

Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

January 14, 2020. 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the OCF office

Dennis Todd, Robert Albano, Shane Harvey, Aaron Kenton (board liaison), Thom Barr, Rick Valley, Jain Elliott (scribe), Wally Bomgaars. Go to meeting: Bobbi Jo Newton, DJ Rogers, Ann Rogers

Dennis reminds us that our property hosts one of the last un-ditched un-dammed un-rock-walled stretches of lowland river in the Willamette Valley.

Announcements: Robert says our new website should have easier access to our documents soon.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Staff reports: Shane says we broke ground on the Far Side road. DJ's been out there monitoring the archeology. Project should be done in a couple of weeks. Last day for public to comment on the road vacation is Friday. Should meet the requirements for the SUP. May not have to have a public hearing, should save money without that. We're continuing to lose riverbank at Ark Park. Meeting with Recycling about the compost plan at the Winery, with contingency plans if Plan A doesn't work. Peach Power hopes to help us integrate a solar roof. Accepting applications for a new caretaker until the 24th. Aaron is concerned about where the compost will be located at the winery. Thom offers to take her on a tour. Aaron will be convening the board work session on what we'll be doing with the old winery when the date is set (in February.) Hoping for March or April.

Old business

Gray water recycling RFQ report: Dennis distributed our Request For Qualifications widely. Some positive responses, but only one site visit: Biohabitats, with a newly established Portland office for the Cascadia bioregion. Two engineers came down last weekend, met with Shane, Paxton, Dennis, & Jack Detweiler. Walked around the site, discussed systems they could investigate. Came back with some good ideas, including a similar system they'd done that doesn't truck waste water to a central facility, but disperses processing around different sites. Examined the Sauna Great Pit. Kitchen wastewater has to be treated as black water, but it could be pre-treated and then sent through the same system as the showers. Oregon DEQ has never been asked to grant a Tier 3 wastewater permit, which is what we want. We may be faced with extra scrutiny since they don't know what's going on. Or they may say "Yeah, let's do this" since, again, they don't know what's going on. Jack Detweiler has been very helpful. Tomorrow's the due date for other responses [ed. note: the day after the meeting, four responses arrived]. Dennis would rather see some competition, but if we don't, Biohabitats looks good. Shane agrees--looks like a potentially positive partnership. Dennis says their company has been wanting to go in the direction of doing more music festivals.

Education outreach: Robert thinks universities, community colleges, public schools, should all be using the Fair for their science projects. Wally loves the idea. Dennis emailed OSU Dept. of Engineering offering our RFQ as project material for students, hasn't heard back. Used to bring UO Freshwater Biology students out for day tours. Ann says there were two UO Archeology masters theses on the Fair. Bobbi Jo says Stacey Kiser at UO & LCC specializes in undergraduate research. Dennis will contact her at kisers@lanecedu. Aaron wonders if we're considering offering an internship program.

Also, says Robert, many Fair projects have potential for use in emergency situations. Many Community Emergency Response Team programs are urban, and this could be a valuable contribution to rural county resources. Dennis says issues may include how to make it available and how to organize what we have. LUMP could be contributing to that in terms of land use and resource issues. Bobbi Jo wants to know if our relationship with the City of Veneta is still great. Wally says yes in the

past, and we hope yes in the future (new city manager next week.) Shane says a lot of this is already under way. We'll talk about this again next month.

GIS mapping (water lines, grey water recycling, green zones). Dennis says they've been trying to develop a layer of water lines in their GIS system so we can avoid drilling grey water lines there. Rosanna and Brent were working on green zones.

Carbon neutral proposal: will be wrestling with energy use, says Dennis. LUMP might be able to contribute to a discussion of carbon sequestration. We've removed the land from agricultural uses. Maybe a student in the College of Forestry at OSU says Ann, where they might be trying to clean up their image, would want to help. Aaron says we haven't voted for the funds yet (\$9000) to be involved in this, but we probably will. We'll get a professor & intern from PCC to work directly with us. Dennis says Peach Power is hot on an energy audit. "Conservation is the cheapest kind of carbon reduction."

New business for next month:

Draft work plan

Draft LUMP history for FFN

Homework: 2:00 Thursday January 23rd, winery road off Suttle for a walk-around at the old winery with Thom, Shane, Aaron, Dennis, et al. Ann will look up educational data format she used, a soil map, college of forestry carbon sequestration. Dennis will think about UO programs to reach out to, everyone will think about educational outreach, Dennis will remind Ann, send SUP edits of LUMP manual to Robert, draft LUMP history, advise Peach Power of winery tour. Dennis will send October & November minutes to Robert to post to the .net site. Robert will contact Cascade Mycological Society and Green Chemistry at UO.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020