

Oregon Country Fair LUMP committee meeting November 18, 2014

Financial Planning was using Go To Meeting, so we missed our out of town members.

Mapping subcommittee 6:30

Jason Kelley, Dennis Todd, Bear Pitts, Joseph Newton, DJ Rogers, Robert Albano, Jain Elliott (scribe)

Jason was tasked with setting up a mapping platform, put together benchmarks for collecting survey data on site. Says we need to solicit enough names to feel like there's momentum behind the proposal.

Ann Rogers wanted to be here, says Dennis, has info in GIS format. She said Portland Community College could be a source of interns that could help us.

Dennis thinks we should use ESRI GIS program, the industry standard.

Jason: One approach would be putting together a capital projects proposal to hire a contractor to do the work. This may not be ideal. We have to figure out for ourselves what we need. The work is in the collaborating & sharing with Fair family. People who barely talk to us aren't going to be more forthcoming with a contractor.

Dennis suggests Jason draft the proposal, circulate it to others for feedback, and then send it to the board. We may find a map-master rising to the challenge who hasn't been coming to these meetings. Should be a cartographer, says Joseph.

Long term, says Jason, the real impediment moving forward will be resolving inter-crew challenges. Need buy-in from others. Bear says Chewie's willing to share what he has if it's done right. Jason doubts that extra passes can be allocated to this (although it's hard to ask an intern to do a hundred hours of work with no recompense.) Joseph thinks it's possible. Robert thinks maybe volunteers could do it, a few hours a week.

Jason will send his draft proposal to the subcommittee.

LUMP meeting 7:00

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Announcements: LIDAR data has been approved, should be coming to Lane County soon if it's not there now. It might not be on the OSU server, which may not be up to date. Shane said someone should go and pick that up. Jason can project it at our next meeting.

Permanent bridge to the Far Side, says Dennis, may be able to use an 89-foot railroad car. Did a walkabout with Shane—a crossing just downstream from the one we use now might work well. Channel's been stable for 150 years at that spot. Contractor who worked with Shane has installed several on the Long Tom in the last few years.

Jason suggests getting a second bid for any kind of bridge or major crossing. Different contractors will give you different feasibility ideas. Also supply or redesign issues can come up at the last minute. It's good to have a back-up from another contractor who's already put in a bid so work can be done before the permit expires.

Minutes from October meeting were approved.

Subcommittee reports

River loop--Bear says folks he's talked with are all from one little part of the Path Planning Committee's River Path Study Segment, which is a huge area from DeSpain Lane to Pooh Corner, 40% of the Fair. Kirk's expectation was that all Bear's group would address would be their own neighborhood, so that's OK. Kirk thinks the individual segment studies need to become more detailed to be usable. So Bear's statistics will only cover from the camas oven sign to Upper River Loop. One booth will never leave—4 generations, 40 people from all over camping behind it. That's the only booth that wants to stay. Another Elder couple wants to retire, but still camp there. Kirk wants to make all of that area into a park. Nirvana Park stage now gets roving performers (all acoustic.) River's eating the bank at 2 to 3 feet a year. Ark Park will be gone in 10 years, river will be in Daredevil shortly after that. Kirk's hoping that what Bear's neighborhood does will be a template for other neighborhoods.

Jason says we need water access there for river rescues. Right, says Bear, we are the Navy's dock. Big Boys' night-time management planning includes that dock for water rescues.

Jason's concerned about the footings of Jill's Crossing. Down cutting at the mouth of Indian Creek could undermine them. Fish enhancement projects might help here.

Map subcommittee report: Continued enthusiasm for moving forward on setting up a platform for GIS work, interest in getting participation from students & volunteers. Next month Jason will propose a remote meeting to get more folks involved who couldn't come to this meeting.

Old business

LUMP manual update: Dennis will send out text to relevant coordinators & wait for feedback, if none received will assume no changes are required. Map could use revision. Dennis has maps on the Path Planning website—we could just link to PP for these. Jason & Robert will help generate .kml's for this, so that anyone could click on it and download a Google Earth map. We need to get some property boundaries we don't have yet. Could trace them from the county delineation, which we have.

We discussed how to fit the zone map for the expanded property into the printed LUMP Manual, even though it yields a smaller-scale map. Expanding it into a fold out would be very expensive. Dennis asks that we all read through the on-line HTML manual to look for areas that need to be updated.

Mapping: We can fill in the membership of the MOST committee. Jason hopes to have proposal drafted by the end of the year, building benchmarks this summer, and have apps by Fair (Gene.) Resources: Shane can help with passes for interns.

Green zones : Joseph will convene. Dennis & Thom will help. Need to go through notes for the last 8 or 10 years, organize them into a set of protocols that we can implement. Implementation would be through the camp host system, so they'd know where special zones are defined & described. Jason has set addresses in the South Woods camping to correspond with how many feet campsites are from junctions along paths, rather than using hippie names. Organizational hurdles: educating camp hosts & campers. Outreach opportunities: signs, showing up at camp host meetings. We should have paperwork available by May 1st. QM & tent tag crew could hand them out.

Priority list: Dennis will fill out the rest of the table, add some info from Rachel's version, and circulate it.

Long Tom Watershed Council collaboration: Shane and Charlie have been working on this. Shane and Thom will start attending the meetings.

Tree management and wood salvage: Shane is consulting with arborists. Dennis will work with him to write guidelines for the LUMP manual.

Gray water treatment: Dennis met with some of the participants, discussed what worked & what didn't, plans to use a different water source next year, growing maybe more than one strain of fungus, using a different bed lay out for the fungus.

Next meeting Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:00 LUMP, OCF office