

Oregon Country Fair Land Use Management Planning (LUMP) Committee meeting May 12, 2015

6:30 mapping subcommittee: Dennis, Jason, DJ, Joseph, & Shane. Jain (scribe)

Jason will have a summary of the students' completed work next month for us to review. Will survey the culvert this coming weekend. Before Fair will set up at least two benchmarks with GPS. The ones this weekend will be temporary. The permanent ones will have latitude & longitude, be more aesthetic brass plaques. Eventually hope to have 10 or so, some in the public parts, some in the lots, one in the spray field for the City of Veneta, one on the north end of property, one near Main Camp. DJ suggests home plate or the pitcher's mound for the ball field. This weekend they'll just be rebar with labels. May have 5 to 7 students this weekend. Nicole wants to work the whole summer on the culvert replacement, do construction drawings for us so we can estimate fill, create visualizations for the tractor drivers & to put up in Main Camp.

Two students are really focusing on the Fair. Jim & Nicole have been working with the map data, digitizing drawings. They've done the roads already. Each of them has to complete a research paper for their credits for the term. Jim has six large format historical photos from the U of O scanned & digitized & is comparing the position of the river over time from these images and from our maps. Nicole is working on vegetation maps, processing LIDAR data so it's more usable for us. Characterizing tree height can help us plot potential tree damage.

They'd like feedback from us on what they've misinterpreted and what's been challenging to read from our maps. They can produce images and send them to us on a weekly basis for corrections. Jason will give them a mailing list. Dennis, Joseph, & Shane are willing to do this.

June 4th from 3:00 to 5:30 there will be presentations at OSU from students who've worked on this at the Gilmore Annex. Invites will come in the next few weeks. (Depending on how many people respond they may move to a larger room.)

7:00 LUMP: Dennis, Jason, DJ, Joseph, Shane, Thom & Bob. Steve on phone. Paxton on go to meeting. Jain (scribe)

Minutes from last meeting were approved

Member input—Steve wants to know if traffic's trench passed the electrical inspection. Shane says it will be done this weekend & he'll call Cody. Steve says he read the May board minutes about dust on the path. That's flood silt, & can be six inches deep by the Wally bench. Dries out & gets pounded in July, becomes our dust. Steve is concerned that the Board & Budget Committee thinks trying to grow lawn on the paths is a waste of time. He didn't feel like it was a choice. There was a policy referendum from the membership put forward by Vegmanecs to commit us to grass covered, barefoot-friendly paths. That's the wording in the guidelines. This doesn't reflect on Shane's work with the limited resources he's had. The grass binds the silt into the soil. That effort has

fallen by the wayside. It's a very challenging place to grow grass, since in the middle of its growing season it gets hammered into adobe. Will support Shane to re-seed this fall.

Staff reports—Zenn House is gone. Trenched for power to Traffic Camp, waiting for inspections on that. Trenched in front of the What Barn for a French drain. Started irrigating because it's so dry out there.

BoD liaison report—Paxton says the story pole will be located in an area that's been previously impacted, so it isn't as archeologically sensitive, and has been redesigned. Paxton likes the new site. Thanks Shane for getting rid of the Zenn House. Enjoyed watching the stages on Facebook. Barter Fair 's been postponed another year.

Bob--work party this Saturday in South Woods at 10, Birding walk at 8:00 Shane-- Rented chipper arrives June 1st. Will keep some brush for a hummingbird art installation.

Subcommittee reports--Dennis brought from the Vision Action meeting that membership proposed things that we do have underway. Goal 3 is listing 10 key ecological facts everyone should know about the site. Put where non-natives can be planted in the LUMP manual. Top 10 ecological priorities & implications for stewardship. Monitor & document water quality--this one we don't really have the equipment to do yet. Tighter communication with the Long Tom Watershed Council should help with this.

Bill Pack says our #1 fire truck weighs about 8000 lbs. loaded. We need better emergency egress from Energy Park. The Road Not Taken needs a culvert crossing.

Joseph clarifies that these are suggested goals, not mandates. Dennis thinks we should have more public displays. In the Steward Ship, says Shane. If we want to make signs, says Jason, we should start working on them now, rather than waiting until July & asking the Sign Crew to add us to their long list. We need to connect with Jay, says Joseph. Paxton reminds us plastic and laminated signs are not a good idea.

Shane says he has a biomass generator for Hoarse Chorale that runs on walnut shells. Forty dollars worth of shells should last the whole Fair. They're loaning it to us in exchange for a trade pass for the operator.

Old business

Revise Green Zone declarations—this info will go into separate publications: some in the guidelines, some in LUMP manual, and some in Site Manager's operations manual.

Green Zone enforcement or dispute resolution would start with camp hosts flagging proactively. Disagreements not resolved at that level go to BUMS or to the Site Manager. Dennis has more complete notes on this, adding monitoring & dispute resolution to the guidelines. How to designate & record Green Zones should go to the LUMP manual rather than the guidelines, says Paxton. Joseph says more people read the guidelines. Jason says once the benchmarks are in people can use their phones to record

GPS points for their camps or for green zones. Then we can create overlays to update our maps & see changes.

Revise Cord Road description—description in the current manual makes it clear that it isn't really a road. Shane and DJ have been on it, and say there's a substantial amount of land there, wider than 60 feet. They were stopped by high water. Next they plan to try it from the other end, when it's drier & the beavers are more sedate. Not sure where it comes into the Dead Lot., probably where the Dead Lot joins the Outtasite Lot. It would need a chain saw & a hovercraft to get through at this point. Jason thinks we might be able to get it designated a wetlands by the county for wildlife habitat.

Draft request for ponds project manager—Do we want to post something at the Fair this year to try to recruit one? And would the bridge & culvert committee want to recruit someone to report on our options there, wonders Jason? And would this person (or these people) get paid (depending on the grant)? Jason has a decision matrix we could use. Maybe we could get a grant for a program coordinator who could then write a grant for construction funds. Bob thinks we should put something in the Peach Pit. Jason worries that we might get hundreds of responses, & would the need someone to go through them. We could post something in Main Camp, something (under 140 characters) at the Steward Ship. Paxton says Peach Power's looking for someone to finish the solar array, too. Dennis has drafted a flier. Paxton will ask Anna if she wants to get in on this for the Peach Power recruitment effort. We could add a picture to make it even more appealing.

Finish LUMP manual upland forest plan—Dennis has drafted updates to this section, which were discussed, amended, and approved. We still have a few sub-zones to go.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 9th, out at Alice's 7:00 PM. Carpools will be arranged.