

Oregon Country Fair Land Use Management Planning Committee
April 12, 2016 7:00 PM at the Fair office

Dennis, Joseph, Bear, Shane, Crystalyn, Jenny Getty, Dean Walton, & Jain (scribe). Go-To-Meeting: Steve

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Public comments: Jenny from Camping Crew, an ex-Vegmanec, is here to get involved in helping to control invasives. Color flier with Geranium lucidum & emerald ash borer pix went out with booth packets. Jenny is also concerned about the other geranium and the yellow oxalis. Bear says there's a display in the map booth, a 4 foot panel, that Jenny could help with.

Crystalyn says there'll be a scavenger hunt connected with the StewardShip with possible Zumwalt camping passes for 2017 as prizes.

Staff reports: Shane says we had a *Geranium lucidum* work party, filled 30 30-gallon bags at Alice's, made a dent. Getting to be the time of year where it's harder to focus on it—now working on rebuilding Hub roof & Elder showers. Jenny wants to head some of the work on invasives up. Doug from Vegmanecs may help her coordinate work parties. Shane says there will one this weekend—10:00 at the Warebarn. We are happy to hear from Jenny. Beavers killed a bunch of the cedars we planted near the new culvert. He'll re-plant them.

Subcommittee reports : Bear shared MOST notes from 4/2. Ann (Archaeology), Eric (IT), Gene from Cartography, Melissa (Corps of Engineers), Rosanna, Dean (Data librarian for UO, does GIS for fun). We may buy a GIS unit that can upload into the web-based GIS that we're now implementing. Resolved to maintain portability of data for maximum inclusiveness and minimum barriers for use by the Family. Create a contributors' agreement outlining assignment rights for the data generated, confirming that they belong to the Fair but sensitive data (e.g., archaeology) is protected.

Old business

StewardShip display: Dennis thinks we should include material on invasive species, bugs and plants. Crystalyn: & things we do to protect the land, presented in a way that's easy to absorb. Bear: something about the ponds project. Dennis & Steve will work on that. Bear says the GIS folks can help with that. Crystalyn says Glenn will reach out to us about coordinating a 3rd panel that will focus on wildlife. Shane: propagation project. Hoping to get one of the climbers working on that. May not have time to do that this year. Dennis: anything on river crossings, history of the rivers? Jenny thinks the public would be interested in that. Bear may have maps we put together last year. Dennis says we have one of the few stretches of unmodified low gradient rivers in the Willamette Valley. Jenny wants to see photos of the most damaging invasives, & explanations about why it's important to locate and pull these “pretty flowers.” (Public, vendors, & volunteers help identify and map infestations, we pull during work parties.)

Green Zones: Bear says this can be part of the MOST display. If Joseph can fill one of the 4-foot panels & educate the staff (the “Park Rangers”) they'll know what to say to the family & public about what's on the wall. Dennis has notes he can use, Joseph remembers an article in the Fair Family News.

Stickered parking: Dennis spoke at the last Board meeting about parking, recommended the board convene a task force & develop a multi-year plan to address the problem. Dean says people like to keep those stickers on their car all year long. “I'm cooler than a parker because I parked off site” stickers might help. Shuttle drivers might be easier to insure than valet parking drivers. Domaine Meriwether (just on the other side of Outta Site, with shuttles) & Twisted Bit (way closer than Outta Site) parked for us last year, and probably will again this year. \$100 vehicle stickers would do it, says Shane. Aerial photos show that almost all of our neighbors currently have campgrounds, parking, &/or vendors.

Science at OCF: Dean says Energy Park showcases lots of science, as will MOST, says Bear. Ecological education, says Dennis, has been sporadic. We have plant & bird lists (bird lists will be in the StewardShip.) Archaeology in Ark Park. Fungi in Spoken Word.

Grant writing: Crystalyn will be meeting with fund raising team in early May. Wants to avoid approaching the same source for small amounts of money when we want a whole lot a few years later. Need to communicate to avoid overlaps. Long Tom Watershed Council helps keep track of what grants are available for watershed projects. Ours probably wouldn't overlap with Community Center fundraising.

Work/action plan, projects for 2016-7 season.

May meeting: StewardShip display

2017 guidelines for invasives: *Geranium lucidum*, emerald ash borer. We'll check invasive aquatics: crayfish, bullfrogs?

Expansion of solar array—is the new size appropriate? Can we make it look less industrial? How will it affect traffic flow?

Next meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016