

## Oregon Country Fair Land Use Management and Planning Committee

March 10, 2015

MOST (Mapping subcommittee) 6:30

Dennis Todd, , Joseph Newton, Anna Scott, Jason Kelley, Bear Pitts, Robert Albano, Thom Barr, Tim Wolden. Go-to-meeting Gene Ehrbar and Paxton Hoag. Jain Elliott, scribe.

David Liberty wants to step back, which is part of why Gene's been trying to get the mapping info together.

Jason says we're now having conversations about everyone's personal stake in the different pieces of mapping at the Fair. Gene represents one group, Bear represents McKenzie maps, this month they'll all three come up with a proposal that everyone who has other maps or responsibilities (like printing) agree with to move forward. Appreciates Bear's taking on authoring the proposal. Gene says the three of them are in good agreement, hope to get everybody else on board.

Anna says the Community Center committee has been pursuing all the pieces they need to give to Thom Lanfear for the land use permit for this project. Right now he's working on the parks designation, getting the site plan for that. Anna and Thom talked today about what's needed for the site map that gets to the County. Need to find a survey marker pin that's on site, and from there measure distances to upland buildings. This is more technical than the work Anna's done, so we need a qualified volunteer—someone who can find a survey pin in the ground, and do accurate measurements from that. An intern that's supervised by a surveyor could do this, says Thom. Anna says if we can't get a qualified volunteer we'll hire it out.

Jason says if you stamp something you use your bond, and most people wouldn't volunteer that. It's a huge liability. We'll probably have to pay a surveyor. Most building permits, though, don't need a stamped PLS (professional land surveyor).

Paxton says the Lane County paperwork doesn't have to be stamped or certified at all. Has to be accurate to within a foot.

Anna says the architectural engineering firm's next step would be to do this work in order to apply for a permit.

Gene still thinks a volunteer could do what we want.

Robert says we'll also need a records search for easements. Surveyors usually do this.

Paxton says Andy looked at the documentation from the County, and said he could find the survey points that exist at the Fair.

Robert says the original easement for a sewer line on his city lot was written without metes and bounds so that made the whole lot unbuildable before subsequent negotiations and a surveyor's description of the easement.

Paxton says Hilary is willing to budget for software if we need something to form a uniform mapping base.

Dennis says we have volunteers who could let us use their site licenses. Joseph thinks the OCF should own the base, but agrees we don't need it to get started. Jason said his interns can work for three months without expenditure on our part, since they all have licenses.

Paxton couldn't find the LIDAR data on the State website. Jason agrees it's hard to find, but he has it on hard drive and will get it to Paxton in some format. Its 180 gigabytes as it is. He can get smaller images that still are too big to be emailed, but he'll work on it.

Bear has a sugar sync site that he can put big pieces on that he's prepared for Path Planning this weekend. Needs a list of who wants to be invited to that domain.

#### **7:00 PM LUMP at OCF town office**

Dennis Todd, Joseph Newton, Anna Scott, Jason Kelley, Bear Pitts, Robert Albano, Thom Barr, Tim Wolden. Go-to-meeting: Gene Ehrbar, Paxton Hoag. Steve Wisnovsky on iphone

Tim drew us a bridge design 12 years ago, using helical piers to carry suspension on torry arches. It would be prettier than a rail car. It's just a matter of scale to accommodate larger loads if we want to drive a tractor or truck across. He's

done a lot of bridges, but rating them for a 70 thousand pound fire truck is challenging. The biggest likely load would be a parade of humans.

Jason works for an engineering firm that designs and inspects bridges, but hopes we can get a permit for something more beautiful. Tim says we'd need to go back further from the bank for a railcar, potentially affecting the archeological record. Could have a suspension bridge that could carry an emergency vehicle with EMTs.

Anna moved that the LUMP committee recommend something more artistic than a railcar. Dennis seconded.

Steve supports Shane's plan to get a bridge that can get a Gator over. If we had a fire on the Far Side, the fire department would be coming in from Territorial and Highway 126.

Jason doesn't want to overwhelm Shane with this project, and the railcar is simpler. Wants to put together a report that includes all the options that are available to us, including a rail car, Tim's suspension bridge, and pre-stressed concrete beams. Management and the Board gets a lot of proposals that are one-sided, and we should give them more information to choose from.

Joseph is concerned that the cables on the Fair side would extend into booths. Tim says they'd go over the path. Jason says we could do a proposal with different plans with some budget info. Anna wants to know if LUMP's in favor of a more artistic bridge. The committee votes in favor of her motion.

