

LUMP November 17 2015

Dennis Todd, Joseph Newton, Robert Albano, Jason Kelly, Robert Jacobs, Shane Harvey, DJ Rogers, Bear Pitts, Tom Gannon, Thom Barr, Anna Scott, Bob Durnell, Heather Kent, Mouseman, Jon Silvermoon. Go-to-Meeting: Kirk Shultz, Paxton Hoag.

Announcements—Anna wants to get Peach Power info from the gray water subcommittee on line. Will send to Robert Albano & he'll do it.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Public Comments—Thom says the volume of paper coming through recycling has increased to 60 tons. This is great, but the Howe Barn has a dirt floor, and the Bobcat's digging a hole in it. Also there's a section that can't be used because of slope issues. Any increase in paper will make a concrete floor necessary. Will need someplace else (covered) within 3 years if we can't have the floor, and we'll need all of it, not just the part of the Barn we can use now. Andy plans to put it in capital projects this year, expects it to fail, but go through next year. Bob suggests Thom bring us a report on how this meets our goals & guidelines that LUMP could endorse & send to the budget committee. We'll discuss adding this to the Chickadee Lane section of the LUMP manual in January.

Jon will be one of the Board liaisons to LUMP (with Kirk.)

New Business for January: Howe Barn (Thom), integrated resource plan (Anna)

Staff Reports: Shane says there's now enough water in Indian Creek to run through the new culvert. Will start thinning & planting oaks & other nursery trees in the millennial pines across from Bus Road near McVay's (who is concerned about dead trees falling on his property, but still wants a visual & sound barrier by the highway.)

Board report: Jon is here, but has no report. Kirk is almost on Go-to-Meeting, but not quite.

Old business

Tree policy—Who gets to investigate trees, who do they report to, who does the work? There hasn't been an over-arching policy at the Fair. It's depended on who has the chainsaw when the site manager isn't around. Shane says the first step is to adopt a mission statement so outside arborists aren't called in by booths. In the past we've only worked on trees that need treatment. We've had a consulting arborist who's come in every year to look at the trees. Our liability would be greater if we tried to manage each tree rather than looking at them as a forest. We're not an urban park setting. Kevin's advice is to adopt a mission statement first, then work on a policy that the Board can approve.

Anna says we have a vegetation management plan in general terms. Could we add a mission statement to the LUMP manual and have the Board approve the whole manual?

Shane agrees, and it should cover the whole property.

Jason says the mapping project included possibly cataloging trees—do we want to use that resource to communicate with the arborist?

Shane says no, that Kevin recommends we do not start writing anything down about individual trees. Would like Kevin to talk with LUMP when he's here.

Bob wants to manage for a healthy forest.

Joseph asks if we should table the discussion until Kevin can be here. Unilateral action without site manager approval shouldn't be happening. We need to be safe.

Bear agrees we can't write down data about specific trees. Official maps of old trees invite litigious events.

Robert Albano wonders what other organizations do.

Dennis summarizes—we should incorporate goals & standards into the LUMP manual as generalities, look at vegetation management sections for where we can fold in non-specific info. A subcommittee, including Bob & Thom, could work on this.

Jason says we shouldn't overlook LIDAR data as a resource.

Anna says we should also look at Guideline 39 & the Community Agreement.

Dennis: we can revise relevant sections in the LUMP manual to include specifics on tree management without specifying actions to be taken.

DUG's Green

Thom Lanfear said any use of DUG's Green except as a residence will need a Special Use Permit. It's being used now for storage of vehicles, benches, cutlery, straw bales, and lumber. Could be used as another campground for Elders.

Robert Jacobs says Elders will need more camping. The current site is full now, and will probably be needed for the Community Center. Elders were told last year that DUG's Green was not available. Some Elders can walk that far & some can't. The SE corner is relatively flat & shaded & is currently not in use.

