

## Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

January 15, 2019. 7:00 – 9:00 PM upstairs at the OCF office.

Dennis Todd, DJ Rogers, Shane Harvey, Thom Barr, Diane Albino, Robert Albano. Jain Elliott: Scribe. Steve Wisnovsky, Anna Scott, Paxton Hoag: Go-to-Meeting

November minutes were approved.

Announcements: Anna says Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Peach Power re-boot meeting, 6:00 at the OCF office. There will be a go-to-meeting.

Staff reports: Shane says it's really dry out there, no floods yet. This helped with the erosion, and with growing the grass plugs. The log jam has moved a little bit. We have the necessary documents for the road vacations. We've been meeting with surrounding neighbors around campgrounds, reducing numbers, raising fees because of traffic problems, emergency service access. Notices about these issues seem to be targeted to the Fair. The County Commissioners will meet January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. We've offered to work with the campgrounds to make things safer.

BoD liaison report: Jon is meeting with the ED search committee. Paxton says the Board has consented not to call our new property the winery, but Outer Limits. They discussed having a workshop but haven't set a time yet. The Board realizes the problems involved in running a winery or hosting events. We also bought it as a parking lot, but we want to keep the agricultural zoning.

### Old business

Draft gray water engineering study capital project request: Dennis talked with a couple of engineers who would be willing to advise us further but don't want to take it on. We hope to get something that will process gray water to a standard that we can use for dust control. They estimated \$10,000 for a preliminary study. We'd save money in the medium & long run because we're buying water now, and paying to have our gray water hauled away. Anna thinks we should call it a project, not a study. We should start with the easiest place to get gray water, and then scale it to other places with the same technology. Robert says he likes Anna's plan to start with a real test. We should tell the engineers we want to know when we would start saving money on this. Dennis says one problem is most of the systems are not scalable. Sub surface wetlands or sand filters are in-place systems, and we would then have to build other systems in the other sites. We'd need a time frame to show how we'd justify the big initial cost. We'd need to know whether we can eventually accommodate a community center, or some of the sauna's water. Paxton says the deadline for capital projects is the end of this month, and he doesn't think we can put something together that quickly. But the Port of Astoria is auctioning off a gray water treatment system for 2000 gallons a day. It's got about 5 hours on it, but they'd decided it doesn't work for them. Last check it was going at \$200, will close in probably a week. Looks like it could do what we want, and is much smaller than an Orenco system. Paxton will send us the information. Could also duplicate the original report that we did with the mushrooms & wood chips, but this time using some of the sauna water. We already have the equipment, and would just need more wood chips and spawn. Dennis wants to know how much the budget committee wants—is a page too much? Two pages? Paxton says there's a downloadable form on the .net site. Dennis will draft a proposal this week, circulate it to the committee and get feedback. Anna reminds us if budget doesn't go for a capital project, Peach Power has money too, and might have a more flexible timeline. Diane also suggested the Green Ticket fund. Paxton agrees we should include a request for Green Ticket money in the capital projects proposal. Our goal is a comparative analysis of the top systems, advantages and disadvantages, cost of maintenance, clarifying that the long term purpose to reduce trucking water in and off site, and save money, specify parameters, frame the whole things as a business plan. Robert says we should also add in how much less fuel we'd be using with all those trucks not driving back and forth.

Memoria garden in uplands: Diane thinks it's important to have a nice place for people to sit, with a bench and shrubs and flowers, maybe eventually some sculpture, some plaques of uniform size. Wiz suggested one place near Alice's, but Diane is concerned that many people camp there now. Dennis wants to know how big—as big as this room? Bigger? Within the public areas? Diane thinks more family than public. Dennis says there are lots of smaller ones all over the Fair—these wouldn't be consolidated? Would it be to the exclusion of further memoria in other places? Steve says he thought of the rhododendron patch south of the house—we could clear it out a little, put pavers around a circular walk. On the west side, also, there's a grape arbor that could be upgraded with pavers that could be pulled out and engraved. Diane thinks that one might not be very contemplative. Dennis asks about the west end near Aero Road—Steve says that's a buffer zone, also has a lot of poison oak. Dennis says Path planning's looking at one in the flood plain, but Diane wants one available all year. Rhodie garden might be our best bet, we agree. This is our unanimous recommendation.

Security peninsula fire station facade (Firecat Tom): maybe next month

Winery farm/business plan—outline options, goals, timetable: need direction from the board before we go much further with this. Steve's nephew could find us someone to run a winery if want to have a winery.

Draft descriptive part of winery management plan for LUMP manual: We could start drafting the descriptive part for the manual—history, soils, archeology, roads, buildings. Shane has had some soil classification started. Anna wants us to remember educating Fair Family was part of what we do. Wants to try to do outreach to Family and maybe later the public about how we take of the land, a Green Thumb education program. Know your campsite, what's your zone? Maybe focus on our younger campers. Dennis now remembers he was going to write a LUMP history for the FFN. We could have articles on various LUMP issues. Anna reminds us we can also use KOCF—she would be willing to read stuff live. Dennis has a great radio voice, too (former science reporter for KLCC). Outer Limits history: Jain will write up something about Chumleigh, Fairieworlds, and whatever else Kelsey remembers. Steve also knows some former owners and will summarize some reminiscences too. Shane says we bought it from the Normans, who owned it for 3 years. Ron and Patti Chapell owned Secret House, established the winery, sold to Domaine Merriweather, then became Valhalla. Jon Silvermoon might remember the Wine and Blues years. Probably continuous agricultural since the 1850's. Has good road access to Suttle Road, and a permit to enter from 126 (Vineyard Lane—needs to be widened, says Shane. Steve agrees: two way traffic on a one lane road is problematic.) Buildings include a house, the winery building with a covered crush pad, and a storage shed, cedar outhouse in the garden. Solar access. Wetlands next to the highway. Upland forest, open land, grapes, old growth scotch broom (can that be used as firewood?) Industrial power. One well with high sulfur. Nutria, bobcat, coyote, elk. Fenced all the way around, with lockable gates. 2 septic tanks and fields: one for the house and one for the winery. Present uses: parking. Possible future uses: event-related camping, farming, vineyard, events. Need direction from the Board.

New business

Land Conservancy Plan—Steve wants to discuss what happens to the property after we're all gone. Restrictive covenants? Conservancies with McKenzie River Gathering, land trusts, nature conservancies?

Ronald Constable will address us on his aquatic survey from last year and plans for this year's survey, says Shane.

Shall we consider changing our meeting time to 6:00?

Next meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019, upstairs

**Proposed dates for 2019 LUMP meetings:**

Jan 15, Feb 12, March 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11(?), Oct 15, Nov 12