

Oregon Country Fair LUMP committee May 10, 2016

7:00 PM at OCF town office

Dennis, Robert A., Shane, Bennett, D.J., Jon S., Jenny, Thom, Joseph, Jain (scribe) Go-to-meeting: Steve & Glenn

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Steve says Grumpy gave him car numbers for 2015: 5891 stickers sold, 319 service vehicle stickers, 131 emergency, 534 Far Side, paid parking \$113,500 (average 3780 cars per day, if days were equal, which they're not—40% of paid admissions are on Saturday, approximately 4,536 cars), so over 10,000 cars on the Fair side on Saturday plus 534 Far Side. Will try to get numbers for prior years & 2016. Note that stickered vehicles outnumber the public's vehicles.

Robert wants to have more science on the Fair site.

Bear says there will be science in the map displays.

Staff reports: Shane says Jenny will be working with invasives. She & her friends & archeology folks have been pulling *Geranium lucidem*. She's organized work parties twice a month to pull, mapping them for a layer in our maps. Jason will get him the data to get to Jenny using our new benchmarks for accurate GPS maps. She will organize an off-season crew to remove them early next year. They're very large now, and everywhere. Met with arborist and botanist studying emerald ash borer, plans to keep soil stable & reforest after we lose the ash. Will work with us this fall when we start the propagation project. Help us develop a program to start collecting wildflower seeds so we can re-plant as we fight the geranium. Trying to keep the species there, will work with a seed bank that will store our cones & seeds.

Kitchen, site, & garden crews have been out, construction and red-taggers were out last weekend so they can get info to booths that need work. Met with Ice crew, Path Planning, Community Village walkabout, getting info on the history of the CV project. Hub showers are almost done, need a fence between the sauna & Dr. Joe's for increased security which Archeology will help with.

Thursday Charlie Ruff will bring some Log Tom Watershed folks out to tour the new culvert and see some other projects.

BoD liaison report: Jon says changes in County staff have taken place.

Subcommittee reports: Bear says MOST is working to have something to present. Has a large printed copy for Tom to share with administration & one for Kirk for Construction. Stewart has given us the intellectual property rights to everything on the map. We could sell it at Commemorative Sales if we wanted to. Will send us pdfs.

Old business

StewardShip display: promoting Fair's sustainability programs, efforts of the LUMP committee, working with committees to help anyone who wants to promote their efforts. Speakers series, interactive stories from staff members, informative fun education, also physical displays, map of sustainability projects, birdsong speakers, posters, non-trivial pursuit, wheel of fortune with questions about land use, native species, etc. Wildlife had 2 horizontal bird panels last year, has an artist to design & paint the 3rd one this year, a larger, vertical display that could include non-native species info. Dennis suggests the artist could use some of Steve's wildlife photos. Dennis & Jenny & Shane (within time constraints) will work with Glenn. Bear can use invasives info & presentations at the MOST display at the other end of the Fair, too. Robert knows someone who does industrial sewing sculptures—will send her info to Glenn.

Potential bullet points for the display:

emerald ash borer is a few years away

all the ash trees may be lost

we are looking for replacement canopy trees

Fair has its own nursery & propagation program, specializing in local stock

using local stock reduces pest importation, preserves local genotypes

participatory decision-making & weed pulling in action

geraniums, scotch broom & oxalis are invading at the site

volunteer effort to pull them before they suppress our native wildflowers

we're a year round organization, we manage the site for multiple values

let the river meander—let nature control the site

we're part of a wildlife corridor between the Fern Ridge wetlands & the Coast Range

site is managed as a microcosm for experimental habitat restoration & enhancement

habitat enhanced by dechanneling of Indian Creek

we're not perfect--we struggle to reconcile the conflict between our ideals & the increasing pressure our growth puts on the land we're trying to steward

119 species of birds have been found on site, 40 of them breed on site, a lot of those are migrants that spend the winter in Central and South America

a young western pond turtle was found trying to cross the road going to the creek by the JYD—site provides habitat for rare & endangered species

green zones that we protect—vendors & camp hosts help

campers & booth people near bird nests let crews know what stage they're at

mitigating human footprint by pack it in pack it out--trash reduction, waste warriors

constantly striving to reduce our unnecessary consumption of water

we adapt our construction needs to minimize our impact on our archeological heritage

we manage for a forest rather than a park, promoting diversity, habitat complexity, and respecting natural processes

managing for human impact during the preparation and clean-up phases as well as the event

the site has been a gathering place for 10,000 years

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

2017 guidelines for invasives

Develop protocols, incentives, facilitation for:

adopt-a-tree program for campers

designation of green zones

reporting and protecting bird nests, other wildlife

Plan a board work session or some kind of other stakeholders' convention for parking issues, sort of the way Path Planning did on sound. Could we compute a number of parking spaces we actually have? Is it too amorphous? Develop a survey for 2017.

Continued cooperation with mapping project

Review archaeological constraints on ponds project

Interface with Community Center committee

Reach out to educational institutions

Submit guidelines changes--due December 31st

Next meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2016