

Oregon Country Fair LUMP committee meeting
January 17, 2017 at the OCF town office

Present: Robert Albano, Dennis Todd (chair, scribe du jour), DJ Rogers, Bear Pitts, Ann Rogers
by Go-to-Meeting: Thom Barr, Joseph Newton, Paxton Hoag

Bear reported on mapping efforts. Progress is being made, incrementally and in sub-projects, on developing a GIS database for the site.

Dennis reported on planning for the Parking workshop. Stephanie in the OCF office has been very helpful. The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, 10:00 to 3:00, in the large meeting room at the Stellaria Building, 150 Shelton McMurphey Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401. Lunch will be provided. Parking is limited.

The workshop will be conducted like several other OCF workshops. Introductory remarks explain the issues and the purpose of the workshop. Participants break up into small groups for brainstorming (assigned topics or free-form?). After the brainstorming session, a representative of each group will summarize their conversation to the rest of the participants. After lunch, we will break up into new groups, brainstorm, and summarize.

Dennis will ask Stephanie to send out an e-mail blast announcing the workshop, with RSVP. Space will be limited. Lunch choices (vegan, vegetarian or carnivore) need to be specified. He will also notify the Path Planning Committee about the workshop and send out a notice to the LUMP committee e-mail list.

We need historical data on the numbers of cars parked on site, both public and Fair family.

Ann volunteered to announce the workshop at the upcoming coordinators' potluck, to the Elders committee, and on some OCF-related Facebook pages. Thom will tell the Recycling crew.

Dining ware, chairs, and tables will be provided as part of the building rental. We need to bring paper, power strips, extension cords, flip charts, pens, a digital projector, and other supplies.

We'll focus on preparation for the workshop at our next meeting.

Discussion turned to the next item on the agenda, developing protocols, incentives, and facilitation for green zones, adopt-a-tree, and protecting wildlife. Much depends on our ability to map locations accurately. Our audience will largely be site workers and campers but we should try to reach a broad audience. How best to reach them?

The LUMP manual may be the best repository for general guidelines and protocols to be implemented by camp hosts, management, and others.

Robert is working with others to develop standards for submission forms. We could devise a form to be used to report site-specific notifications of bird nests, wildlife habitat, green zones, or other natural phenomena that should be recorded and mapped. The submitted forms could be archived, posted, and/or mapped in a GIS layer. Ann said that Archaeology uses a form that could be a model.

Dennis proposed that we record green zones by center point, not perimeter, and a narrative that describes the dimensions of the zone and its special features. Mapping the center, not the perimeter, could reduce the cartographic and territorial issues involved in defining the edge.

We could develop a phone app that would record the location and upload the information.

Updating the LUMP manual is an ongoing project. We considered whether to issue a printed version. Robert (the committee webmaster) pointed out that the on-line LUMP manual can be printed on standard paper. Formatted in HTML, it is easy to use on mobile devices even in low-bandwidth situations—much better than PDF. We could include optional graphics as links in the text. Links to outside sources (e.g., info on invasive species, Bob Nisbet's flower photos) should be included.

We need to write a wildlife page for the LUMP manual and define the protocols for recording green zones and other sensitive habitat.

Next on the agenda was outreach to educational institutions. What do we want to offer? What are our constraints, restrictions, liabilities? Possible participants are local schools, Lane Community College, and at the UO: Landscape Architecture, Architecture, Environmental Studies, Biology. We need to talk with OCF management (and attorney?) about what to offer.

Ann and Paxton reported on the site plans of the Community Center Committee.

Next month's LUMP meeting will focus on preparation for the Parking workshop. Additional topics will include developing protocols and forms to report sensitive natural features, refining the work plan, writing short narratives for signs explaining natural features, and working with other OCF groups to develop educational outreach materials for the event.

Next meeting: February 14, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the OCF town office.