

LUMP January 12, 2016

Dennis Todd, Joseph Newton, Shane Harvey, Jon Silvermoon, Eric Burke, DJ Rogers, Thom Barr, Ann Rogers, Anna Scott, Jain Elliott (scribe) Go to meeting &/or phone: Crystalyn Autuchovich, Glenn Johnson, Kevin Hillery, Bear Pitts, Steve Wisnovsky, Paxton Hoag

Announcements: Glenn says the Stewardship Project team is trying to increase the Fair's capacity to educate about our sustainability programs. Open application process for displays, activities, speakers. <http://entertainmentapplications.oregoncountryfair.org/EducationalArtistApp.php>  
Also, Dennis has a friend with a male 3 yr old 90# playful golden retriever who needs a home.

Last month's minutes approved.

Public comments: Anna says Community Center Committee has put out a request for proposals from uplands surveyors, will present to committee for moving to the next phase for getting a special use permit for Community Center development.

Emerald ash borer report: Eric from Friends of Trees (in CV) has a slideshow for us. Native to east Asia. First recognized in Michigan in 2002, now as far west as Colorado. We should consider stopping firewood at the gate, since that's the likeliest way they'll get in. Also planting other species besides ash. Kevin says ash trees are irreplaceable on the rivers. Oregon Dept. of Forestry says ponderosas and maples won't make it there. Only hope that shrubs & weeds will be enough to keep water temps low. We should get traps. Don't import firewood, pallets, soil, or nursery stock. Portland figures it will cost \$49 million to lose all their ash trees. Will be here in between 10 & 20 years. Eric agrees we should keep planting ash trees. But Oregon white oak, California black oak, valley ponderosa, black cottonwood, our five native willows mixed in will thrive in riparian zones, too. We should respond to windstorms that create sunny openings. Glenn thinks we should look for little oaks in our campsites & protect them. Jon & Joseph want to promote & package this idea—Dennis will add it to our work plan. Anna wants to invite Eric back to share more Friends of Trees info with us.

Other invasive species (e.g. shiny geranium): Steve wants to talk about this some more, too. It's there already, and it's spreading. On our agenda for next month.

Parking lot land use changes: Steve says we're running out of parking for the public. Steve has pix Traffic's taken of the lots on Saturdays showing massive growth in vehicle sticker parking. Should we close the gates to ticket holders when our parking's full, try to park them in fire lanes, or what? Anna wants people to donate their parking place to solar access, or education at Stewardship about how to get our stuff in and then take cars away, or get people to bike out to the Fair, or carpool in booths or crews. Jon says the issue of how people get to the Fair overlaps committees & crews, operations & policy, doesn't see leadership for a comprehensive approach for how to deal with it. Eric says the only way that's been shown to work has been to make it painful and expensive to use cars in cities. Paxton thinks we should find outside areas to rent for parking. Should have jumped on Dr. Joe's. Get more stickered vehicles off site, increase shuttle service. Joseph says we'll need to move to close in parking only for people with disabilities or other compelling reasons. Dennis says maybe we could consider a valet parking crew.

Staff reports: Shane says we're collecting seeds to propagate in our own nursery. We have climbers for the conifers. We have trees in the nursery now ready to go in the ground in February. Site survived one of the largest floods we've seen in a few years. Log jam may have moved 5 to 20 feet. Lost a few

oaks, one by Chickadee, one that landed on Commemorative Sales & part of Odyssey, lost a large branch from the Shady Grove tree (a sunny spot to plant!) Ichabod will have fun putting wire back up in trees. Having reservations about the bale dams, may be causing more damage than they're saving, particularly between White Bird & the Junction. More rapids through there than on the Long Tom this last flood. Site's open, come on out. If it does flood again, please remember to check in with staff, and bring your flotation devices.

BoD Liaison report: Jon has no report since there was no board meeting. Will report from our meetings to the board, as highlighted from notes by Dennis.

Old business

Tree policy & LUMP manual edits: Shane & Dennis have submitted a guideline change clarifying that we're managing trees for a forest, not a park, and that all consultations with arborists need to go through Fair management.

Wetlands enhancement project leader recruitment ad: Dennis has written a first draft of one for the Fair Family News. Anna will work on it with Steve.

Long Tom River bridge, Refine work/action plan, Howe barn floor, Integrated resource plan (Anna), and Green zones postponed to February.

next meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2016