Dennis will send Tim his copy of the original drawing, and Tim will scale it up to accommodate a one-ton truck.

Dennis says our plan now is to gather info on bridge designs, vet them, and tell Shane not to worry. Jason has info on a railcar.

#### Announcements

Vision Action Committee will meet at the Long House at LCC on April 26, 10 to 4. We'll talk about our current goals and goals we might be missing. Info on website and in FFN on how to RSVP.

Dennis wrote a response to the Goal 3 criticisms in the February FFN that will appear in the March issue.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Staff reports

Shane had a scheduling conflict and sent this written report:

"The weather has been wonderful and things are really beginning to move at an elevated pace. We have taken the opportunity the weather has given us to start several projects early. Earlier last month we broke ground and poured a slab to house the fuel tank at the ware barn. A monolithic slab, 8'x17', with 18" footings was poured with the help of Dj, Ann, Jeff, and Kehn. The tank has been treated with OSPHO and painted white to help stop evaporation. The walls started being erected last week with Andy's help and the project is well underway. It will contain all the jerry cans, and oil products, have two spill kits attached with fire extinguishers. This is a vital part of the infrastructure that needed to be revamped, and I am very excited to see the final product.

"Another project that I have been working on for months has been the removal, and or donation of the Zenn house. Finally I found some traction and have a bid for removal that is reasonable that will be presented to the BOD in April. With any luck the structure will be gone prior to the opening of main camp.

"Charlie and I have had several meetings with various crews pertaining to our upcoming event. We met with traffic and will be revamping the pole star area to provide better access for emergency vehicles during the event. We will be moving the pole star and changing the footprint of cart central and tickets west. Discussion at this point is about moving the pole star out near Maple Gate. Any ideas are welcome during the initial planning phase.

"We have also had several meetings with the camping crew about the final relocation of the campers in the new area (AKA Crafts Lot). We estimate that we will be moving the remaining 4-500 folks into the south woods. There is a lot of work left to do, clearing new camp spots for the relocated, as well as widening South Park Road to allow vehicles to pass one another during load in and out. The work is starting to pile up! We have been discussing with the camp crew about further training for the camp hosts to enforce and designate green zones. They are excited and willing to take on this task, which is going to be very helpful as we expand the camping in the South Woods. All of this camping

expansion is also going to require us to rent another chipper this year. You can imagine how excited some crews and I are about that fabulous news.

"I have reached out to our electrician to review the power plan in the LUMP Manual. He just got back from Hawaii, so I haven't received his feedback yet. As soon as I do I will forward the information to my fellow Lumpers.

"Now onto what you wonderful volunteers can do to help out on a few projects that we have on the table for this year. The biggest and most time sensitive project will be the culvert at Despain Lane following our event. The work will have to begin after the fair and I am unsure as to how long the work will take. I have lined up a backhoe and operator for the task, but will need some additional help getting all our ducks in a row. I would like some help on this project. It's my understanding that we do not need a permit to replace an existing culvert because of the zoning. Can some one confirm? Then the design, do we want to do the same thing we did 25 years ago? What's the best way to approach this project? We have a very short window to do the work. It will need to be completed by August 15<sup>th</sup> is my understanding. What materials are we going to need? We have a relatively small budget to do the work, so we really need to have a good plan in place to proceed.

"One last project is tree planting. The window is closing very rapidly and with everything going on I am finding it increasingly difficult to sit down and draw up a reasonable plan to get some youngsters in the ground. I know we can always wait till next year, but I have several cedars and oaks that would really like a permanent home. It would also be fantastic if we could figure out a tree that would grow in Piggies lot. The clay base isn't the best to plant trees in, but there must be a solution to start building shade out in the new camping area.

"One last issue that has been brought to my attention is the building of the new dance pavilion. I was just informed that they wanted a base of beach sand to help be self leaving in order to lay the flooring. Right now the footprint is slated to be 3000 square feet. I don't know if that is just the floor surface or if that figure includes the bleachers and bandstand. Does anyone have any ideas on how to get what they need without such a large impact? Mr. Albano may be able to offer some insight as he was at the meeting too. Right now it is still a work in progress and may take different form, but this is an opportunity to get out in front of the situation and have some other solutions to bring to the table.

