

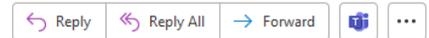
Bob Atiyeh Post on Protect Cannon Beach



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### **A Proposal:**

Many residents of Cannon Beach are concerned about the impact of the increasing number of visitors, the number of trees being cut down to build new homes on the rapidly dwindling number of vacant lots, and the lack of workforce housing that affects the ability of local business owners to hire and retain workers. As I understand it, our town cannot legally prevent people from driving down our public streets, but we can limit parking. If we initiate paid parking on summer weekends, we could control the number of permits available to park in our town. Anyone without a permit would get a \$50 parking ticket. Full and part-time residents, business owners and their employees, anyone making deliveries and doing business in town, and anyone staying in an overnight rental would get free permits. Senior citizens, veterans and anyone currently serving in the military could park for free. A wild guess based on past estimates is that there could be up to 3,000 potential parking spaces (Tolovana to the North End) Charge \$20 to park all day (or \$3/hour) \$120k generated over a weekend. 14 weekends over the summer = \$1.5+ million. If we charged for parking on summer weekdays, or extended the paid parking season, you could potentially increase the revenue to \$4 - \$5 million. Make one weekday every week free for everyone. After enforcement and administrative expenses, use half of the money to subsidize workforce housing. Use the other half to purchase and preserve key parcels of remaining open/green space before it's developed. Purchase the Roberts property in the "S" Curves to preserve it, and make the present owners financially whole. It's adjacent to an historic structure that belonged to Oswald West, the governor responsible for designating all Oregon beaches a public highway in the early 1900's. Name it the "Oswald West Memorial Forest" to honor him. Purchase any and all aesthetically and ecologically important natural spaces in town before they're gone forever. Paid parking would limit the number of visitors in town, preserve the trees and open space that we take for granted, and help local business owners (and our Fire District) find places for their employees and volunteers to live. If we explained to visitors that the parking revenue was being used to help preserve the few remaining natural areas in town to protect it from over-development, provide workforce housing, and protect the town from overcrowding, the number of people protesting the parking fee would likely be minimal.

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