

Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

May 8, 2018. 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Upstairs at the OCF office.

Dennis Todd, Robert Albano, Paxton Hoag, Steve Abbott, Thom Barr, Shane Harvey, Dean Walton, Jain Elliott (scribe). Go to meeting: Bear Pitts, Steve Wisnovsky, Bobbi Jo Newton, Anna Scott (who later appeared in person), Glenn Johnson.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Public comments: Steve Abbott from Planning, Public Policy & Management at UO has worked on various community planning projects, including with EWEB on vehicle charging stations, with LTD on EMX routes & other challenging problems. Wants to help with how people get to the Fair—all those cars are polluting now, and when we run out of gas we'll want to have another plan. Thom is concerned about last weekend's sustainability workshop, and other sustainability efforts we've taken on here. Wants to know if the organization Steve's talking about has done anything to build public support for issues. Feels like Fair family doesn't want to hear about politics and are misinformed about real issues (like parking). Won't acknowledge that this is something that is happening or that they want to be involved in. Steve says for professional planners this is one of the biggest obstacles they face--how to overcome biases and misinformation. So yes, they do have experience with this. Getting things to take hold is much harder than figuring out what to do. Thom agrees that we have policy and ideas, but we haven't been able to get people on board with them. Paxton says he talked to Charlie 18 years ago about using bicycles on a safe path from Eugene to the Fair site, and Charlie said there wasn't one, but maybe now there is. Glenn says don't give up--he was told ten years ago we couldn't have a wildlife team or a stewardship. Dennis says our activity level (summer) is the opposite of the academic calendar. Steve says projects with stakeholders run over the course of the academic year, and if we're interested one or two grad students would attend the Fair, then they'd take a year's worth of work to dive in more deeply. Dennis says students could interview traffic crew members or ODOT during the Fair off season. Dean doesn't see a downside in gathering ideas. Paxton asks about how much time it takes to supervise students. Shane says some are really great, some not. Steve says they have a lot of GIS knowledge, and they're highly supervised, but it's not free. Robert Parker is the lead on it. Could be \$30,000 to \$50,000. Dennis—how much are we paying for the consultants to analyze the parking? Shane says they're still working on it. Steve plans to make a similar presentation to Path Planning. Also plans to talk with Robert Parker about the range of services that we might want. Dean asks if we could fit into a grant they already have. Steve will try to find out. The Fair could be an ideal demonstration project.

Staff reports: Seed & soil are on 13th, roads are widened, Path Panning can now meet at Alice's, nothing from the county on the SUP. Working with our lawyer on a business plan for the winery (Outer Limits). We will use it for parking this year. Access will be through the Fair site, not 126 or Suttle.

BoD liaison report: Paxton says Shane covered everything LUMP related that was reported at the board meeting.

Old business

Land use issues on newly-acquired winery property: Shane says there are several different avenues being explored.

Compose text for path sign at Indian Creek at Volunteer Bridge: Dennis has a draft that we approve. "Indian Creek runs in a constructed channel that was dug more than eighty years ago to drain the former farmlands that are now the Fair's parking lots. The original channel meandered through the

woods to the north. The creek is a travel route for many animals, including beavers, cutthroat trout, and western pond turtles, between the river and the watershed west of the Fair. It is a nursery for insects, amphibians, and reptiles. The Fair installed fish-friendly bridges and fosters dense brush cover to provide passage, shelter, and shade to keep the water cool.” Shane will ask Sign Crew to create and place this for us.

Weekend workshops for Avenza trainings will be June 30th and July 1st, 7th, and 8th. Times & places will go to Dennis for posting on the Path Planning website. Affected crews will be contacted.

Dennis suggests we add links to other online organizations to our LUMP manual, such as the Long Tom Watershed Council, City of Eugene exotics & non-natives, and Bob Nisbet's wildflowers.

Many of the experimental gray water proposals we've been discussing would be hard to get permits for. A standard sand filtering or Orenco system large enough to handle the Community Center & showers gray water might save us enough to pay for itself in a few years. Anna wonders if we could use any of the technology that remote national parks for RV's or Australians have used for a long time. Thom wants to know if this means we're giving up experimental solutions. Shane says for the 2017 pre fair we paid \$5,410 to haul gray water, \$4587 for black water, and \$3405 for shower water. Paxton likes doing it on our own, as an educational system we can use to communicate with other events, better than just using Orenco. Anna sees a need for both.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2018

2018 meeting schedule: Oct 9, Nov 13