Dennis asks if DUG's Green would provide electricity for CPAPs, if Elders would need that. Robert Jacobs says the current site near 4A served those needs. Also some Elders would like to camp in their vehicles.

Bob says Zenn Acres has some of the same issues—the Community Center may take some of Zenn. Maybe Elders who need car camping and CPAPs could come to Zenn and some Zenn people who don't could go to DUG's Green.

Robert Jacobs says many Eugene area Elders get camping passes so they don't have to leave at 7:00, but go home to sleep. They don't need campsites. Mouseman says if we had a late bus they wouldn't need vehicle stickers either.

Paxton says Elders need camping as close in as possible. Dennis says if we augmented internal transport it would be easier to camp further out. Robert Jacobs says everybody loves the FART Bus.

Tom says Registration could be off site if we had it at DUG's Green. We tried it with booths this year. What's peak Elder? It's hard to plan for that. If we had a growth

management plan it would be easier. Once we use it for camping it's hard to go back, and operationally it's a very attractive property because of the potential access. Could reduce the number of non-credentialed people on site.

Robert Jacobs says there isn't enough room at DUG's Green to have people park the way we do now at the sticker booth. We could camp in small areas in the trees. We could calculate peak Elders.

Jon is concerned about traffic backing up if we try to register at DUG's Green, and people already on property having to cross more roads to come out and get banded. Anna says it's sunny, so it's a solar resource. A long term view should include a balance of uses that are predominately operational. We could leave it open for future uses.

Dennis says we don't have enough upland area for storage and truck parking, also we'll need a drain field for the Community Center, and possibly parking, although Tom Lanfear says our neighbors may not like that—car doors slamming after shows. Jason says Lane emergency services has asked us for a better staging area.

Robert Jacobs says it could also be quick access parking for people who need to leave every day.

Jon says it could be a straight shot down Chickadee for Main Stage entertainers. (Some of them get lost easily, says Tom.)

Dennis asks what about the house? Paxton says it's been used as an overflow for Alice's & a secondary retreat site, recommends keeping it.

Kirk says if we use it like that it's still residential. All our neighbors use their land for storage similar to ours now. DUG's Green works well for registration & banding for smaller events—cross-country & 4th of July—not so much for the Fair itself.

Bob says property taxes & security issues come with every piece of new property we buy. Does it make sense to pay taxes on a house we don't use?

Robert asks if we might house resident staff there in the future.

(Discussion on whether as a 501c3 we need to be paying property taxes or whether we're paying them as a service to the community, or what.)

Anna wants to know how old it is. Tom says built in 1976. Mouseman says it just got a new roof. Tom says it has a really deep well—ran all summer, when our neighbors' wells did not.

Dennis asks about the sound studio, now being used to store cutlery. Robert says it's one of our few dry storage areas. Paxton till hopes it will be a studio for the radio station some day.

Kirk says there are two structures out there originally built as coverings for stages, now used for lumber storage, in awkward spots. Could be moved to open up the middle of the property.

Jason says if we wanted another entry off Suttle Road the county would be very cooperative because of the traffic issues now. Tom says the county would really like us to vacate Aero & Chickadee now that we own all the property they access.

At the January meeting we'll be inviting guests to discuss the emerald ash borer. We'll want to get some Vegmanecs, Tree Crew folks, & Glenn Johnson, too. Email Dennis if you think of others who should join us.

Some questions we'll have include: What should we plant? How can we get plants for an on-site nursery? Should we specify that vendors need to use plastic pallets rather than wood? What about wood for booth construction, cut wood for posts, wooden truck houses, crafts made of wood? What tree species harbor them?

Jason wants to revisit who's on the Long Tom River bridge committee.

Project manager for wetlands enhancement's still on our long term vision, as are Green Zones.

Jason says the Mapping Committee work has been turned over to the Cartography Crew.

Dennis will send us emerald ash borer info before our January meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00 at the Fair Office.