CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE July 5, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jim Hossley, Director Public Works

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Boardwalk City Docks Visioning Committee

BACKGROUND:

The Parks Commission began the process of updating the City of Coos Bay "Parks Master Plan" in 2011, which was approved, and adopted by Council in December 2013. The Parks Master Plan prioritized City assets for rehabilitation, the Boardwalk and City Docks being some of those assets. The Parks Commission formed a committee with the objective of creating ideas for a vision of future improvements to Boardwalk / City Docks. The committee has now come up with a number of ideas for Council's consideration. With direction from the Council tonight, the next step would be needs assessment to create a Boardwalk City Docks Master Plan incorporating the ideas Council wants to move forward with. The master plan will allow staff to seek grants that match up with specific site development.

There is an attached list and map of ideas the committee brought forward included with this report.

ADVANTAGES:

The Council has a number of ideas to consider. Providing the committee and staff direction will help move the process of creating a master plan forward. By creating a master plan, it allows staff to seek grants, and be successful in application submission. A master plan will allow phasing of the plan to be implemented as resources become available.

DISADVANTAGES:

None.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No consultants have been obtained by the City to date, so there are no budget implications at this time. However, if Council approves of the committee visioning, the next process would be to obtain a consultant to begin creating a master plan.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If pleases the Council, consider the ideas presented and provide direction with which ideas plus

any additional ideas you would like considered in the master plan and direct staff to obtain cost estimate for a qualified professional firm to create a master plan for the Boardwalk / City Docks.

ATTACHMENTS:

Boardwalk Committee summary of site amenity ideas Visioning site map.
List of committee members

BOARDWALK/CITY DOCKS MASTER PLAN

DEVELOPING A VISION

Expanding on the Park's Assets and Amenities

Dock

Expansion South

- Pavilion - w/tables

- To facilitate recreation

- Boardwalk

- Kayak- Launch

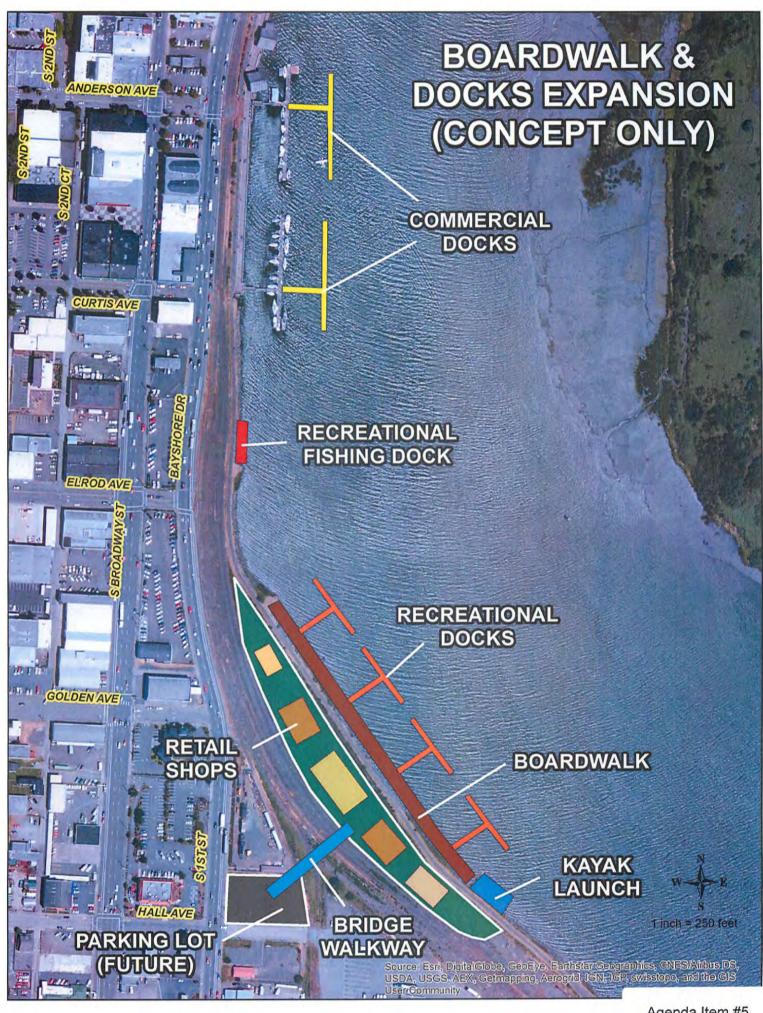
- Flag Poles

- Parking Area

Connectivity Trail

COMMERCIAL	RECREATIONAL
Floating Restaurant	Moorage
Tall Ships	Houseboats
Larger Boats	Pedestrian Access / Free Standing Bridge
Landing	Multi-Modal (cont'd conversation)
Storage/Lockers – Kayaks	Fishing: Land Base vs Pier
Bike Racks	Fish Cleaning Station
Additional Docks and Dock Access Ramps	Interpretative Signage
Food Carts (competing with outside business)	ADA locations w/safe fishing
Fish Sales	Benches for landing fish
Commercial Facilities	Closer to water level
CROSS-CUTTING	
Open-space planning/visualization, e.g., Don't allow development that limits the public's ability to see, stroll along, and interact with the water.	
Include setbacks to allow for future waterfront open space planning	
Wind Shelters	
Build Community Assets	
Public restrooms (needed at more than one location	
Plug-in stations for electric vehicles	
Lighting and Security	
Involve SSNERR is developing interpretation	

SSNERR staff supportive of my involvement on advisory committee e.g., to observe and assess needs, voice for nature and health; ensure communication and interaction with SSNERR education resources.		
Education, interpretation, outreach, e.g., it's Isthmus Slough you're looking at from downtown, not the entire Coos Bay; What about Coalbank Slough? SLR & tsunamis interpretation at waterfront		
CONDITIONAL		
Storm water management via green infrastructure – low impact development (GI-LID)		
Pending hydrologic modification permits proposed by USGS and EPA will require municipalities to manage storm water to avoid hydrologic modifications of channels and streams. (away from managing peak flows; toward managing total volume of runoff over a longer period.)		
CAUTIONS		
Preserve Open space! Once lost, open space can seldom be recovered.		
Be careful about houseboats! (abandoned vessels, breaking loose in storms)		
Why invest in floating restaurant when we have so much empty space in downtown?		



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