

Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

April 10, 2018. 7:00 – 9:00 PM. OCF office.

Dennis Todd, Robert Albano, Dean Walton, Shane Harvey, Bennett Rogers, DJ Rogers, Bear Pitts, Thom Barr, Ann Rogers, Jon Silvermoon, Jain Elliott (scribe) Go-to meeting: Steve Wisnovsky, Bobbi Jo Newton

Announcements: Ann says we'll be celebrating the life of Jim Riggs in Ark Park all Fair.

Public Comments: Bear says the Avenza project will be going forward, plans to announce to Family with workshops the 2 weekends before the Fair, and then will start collecting data. Talking about a treasure hunt—people can use their phones to take points, then we can look at clusters during pre-Fair, during the Fair, and until Monday afterwards. Painless data collection using bluetooth opens up opportunity to everyone to help. Some models of phones have better GPS accuracy. Ann is concerned about people tromping through sensitive areas in a treasure hunt. Dean and Bear say the locations can be right on the path, the corner of a booth, or a rock water fountain. Maybe we're not going to call it a treasure hunt, but rather crowd sourced accuracy testing. Something could be proposed or mapped as a green zone or other feature during the Fair, and we could come back when leaves are off and get a more accurate reading. Bennett suggests we get the Pokemon Go players roped into this. Bear wrote an article for the Fair Family News. More info will be available on the Path Planning website. Dennis will send out links to that site.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Staff report: Shane says road widening project for Chickadee & Aero will now begin on the 23rd, and should take 4 to 6 days. Jon is concerned about our starting before the last reconsideration for the SUP is dealt with. Shane says the county knows we're doing this. We're also doing a title search because apparently we might already own Chickadee. We're gathering drawings of structures to submit to an engineer. Checking with ODOT to be sure they won't object to our moving our Far Side entry, which should start in August or September. Rain will delay seeding, but we should have green paths by Main Camp opening. Working on plans to remove oak leaves in the fall so they won't kill the grass.

BoD liaison report: We've hired a consultant from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon to look at the Fair's leadership structure, specifically the GM position. Community Center committee gave a report saying they're on hiatus, waiting for the board to decide what to do next. Indigo has resigned from the board. Bobbi Jo is concerned that board members get elected, staff gets reviewed, but coordinators & committee members self-select and have no oversight.

Old business

Investigate restrictions on expanding camp sites: Bear says a 20 foot RV can take up 4 tent sites. Robert is concerned that micro-managing individual camping experiences will be too difficult. Thom says we either need to reduce or limit the number of people who camp, or the amount of space available to each camper has to be limited, and he guesses people will choose to have their friends with them rather than large spaces. Bobbi Jo says it's an issue of privilege. Many of us have tents butted up to each other, with no large lounging areas. Shane doesn't think there's going to be any easy way to have this conversation. Robert says options like Late Night Trips are going to help. Dennis asks if we could start using social pressure to shrink tents and RV's. Dean and Jon think we need to start with the RV's. Robert says maybe we could survey why people need larger tents, and try to could solve those needs in other ways. Dennis says maybe the camp host meeting before the Fair would be a place to start the education.

Compose text for path signs--Indian Creek, Volunteer Bridge: The Indian Creek channel enhancement

project isn't very visible for pedestrians, so it's hard to think of where to put a sign. We could have a sign on Volunteer Bridge with info on the fish friendly culvert project, shading vegetation, channelization history, and cutthroat trout migrations. Indian Creek channels through the Fair site were not surveyed with much accuracy.

Work with Stewardship in educational outreach, projects for 2018 Fair: Ann has been contacted by the Stewardship group to solicit presentations by Archeology (and probably Recycling & Energy Park). Tom Gannon's interested in putting together a timeline of the site starting 20,000 years ago, says Dennis, who's started compiling some info, including paleolithic geography & history of Native occupation. Needs info on the ditching of Indian Creek before 1936. Dean has a UO contact. Ann says OSU might have records. Dennis vaguely remembers reading about steamboat travel on the Long Tom. Needed a lot of channel clearing through what is now Fern Ridge Lake. Bear says Amazon Student Housing was originally built in Portland, put on barges, and floated down to Eugene for married WWII veterans. Jon recalls a plank road running through the Fair grounds. Doug Card would know—Ann and Jain might have contact info. Steve says Herb Trotter tried to farm green beans in what is now Trotter's Field, but it was too wet. Ann says they should have taken Luther Burbank's advice about camas farming. Jon has a copy of the original appraisal from when we bought the property. Dennis says in the 90's we did a land swap with the city of Veneta that involved our creating a wetlands to mitigate their effluent spray needs. Ann says the timeline will deal with climate change to a certain point, but we should move toward a stronger focus on this (Roseboro Timber is now planting redwoods.)

Land use issues on newly-acquired winery property

Update on-line LUMP manual, consider printing hard copy

Next meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018

2018 meeting schedule: May 8, Oct 9, Nov 13