

Oregon Country Fair **LUMP Committee Meeting**

Tue, Feb. 14, 2017, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM PST

Dennis Todd, Joseph Newton, DJ Rogers, Shane Harvey, Robert Albano, Bear Pitts, Ann Rogers, Thom Barr, Jain Elliott (scribe) Go-to-meeting Steve Wisnovsky & Paxton Hoag

Announcements: There will be a parking summit on March 5th

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Staff reports: Shane says we just came out of another flood, crested at 16 feet. Couldn't drive up Chickadee to the Ware Barn. (Dennis says the record high on the gauge is 20 feet.) We haven't heard about the SUP yet.

BoD Liaison report: Our guideline change on invasive species passed. Steve says we should list harmful native plants (e.g., water hemlock, poison oak, stinging nettles) as well as invasive non-natives.

Subcommittee reports: Gene told Bear: mapping GIS is underway, first goal is to create a new core base map, has submitted a capital projects request for GIS software. Anyone else with data to share should send it to ocfian@cartographycrew.org

Old business

Plan stakeholders' meeting on parking March 5, 2017:

21 people have signed up so far. Thanks to Stephanie at the office for finding the Stellaria building. Shane will bring a laptop and cabling to work with the office projector. Steve will bring aerial photographs & data in hard copies and as slides. Paxton will do a videorecording. Dennis will make 20 copies of a base map. Shane will bring a big photo. We should all bring extension cords labeled with our names.

Purpose: Making sure there's enough space to park ticketed public on Saturday afternoon. How can we reduce the number of stickered vehicles on site during the event, provide fair, practical, and equitable access to on-site and off-site parking, predict future parking needs, short term and long term, plan for special needs parking, and develop alternatives to parking on-site? (These could be the table questions.)

Procedure: Host convenes gathering, states purposes, goals, and procedures, points out the limits of kitchen usage, and introduces speaker for overview slide show. Gathering breaks up into randomized discussion tables for round one. Each table designates a note-taker. After table discussions, host re-convenes everyone and asks one member of each group to summarize the important points they raised. Brief discussions follow each presentation. Break for half-hour lunch. After lunch, the host re-caps the morning results and breaks participants into new groups. New topics assigned based on the morning's discussion. The whole group re-convenes, summarizes the table discussions, and engages in general discussion before disbanding.

We can differentiate what kinds of parking people need depending on how they use their cars, including food booths, entertainers, 4A, families with potential mid-Fair exit needs.

Bear thinks we need a not-parking sticker.

Paxton thinks Stephanie should send out another email blast, including the questions, with a new LUMP email address, suggesting that people who can't make it send feedback.

We can write an article in the April FFN. Info from this event will go to management, the board, and crew leaders. Steve suggests LUMP committee make policy recommendations to the board and operational recommendations to management.

Develop protocols, incentives, facilitation for adopt-a-tree, designation of green zones, reporting and protecting bird nests, other wildlife:

An app for on-line recording or reporting of features would work most of the year, but not during the Fair because of bandwidth limits. We'd also need a paper form. Green zones can be delineated by their centers, which are easier to map than the edges, but will need to be defended on site.

The recording & reporting form could include green zones, adopt-a-trees, miscellaneous wildlife observations, bird nests, rare & endangered plants, and invasive & dangerous native plants. We'll want latitude, longitude, or GIS coordinates, OCF landmarks, center point of an area or green zone or nest or whatever, a photo if available, & a short narrative including how the area is used at the Fair (camping, booth, parking, etc.) who's submitting it & their affiliation & contact info, date & time. Bear will see if Jason knows how to find Tony's rumored app that worked pre-Fair but not during the Fair. Joseph thinks we need a protocol for designating Green Zones.

Write short narratives for signs explaining natural features:

Robert doesn't want them to be orange plastic laminates like the ones in Amazon Park. Ann explains that those need to stand up to the weather all year. Ours could be nicer looking. Possibilities include Strawberry log jam, Indian Creek, the new culvert, the big maple at Maple Commons, trees near benches in Chela Mela, transitions at Shady Grove, oxbow lake at Daredevil, lake behind Spirit Tower, parking lot wetlands, and river erosion at Arc Park. Paxton suggests we pick 3 to start with this year to avoid overloading Sign Crew. We'll start with Strawberry Jam, parking lot wetlands, & river erosion at Arc Park.

Future discussions will include:

Refine work/action plan and projects for 2017, develop calendar

- Reach out to educational institutions

- Collaborate with Community Center Committee on site development

- Update on-line LUMP manual, consider printing hard copy

- Work with Path Planning, Stewardship in educational outreach

- Write wildlife page for LUMP manual

next meeting March 14, 2017