

# Seaside gets \$17,000 for Setzler Park redesign

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Community members, chamber workers and city councilmen all had one thing in common Monday night: Hood to Coast is good for Seaside.

President of Hood To Coast, Bob Foot, presented the city with a check for \$17,000 to help revamp Seltzer Park during the city council meeting, and got permission to continue into the 28th year, as well as run the beer garden with the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

"I want to thank the City of Seaside for allowing us to have our finish," Foot said. "I thought this year was very successful."

Public Works Director Neal Wallace said Setzler Park would get some new vegetation that would be protected by boulders so people would use the concrete pathways.

"There will be a concrete pad with a picnic table," Wallace said. "We are looking at

a two-year project. The design is expensive, and things we want to do will cost some money. If you've been by Cartwright Park this year and compare it to last year, the difference is phenomenal. It wouldn't have happened without Hood to Coast.

Wallace said the design for the revamp should be completed by the end of the month, and there should be new rock and concrete before winter.

Foot said there was a film crew shading Hood to Coast this year, and there will be a two-hour documentary on Hood to Coast that is slated for release in Spring 2009 at major film festivals.

"The highlight is the finish," Foot said. "I'm excited the worldwide exposure Seaside is going to get."

City Manager Mark Winstanley said this year's Hood to Coast event went "very well" and there were few problems, and thanked city staff for their efforts.

"It's a large event, and a challenge for

the City of Seaside," Winstanley said.

Many people spoke after the meeting in favor of Hood to Coast and told of its benefits. One man said there is "little support among the people of the community."

Chamber of Commerce Director Al Smiles said he was glad local high school students were able to raise money by renting out the gym showers to athletes during Hood to Coast, and soccer teams were also able to generate revenue through the run.

"Hood to Coast allows us to invest," Smiles said. "I hope the public understands the bigger picture."

Also Monday, the council approved Lola's Fancy Food Market's request to serve wine with lunches, continued a request to pave gravel access next to the Prom at Avenue G, and praised Civic and Convention Center General Manager Russ Vandenberg for his recent designation as a convention facility professional and showed off his new plaque.

Vandenberg was one of eight individuals who earned the Certified Facilities Executive (CFE) designation from the International Association of Assembly Managers (IAAM) at the 2008 83rd Annual Conference and Trade Show in Anaheim, Calif.

Prior to certification, Vandenberg was rated on his experience and accomplishments in public assembly facility management and he successfully completed a comprehensive written examination which tested his general knowledge of the public assembly facility management profession.

Among facility management professionals, "CFE" is an indication of demonstrated skill in leadership, activity in community affairs and expertise in management of public assembly facilities.

The council also advertised for a Community Center and Senior Commission seat, and for a seat on the Airport Committee that was opened after the death of pilot Jason Ketchson.