"That's all I have for now. It's a pleasure to work with you all and thank you all for enthusiasm and dedication to this committee. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out via email or phone call. Or just come on out and take a walk on site and we can discuss whatever you may need."

Dennis thinks we shouldn't plant trees in Miss Piggy's. We won't find trees that will grow in that white clay soil, and even if they did they'd dry up the moisture so the tadpoles and aquatic insects couldn't complete metamorphosis in the spring.

Jason's concerned about that amount of fill (sand under the dance pavilion.) Paxton and Dennis recommend a dirt and sand mix, like a putting green. Robert says the sleeves for poles would be below ground, so mowing would be possible during the off season.

Jason offered Shane an intern to help design the Volunteer Bridge culvert replacement and hasn't heard back. Paxton thinks he's overwhelmed, suggests the intern contact him directly. Joseph says we have to have a non-traditional, eco-friendly culvert, since it's being covered by the Green Ticket fund. Steve says as part of the Indian Creek restoration project some years ago we replaced round culverts that were not fish friendly with flat bottomed ones that are now readily available at pipe supply places. Will talk to Shane about this as well as his ideas for the dance floor. Dennis says maybe we need a bridge task force that he would serve on. Dennis, Jason, Tim and Joseph would serve on this. Jason will send out links on culverts to the task force.

Discuss how to recruit project leader for ponds project—Jason wants Steve to come back. Steve says this is not a short-term endeavor. If we could get Charlie to set up a meeting with City of Veneta and Long Tom Watershed Council that would help. There really is no major budget impact for this. If we can't get a grant we don't do the project. Should try to minimize work for the GM and site manager. Maybe we could find a project leader among Jason's interns. Then we'd need a design manager. The biggest part of the budget would be excavating soil at Maulden Marsh and transporting it to the borrow pit on the Far Side. We should create a project coordinating committee that he'd be willing to join.

Dennis was looking for a long Term Fair volunteer to coordinate this, hearing from Steve that an intern might commit for a few years. Steve says it could go either way. Likes Rachel's idea that the grant would include a paid position.

Jason says OWEB funding will require in-kind contributions. But that might be feasible—we could get contributions from the City. Steve says the Fair contribution could include the volunteer hours we've spent talking about this. Jason said they audited the last two projects he worked on, and volunteer hours

couldn't count for all the in-kind share. A consultant who works on OWEB stuff would be very helpful. Jason knows someone who'd be a good resource, has worked on these kinds of projects a lot, would probably be willing to meet with us (might like a wristband)—Ray Fiore.

Joseph says we should look at the Green Ticket funds for this, as well as volunteer hours. Moves we endorse the concept of reclaiming the pond as an ecological resource. Dennis says it's actually a three-part project: Maulden Marsh, the borrow pit, and a refuge for tadpoles in Miss Piggy's. We agree to endorse that. Jason says we should solicit more participation in this subcommittee. This project might inspire some of the larger LUMP membership that doesn't come to meetings. Steve will talk with Shane about this. Will help with this, but primarily he's a Traffic volunteer. Dennis will help, but won't be the leader. Having Charlie set up that meeting would be a great start.

Finish LUMP manual revisions—Dennis says he's still waiting for Communications, Fire, Archeology, and Electrical Power to respond. Wants to rearrange the sections to be introduction and policies first, then nature and archeology based sections, four land-based sections, a group of services, then zone descriptions, maps, and contact info. Has a cleaned-up copy for Robert to post on the website.

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Dennis has a draft of the upland forest plan that he did six years ago. Needs addition of DUG's Green. Non-native pines near the Hub were planted by Swanson's, who got credit for wetlands mitigation for them. Conifers east of Alice's Chickadee driveway and west of Chicken Creek need the most thinning to maintain species diversity, possibly in mid-winter. Jason will clip out a little map of the vegetation heights from the LIDAR data and send it out to everyone, and Dennis will send the 2009 management plan draft for review and updating. (included at the end of these minutes)

Green Zone subcommittee report: Joseph isn't sure what new set of designations we need and why. Protocols were already in Shane's report. People need to go through the camp host for camps and the site manager for other areas. Will draft something for us.

Bear wants to take mapping plans to Path Planning Sunday. Wants to use the 75-foot wall where the map booth used to be to display what we're doing. Jason says we need to make a plan to address the changes in the way mapping's been done now that printing won't be as available to us. Mapping's been sort of privately held. Display maps have been stolen regularly. Bear wants feedback on his map proposal. Robert says it's great.

