridge Trail.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Late April 2020, trail access of the Doris Davis trail from University down to Beach Street in Neahkahnie was closed to the public access by the property owners. Property owners who live up in the Glenesslin /Classic Ridge addition believe that trail access to the beach is needed. Stan Myers representative of the Classic Ridge trail access group came before Council expressing concerns of the closure of the Doris Davis trail and asked for permission to use their own volunteer labor to build this trail that connects with Ocean Road.

With the assistance of Councilman Thomas Aschenbrener, an outlined of information that the Council would want to see was given to the group. Before any review of the property would be made, staff determined that a new survey would be required as this would be considered new construction, a geo hazard report would also be required as this property lies in the beach and dune over lay zone and finally that any work being done would also require it to be ADA accessible as the City is Title II entity. Staff has informed Mr. Myers as to all the findings as they have arisen so that he is able to address these questions for staff and Council.

Mr. Myers meet with public works director Dan Weitzel at the site to discuss the process in which the City would need to have the trail completed. Dan discussed that the city would not allow any trees to be cut down, and the need for erosion control due to water run off on Cherry street.

Copy of proposed Trial Construction Assessment Proposal – Ocean Ave right of way off Cherry Street is attached. Classic Trial group is proposing that the City covers the cost of both the Survey and Geo tech report as they would cover cost of construction. Quoted cost of a survey was \$1,600.00 from Onion Peak Design and Jason Morgan of Morgan engineering was asked to provide a quote of geo tech report to Mr. Myers.

Hello Kristin - As requested, attached is a detailed plan to construct a trail with three sections of crib steps including an erosion control berm at the top of the trail.

This is provided **to be included in the July City Council Meeting Agenda** as follow up detail from the June meeting to provide Council with more information to use for approval.

This plan was developed by expert trail builder, Brandon Tigner, of Trailkeepers of Oregon. He used the existing survey marks (pins and fiberglass rods) which you indicated were considered accurate for the purpose of this approval.

Brandon lives in Manzanita and works to train volunteers and actively build trails in this area. He and his volunteers have constructed a similar trail and steps in south Manzanita at Elk Meadows Park near Neptune Way which we would encourage all project decision-makers to visit this site as this is a great model for our project and the steps are very sturdy and are also constructed up a sandy slope. Brandon's contact info is as follows:

Brandon Tigner
North Coast Stewardship Coordinator | Trailkeepers Of Oregon
614-915-9114

We understand as communicated by Thomas Aschenbrener that the approval we are requesting would also be contingent on obtaining a geotech report and we have reached out to a local engineer (Jason Morgan) to discuss this process but you indicated that we should wait until the July meeting and conditional approval.

We also understand from the last meeting that public testimony would be a contingency. We have reached out to the local community and some adjacent property owners and would like this process to be initiated by the City.

We are requesting conditional approval of the attached trail construction plan subject to the above mentioned contingencies to be conducted just subsequent to approval at the July City Council Meeting.

We are ready as a volunteer group to provide all proposed material and labor detailed in the attached plan with construction to be supervised by a professional trail building organization, Trailkeepers of Oregon.

We would prefer that any survey or geotech report cost be covered by the City as land owner, as this project will benefit the property owners and Citizens of Manzanita. If these funds are not available from the City, the Trail Access Group would agree to take on these costs too in order to expedite the building of this trail.

In summary, we believe this proposal utilizes an unused City resource (Ocean Road Right-of-Way) to solve a significant new problem of no beach access encountered by a large number of property owners and Citizens of Manzanita in a well thought out manner using a professional trail building organization and local resident (Brandon Tigner) who has actually already constructed a very similar project in this area at Elk Meadows Park. We are addressing all of the requirements the City has conveyed to us in our plan including no tree removal and the contingencies reflected above.

We thank you and Thomas Aschenbrener for the assistance with this and we look forward to **achieving conditional approval at the July City Council Meeting.**

Stanton Myers, Member, Trail Access Group