

Oregon Country Fair Land Use Management Planning committee
April 14, 2015 6:30 map subcommittee

Dennis, Shane, Bear, DJ, & Joseph. Paxton on go-to meeting.

Bear says the Peach Pit map (which separated from the Info Booth map about 10 years ago), the Sparkle map, and the site map (base for Tinkerbell & first responders map) will, we hope, all soon be together in a single place. By 2017 we'll have one based on the LIDAR map, with digital elevation levels. Jason's students should be able to bring in aerial photography from years past.

7:00 PM LUMP at OCF town office

Dennis, Bob Durnell, Bear Pitts, Jason, Robert Albano, Shane, Joseph, DJ, Jain (scribe), & Thom Barr. Paxton, Anna & Steve on go-to-meeting

Anna got to see the parking lot car rearrangement via tornado at LCC today.

May 16th there will be a bird walk hosted by Glenn Johnson & the Eugene Audubon Society. Meet at 8:00 AM.

April 26th, 11:00-4:00, review of the goals summit sponsored by the Vision Action Committee at LCC. Free lunch. RSVP

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as amended to clarify Shane's supervision availability for Jason's intern offer.

DJ opens discussion of Cord Road. Should we sell it? Steve thinks not. Should we change its description in the LUMP manual to make it clear that it's overgrown & impassible? Shane thinks it might be valuable to have emergency vehicle access on that part of the property. Steve may come out this next weekend to look at it. If it's called "road" says Robert, we need to make clear that it doesn't go anywhere. "If you're going to try to walk it, Steve," says Paxton, "take a machete." Dennis says we want to minimize human traffic there, so we don't really want to make it more accessible. Anna says we can say we're decommissioning it. Jason says when we get all our maps stored appropriately with the LIDAR data, Cord Road just won't show up on a map that shows (real) roads.

Staff report:

Shane is happy the committee took on helping to organize the culvert project. We've had great weather at site, so a lot of extra stuff got done. The fuel depot at the Warebarn is on a slab now, has shelves to store jerry cans. Zenn house has been gutted, will be removed before the Fair. Re-roofing the What Barn is weekend after next, as well as tearing off old sheathing, putting new sheathing up, re-siding, and removing the little lean-to that caused the rot in the first place. Should be dry storage for the event then. Bob's bamboo has been dried & stored. There will be skirting around the caretaker's yurt with ventilation to keep critters out & help it look better, and it will be re-stained.

Sperry Tree Care took the liability and climbed up and put a bull rope in the white oak with a split trunk near Pooh Corner just before the Fair last year. After the Fair they pruned it & put a cable in it. They reduced their bid by \$900.

Work party last weekend with camping crew. Widened South Park Road to add turnouts so vehicles can pass. Rented chipper is on its way.

Ark Park's badly eroded—it's all sand. DJ has a plan to save most of the structures.

Mark Doyle is still in New Jersey. Will be a resource on the bridge project when he gets back.

Still looking for steel plates for DeSpain Bridge. Shane is meeting with the mayor & city council of Veneta, & they may have some we can rent or borrow. The ones we used last year aren't available.

The SUP is out to the county, will be out for public comment by our neighbors early in May.

BoD liaison report

Paxton took Jason's pictures to the Board meeting and showed them around. City of Veneta wants us to cooperate with a bikeway, including an easement along the west side of Territorial Highway. Needs to go on the west side of the trees to avoid taking out the ditch or the trees. This will happen in 2 or 3 years.

Subcommittee reports (Green zone subcommittee)

Joseph's report:

The Oregon Country Fair declares certain areas as Green Spaces and restricts activities in those areas. The decision to declare a green space is based on the following factors:

1. Presence of sensitive species in the area;
2. Overall ecology of the proposed space;
3. Needs for shade, esthetic qualities, visual and auditory screening, and other benefits of understory growth;
4. Preferences of stakeholders.

Stakeholders may include those who camp or work near the proposed space, as well as staff and management, subject experts such as ecologists, and others who have an interest in the immediate context of any Green Space declaration. Stakeholder input will be weighed strongly in decisions, but may not be determinate, particularly in the cases where sensitive species are present.

For the purposes of this policy, sensitive species will include any species either listed, or currently proposed for listing, as either threatened or endangered. Other species may also be declared sensitive within the OCF site by the Site Manager, President, or General Manager, in consultation with appropriate subject-area experts. Since we are mandated to protect listed species, management may override other stakeholder preferences when necessary in order to meet legal obligations.

Those who wish to propose a new green space designation should generally begin with the camp host, booth rep, or coordinator nearest to the space involved. In cases of sensitive species, concerns should also be directed to the Site Manager. Camp hosts and others will work with the Site Manager to identify stakeholders and gather input on the designation. In most cases, management should seek consensus on a designation, but may move forward for compelling reasons.

