

Cape Meares Community Action Plan (9/10/23)

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<b>1. Signage: Enhance experience, enjoyment and safety for residents and visitors</b>	Create signage from spit road entry to community to Bayocean beach parking to divert traffic to spit and loop road, inform and caution at Bayocean entrance regarding motorized vehicles access, restrictions on beach fires, dune protection, fireworks and camping and access for emergency equipment, etc.	Claudia with Donna and Paul Lehto, Charles Ansoerge, Marge and Jon Hirsh. Support: Steve Quinn	in process	County needs to approve. TCVA has budget to design and create signage using CM logo	Wayfinding workshop being scheduled with TCVA in October. Pre-workshop session scheduled for September 30. Research.	Proposals need to be submitted for TCVA funding by January. Interest in signage that emphasizes why restrictions are necessary.
• Entry to community	Consider welcome signage noting “entering residential community”, no RV parking			County		
• Bayocean beach entrance: inform visitors and residents about rules	Signage at beach entrance			County and State	Use information developed for flyer in #6 STR	
• 3-way stop at Bayocean & Loop Rd.	To reduce speeding entering the community and for pedestrian safety		County has approved	County		
• Historical/wildlife signs			Stage 2 project	CMCA		Community indicated other signage addressed first
<b>2. Lake Management Plan: Assure a well-functioning Cape Meares Lake with a flourishing eco-system from the wetlands to the lake</b>		John Harland with Wendy Burroughs, Dave Audet, Pete Steen, Bill Winters, Simone Goldfeder, Narayan Lincoln Support: Miriam Fultz	in process	Multiple stakeholders	Oregon Solutions assessment underway. Need to determine scope. Set up i-naturalist for community tracking of wildlife. Team meeting 9/6	Hope to be designated as Oregon Solutions (see <a href="http://oregonsolutions.org">oregonsolutions.org</a> ) project to bring stakeholders together. Eligible for a TLT Facilities grant (issued late September). Lake/wetlands tours 9/14.
<b>3. Minimize visitor impact at Bayocean beach entrance</b>	Address impact on sanitation, parking and trash	Spike Klobas, Karen Cosper. Support: Steve Quinn	Plan has been identified	County has authority to decide but open to CM suggestions	Research	Parking: next summer research parking impact after Loop Rd opens, refer to Signage Team for signage emphasizing why restrictions are necessary, and explore with county if emergency access can be moved to prior location. Trash: confirm Tu/Fri pickup and wildlife safe containers. Sanitation: maintain Porta Potties seasonally.

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<b>4. Pedestrian Safety on Bayocean Rd.: Create safe passage for walking and biking</b>	Consider a pedestrian path along road, boardwalk or other options	Ann Quinn, Karen Schank, Donna Lehto and Paul Lehto, Scott Gordon, Mary Gordon interested. Support: Steve Quinn	Needs a lead. Delay start up to 2024	County		Need to: 1) research options, 2) engage community to reach consensus, 3) apply for authority and funding. Scott doing some preliminary research on right of ways
• Painted signs on road	Pedestrian crossing, slow down		Bev contact Laity	County	Input from county	
<b>5. Community Center: Assure long term ability to serve as a vital hub for community</b>	Assure maintenance of the Barbara Bennett Community Center	Patti and Mike Smith		CMCA		
• Rental fee and long term maintenance plan			Proposal to Board to 2x fees	CMCA	Board action 9/11/23	Recommended doubling fee and doing special fundraising for long term maintenance
<b>6. Short term rentals: Assure peace and safety for community and visitors</b>	Monitor STR enforcement and communicate with STR owners and managers. Advocate for enforcement and accountability to support responsible use of rental properties.	Pam Robenolt, Guy Kyle, Peggy Lindquist. Support: Bev Stein		County regulations	Planning meeting 9/13	
• Publicize hotline and monitor experience to assure rental properties are maintained and comply with regulations	Monthly notice on MeWe about hotline and request to communicate experience with hotline and enforcement. Publish in newsletter monthly		Hotline on website and posted on community center bulletin board	CMCA		
• Create flyer to inform renters and rental owners of county/ state rules, community policies and community values	Flyer has contact information for issues like fires on beach, dark skies, and about emergency preparedness in CM		in process	CMCA	make flyer and send to owners and managers	Flyer can also be on website and in newsletter to inform community. TCVA may be able to design and fund. Emphasize why restrictions are important.
• Communicate with STR owners and managers	Send letter with flyer to STR owners in CM and contact management agencies		need someone to write letter and send	CMCA		
• Create Visitor section on website						
<b>7. Community Education: Provide community members with information that protects the environment and homes</b>	Offer educational presentations to community	CMCA Board	in process	CMCA	Schedule presentations at community meetings or special presentations	Pete Steen can offer assistance
• Septic systems		Chris Spence				

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• Dark skies		Jim Cameron	October newsletter			
• Fire proofing properties		Kathy/CM Firefighters/Simone	November 11 Community Meeting			
<b>8. Wheelchair access to bench at Pacific beach entry</b>		Wendy Kunkel	Laity said gravel can be placed now (work order submitted)	County	Estimate cost of materials and labor.	Eligible for a TLT Facilities grant (issued late September).
<b>9. Miscellaneous</b>						
• Pothole filling	System for alerting community when material delivered, consider "pothole filling day". Seek to have material delivered to multiple locations		Bev will contact Chris Laity	County		
• New firehouse	If current firehouse becomes unavailable a new site preferably above the tsunami zone will be needed		No funding available	Fire District	on hold	
• What to do with shed?	Need to decide how to use shed and options for upgrading		Kathy researching cost of new floor.	CMCA	Brainstorm uses at 10/9 Board meeting	Requires brainstorming options, Board