


Vacation request for Luma Vista

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Vista Exhibit B.pdf; Vista Park Conceptual Plan A.pdf;

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Can you please enter this into the public record for the Luma Vista vacation request and confirm receipt?
Thank you!

Hello Columbia County Board of Commissioners –

I'd like to offer some follow up information based on the information provided in the Hearing on the petition to vacate Luma Vista Drive and Skyline Terrace on 5/22.

First, the petitioners repeatedly said “Luma Vista” is not mentioned once in the Parks Master Plan as an access point for Vista Park. That is technically correct, but very misleading. The Vista Park Conceptual plan, which was created in 2019, is mentioned twice, in two separate sections as the future development plan for Vista. So, the intent to utilize Luma Vista as access is absolutely included in the parks master plan. For your reference, I've attached the Vista Park Conceptual Plan from 2019. You can also access our recently adopted Parks Master Plan here, [parks_master_plan_2023_appendices_included.pdf \(scappoose.gov\)](#). Reference to the Vista Park Conceptual Plan on pages 2 and 19.

Second, the video that one of the residents showed does not capture the elevation gain of the current access point from Bella Vista. From the gate on Bella Vista to where proposed parking is in the Conceptual Plan, it is 200 feet of elevation gain in less than quarter mile. Hiking trails are rated, in part, on elevation gain. 700-1000 ft. per mile is considered “Difficult”. 1000+ feet per mile is considered “Challenging”. This access point would fall between “Difficult” to “Challenging” by any trail measure. This again means children, older residents and people with any physical challenges will not be able to utilize this park. There is no point in developing a park that only a small number of residents can use. So, if access to Luma Vista is removed, I will advocate for this parcel to be pulled out of Parks Master Plan, which put the city in a large land deficiency for parks.

Lastly, there was some speculation of park utilization rates. If you look at Vista Exhibit B from the 2019 conceptual plan, the parking area connecting to Luma Vista is depicted. The Public Works Director estimates the conceptual plan had 10-20 parking spaces. This inherently limits the number of visitors the park will be able to handle at once. If the residents would like to work with the city to negotiate parking spots to be on the lower end of that range, I'm sure the city would be willing to engage in that discussion.

I appreciate the Commissioners keeping the record open so these clarifications can be offered for the record.

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