

Luma Vista vacation request Public Hearing Comments

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Since they left open the precesings for public comments I wanted to briefly submit a clarification on a comment I said during my public comment and add one more piece.

Since several people referenced it as the hearing went on I wanted to make sure they had it right. I didn't reference or say there would be "a thousand trips", I said "a private drive for 6 instead of access for thousands". I was referring to the thousands of Columbia County residents that could access this park at this location over time. With only approx. 10 parking spots I wouldn't think there would be a lot of traffic but I would believe a professional traffic safety study would be the best way to see how much traffic it would receive.

Also, some have said there wasn't anything in our Master Plan referencing this access. Enclosed are two pictures all the way back from the Scappoose 2017 Master plan showing the parking lot and road and also a paragraph on how the Bella Vista access was explored but it posed emergency vehicle risks and that the Luma Vista residents should be notified as it will lead to increased trip counts. So they were aware or at least should have been.

I know this job is not easy and I appreciate the opportunity to voice my thoughts. Again, I do really think the City of Scappoose would do our share to help make this is as safe as it can if and when we decide to improve on this park. And I am also willing to talk to try and work out solutions and possible remedies before a decision is made if that helps out at all.

Thanks again

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Mayor of Scappoose