Dennis will send Tim's bridge drawing of the suspension bridge to everyone.

We'll need to develop a task list for the bridge task force and some kind of a timeline, and see if we can recruit others to participate in it.

Next month: finalize the upland forest plan, more bridge discussions, more LUMP manual for Robert, review draft of Green Zone proposal, update on ponds project.

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 for mapping, 7:00 for LUMP

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OCF Upland Forest Management Plan  
(draft 3/15/09)

Description

OCF upland forest area includes land along Chickadee Lane and the north side of Henderson Woods, some 21 acres in extent. The vegetation is dominated by conifers. This area contains roads, archaeological sites, wetland inclusions, dwellings, gardens, parking lots, industrial zones, and gathering places.

Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine are the most numerous conifers; grand fir, western red cedar, and yew are present. Common hardwoods include bigleaf maple, ash, and madrone. Understory includes poison oak, blackberry, snowberry, hazelnut, sword fern, and many other species.

There are several springboard-cut stumps, indicating hand-saw logging before WW II. These trees were large and probably began life before the first white settlers arrived in the 1840s. Several well-decomposed, low-cut stumps indicate chain-saw logging soon after WW II; those trees probably germinated after white occupation began. Cut stumps of blowdown trees on Alice's showed around 75 rings, indicating germination in the 1920s or 1930s. There are a few large firs that are evidently older, but most of the firs in the uplands (including dahinda's acres and Zenn Acres) are probably about the same age.

The General Land Office map of 1854 shows the area as "oak and fir openings," a landscape type now known as oak savanna. The area was probably burned frequently by Native Americans, leaving large, solitary oaks and firs scattered amid grasslands. Cessation of burning in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century led to the expansion of fir forests throughout the valley. Although much of this area has been farmed since the middle 19<sup>th</sup> century, a 1936 aerial photo shows dense coniferous cover on Alice's.

Goals

Safety

Continued usability to support event and year-round use

Protection of archaeological artifacts

Plan for seven generations

Park-like character in appropriate areas

Camping

Native species  
Local eradication of poison oak  
Wildlife habitat, including corridors  
Biodiversity  
Rich detritus layer  
Standing snags  
Mixed age, mixed species trees  
Multi-story canopy  
Green, no-entry zones  
Education  
Habitat restoration  
Inventory of existing stands  
Reduction of property taxes through timber tax deferral  
Interpretive signs, nature trails  
Management of horticultural plantings  
Sustainable wood production

#### Management zones

##### The Hub

###### goals:

to be determined; continued industrial and administrative use  
removal of non-native pines  
specialized camping (AAAA, Elders)  
possible community center site

###### implementation:

develop comprehensive plan for site development before planting  
remove non-native pines

##### Zenn Acres

###### goals:

to be determined; possible community center site

###### implementation:

maintain grounds and plantings as is until comprehensive plan is developed  
thin where needed

dahinda's acres

goals:

continued current use for camping, showers

protected green zones

open understory in camping areas

maintain tall, open forest feeling

implementation:

maintain tree species diversity by selective thinning

minimize thinning of largest trees to keep understory open

Alice's house and garden

(includes forested edge along Chickadee, outbuildings, and storage areas;  
extends from the Chickadee driveway to the west edge of the garden)

goals:

continued use for gatherings and storage

safety for individuals and events

fire safe zone around buildings

park-like setting around Alice's house

healthy rhododendrons and other mature plantings

well-maintained buildings and garden

implementation:

thin to reduce fire hazard, shade over garden

maintain south woods as wildlife corridor

remove poison oak

West Alice's (west of garden)

goals:

wild area

implementation:

minimize disturbance

remove blackberries and plant native species

no camping

Alice's conifer forest (east of Alice's Chickadee driveway and west of Chicken Creek)

goal:

camping

increased biological diversity (structural and species diversity)

implementation:

thin conifers

plant native understory species

protect designated green zones

Chicken Creek (between Alice's fir forest and the yurt)

goals:

hardwood-dominated community

dense understory

camping

implementation:

preserve and promote hardwoods  
remove conifers that shade hardwoods  
protect designated green zones

Henderson's woods, north side

goals:

maintain fire, pedestrian lane  
protect giant fir

implementation:

minimize impact to heritage trees  
mow road

Warehouse

goals:

continued camping, housing, industrial use  
protect heritage trees

implementation:

maintain fire safety  
thin dense pine stands  
maintain sonic barrier between main stage and warehouse