

Oregon Country Fair LUMP Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Dennis Todd, Joseph Newton, Jon Silvermoon, Robert Albano, Bear Pitts, DJ Rogers, Kehn Gibson, Ann Rogers, Thom Barr. Go-to-meeting: Steve Wisnovsky. Crystalyn Autuchovitch. Glenn Johnson, Paxton Hoag. Scribe: Jain Elliott

Announcements: Ann appreciates Dennis & Steves' (both Steves) presentations at & Jain's notes from the parking presentation.

Approval of February minutes: “orange plexiglass” should be laminated orange paper, says Robert, otherwise approved.

Public comments: Dennis reminds us about the KOCF fundraiser coming up March 18th at Deep Woods Events in Elmira.

Staff reports: Crystalyn says LTD has changed procurement processes, so this year we won't be able to buy out their whole system, but Fair goers can still get on the on the bus anywhere with a Fair ticket. Glenn says we have a Stewardship mini-crew now that's happy to work with LUMP.

BoD liaison report: Ann says we funded a portion of the capital project request from the mapping group. Parking workshop was appreciated. Jon says the Community Center committee's looking at DUG's Green for parking.

Subcommittee reports: Bear says four GIS licenses have been approved. The MOST booth theme this year will be You Can Do It Too. We'll teach people to collect GPS values at various phone cradles, then bring them back to the booth and display the scatter points on Rosanna's laptop. This will help determine if cell phones can be a reliable device for defining green zones. People will learn how to calibrate GPS values from known benchmarks. We want to be able to plug phones into Rosanna's laptop and suck the data down without using bandwidth. Deciding where to put the cradles will be politically interesting. Ann thinks a copy of the GIS software should be put on an office computer so more of us can have access to it. Will check in with Crystalyn & Shane about this. Glenn agrees, would use this for wildlife tracking. Bear will bring this info back to Eric.

Old business

Review stakeholders' meeting on parking March 5, 2017: It went well. Steve wonders how many non-stickered vehicles are in our supposedly VS only lots. How many towed vehicles show up every year? Ann says the Board did fund the traffic survey. Crystalyn says the survey company will look at our lots to see if we can rearrange how we park to fit more cars in. Also we have five worker shuttle busses now Friday, Saturday, & Sunday mornings between 6:45 & 9:30. (Jerry Joffe hopes to run two late night busses this year as a pilot project.) We had fun.

Draft wildlife page for LUMP manual: Glenn says they've been working on this for a couple of years. Birds are legally protected. Want to encourage people to take ownership of nests in their work or camp areas, and monitor, but also get wildlife team involved so people aren't making inappropriate decisions. Ninety-five percent of Far Family do need to involve them right anyway. We want to tell folks “Back away at least 20 feet, and don't do anything until you activate the wildlife team.” Once everyone's tuned in to the right behaviors we can be good nest neighbors. Someone from the team will check the nests regularly to make sure everything's OK. There's a 20 page report on the .net site that Fish & Wildlife needs to see, details the team's overall approach to documenting behavior, staying ornithologically & legally in the clear. Glenn will draft a shorter message for the LUMP manual & send it to Dennis for next month. Dennis will summarize it for the guidelines. Steve says Archeology's been putting out info in small fliers for early booth people—wildlife info could be put out like this.

People need to be reminded not to set up & leave open kitchens that attract raccoons.

Develop protocols, incentives, facilitation for adopt-a-tree, designation of green zones, reporting and protecting bird nests, other wildlife. Glenn says: report birds or other critters to QM at Fair Central. There's a notebook, but the QM crew will call them right away. Conflicts arise during Main Camp when birds are nesting and people are camping. The rest of the year the wildlife team's a resource for Shane & Shelley, who can handle anything, or call them if needed. If people who call stuff in could put it on a GIS database that could be helpful. Also they could use it to plot every nest they've ever monitored at Fair. Robert sent us a link to a Corvallis public website that was interesting. Bear says it was a collection of 100 year old heritage trees, with pictures. Dennis wonders how much work it would be to translate ours into a public website. Ann says that they had planned to use archeology files for public use. A lot of what people are doing now was learned after Katrina. Dennis says we could document plant communities, rare & invasive species, Bob Nisbet's wildflower work. Bear says we recently found the hard drive with the old LIDAR data on it.

Kehn says his recent flood floats have him worried about water flowing from the log jam past out-of-compliance booths & fences with paneling down to the ground. DJ says this is on the agenda for Construction, who plan a lot of fence fixing this year. Ann says Indian Creek drains a large area. Kehn's worried that the Long Tom could meander right through the junction into Main Stage. He & Paxton want to do a video record of the flow pattern for Path Planning. Would love to see the LIDAR data for elevations. We're interested in a water flow map. Paxton will be here with a camera if it floods again. Steve says he's been watching this for 25 years. It's much better now than it used to be since construction has done every re-build on E. 13th with removable flood panels. Dennis says this could be added to our list of things to report, either with the new GIS technology with a photo, or with paper.

Write short narratives for signs explaining natural features: Strawberry Jam, parking lot wetlands, & river erosion at Arc Park: For the parking lot wetlands sign, we want to include info that the parking lots flood regularly, some parts for months at a time, supporting wetlands plants (including Native American cultivated camas beds) and juvenile fish, insects, turtles, birds, and amphibians, depositing soil and recharging ground water. Learn more at the Stewardship & Arc Park.

For next months' agendas:

- Draft invasive and toxic species list

- 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

Meeting evaluation: Special appreciation for Glenn's wildlife report, Mambo's river concerns, & drafting our wetlands sign.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 OCF office