Once a designation decision has been made, the Site Manager shall work with Cartography Crew to ensure the new Green Space is added to the Green Space layer of our map.

Anna says this document talks more about a process than the rest of the LUMP manual. Paxton likes the basic protocol, as a response to the board motion asking us to map green spaces. Bob wonders if LUMP should be running green zones. Robert says the manual should be incorporated into the process, since it describes what goes where. Jason says the site manager or whoever is required to approve a green zone should have a form to sign off on. Then this document shows how things got designated in case of disputes. This tells how we designate green zones, but not how we act on it, how it's enforced. Joseph says he left that part undefined on purpose. Robert wants to add how green spaces get added to the LUMP manual, say if a particular species is identified. Dennis says this might be too specific for the LUMP manual, which deals with larger areas & more general descriptions. Bob thinks we should be consulted as subject experts for green zones. The primary purpose is to preserve green zones around the Fair, says Dennis. Joseph says we do want to include preservation of sensitive species.

Agreement among the stakeholders may be difficult to reach in some cases, says Dennis (Community Village, for example, says Steve.)

Bob wants to know who to consult to get green space designated. Shane?

Jason says the LUMP manual describes ecotypes effectively, and we can use those descriptions to preserve areas near campgrounds that fit them.

What does a camp host do, asks Anna, who wants to designate a specific area as a green zone? Is it in the guidelines? Could we put it in the 2016 edition? Could we as a LUMP committee put pieces of Joseph's document in the LUMP manual and pieces in the guidelines?

Dennis says part will go in the LUMP manual and part in the Guidelines. We could add a sentence to point out that for the purpose of this policy, green zones are primarily to maintain visual barriers. Elaborate on the last paragraph to talk about processes and guidance for people who want to designate green zones.

Bob says this part should go in the guidelines. Implementation shouldn't be in the policy. Jason says Shane shouldn't have to look at every green space. There are books at Quartermaster's that people can use to record them. Then if there's a dispute Shane can refer to that record.

Anna says we need to educate coordinators & camp hosts about how this works. Dennis suggests we revisit this next month.

Old business

Discuss how to recruit project leader for ponds project—Dennis suggests we defer this until the fall. Anna agrees. Jason says we've had several ideas about what this person should do. Dennis says we may want to tailor our expectations to fit who we might get. Should we start looking for this person at the event? Asks Robert. Maybe we could have fliers at Main Camp & the Stewardship. Next month we'll try drafting that flier. Jason wants images from the turtle project on it. Dennis says we can use informational materials from the Indian Creek project & the wetland restoration project we did with the City of Veneta 20 years ago. Maybe we could get some Green Tickets money, but for a real salary we'll need outside grants.

Bridge options—Dennis says a small group has been working on the repair of the DeSpain Lane culvert, and a permanent truck-worthy crossing to the Far Side. We're looking at a straight culvert replacement for DeSpain Lane. Do we want a longer culvert or keep it the way it is? Should be done right after the Fair—has to be done by August 15th, says Shane. Jason says we're not bound by that because usually it's October 1st for in stream work in the Willamette Valley. Not familiar with farm work regulations. Shane will check.

Long Tom River crossing would be somewhere in the neighborhood of the current pedestrian bridge. Tim's suspension bridge design, a modular bridge, or a used rail car are 3 options we've been considering. Joseph wonders if a single pier in the river would work. Jason says not, but each of the other 3 options would fit. Bob wants to know why we need a truck worthy bridge. Shane says it came with his job. Bob wants to know who wants to drive a truck over the bridge. We can go around. Shane says we can't, without permission from the city of Veneta. Robert says pedestrians will put more force on it than the fire truck. Bob is not convinced this isn't a huge expensive solution looking for a problem. Shane says there are concerns about each of the options. Dennis says we're not lobbying for this, we're just providing information. Joseph wants a bridge. Archeology costs will be through the roof, Shane says. Anna says more information is always better.

Jason wants to know if he should bring his whole class out while he's surveying the benchmarks for the GIS survey, and they could survey for the culvert at the same time. One or two of them might be able to carry it through & see what happens to drawings when the machine operator uses them after the Fair.

Finish LUMP manual upland forest plan—we'll work on this next month.

New business

(Cord Road discussion actually goes here.)

More info from Jason on mapping progress: Jason has 2 students who are working on OCF projects for the whole term, putting aerial photographs from multiple years onto a database which will be turned over to the Fair at the end. Will use proprietary data starting tomorrow. Gene & Bear & Jason have collected Fair cartography for the last 10 to 20 years. Students will digitize that, & by June 1st we'll be able to decide how to turn that into maps.

Happy birthday, Dahinda.

Western Pond Turtle's being considered for endangered species listing, says Steve, which may affect us.

Jason wonders if we have a printing budget that we could use to make posters for the event. He could put some together. And could we get a projector, to show maps during our meetings? Paxton says the Fair has a projector, and we have printing funds.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 12th