

Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

March 10, 2020. 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the OCF office

Dennis Todd, Dean Walton, DJ Rogers, Thom Barr, Rick Valley, Ann Rogers, Jain Elliott (scribe) Go to Meeting: Robert Albano, Steve Wisnovsky, Shane Harvey, Paxton Hoag.

Announcements: Archeology will lead a guided tour of the site this Thursday, 3:00 at the Hub (to show Wally the archeological sites.)

Dean on the Bio Blitz: Met with Ron Constable, Rick Ahrens, Glenn Johnson, and August Jackson to walk around. Ron wants a repeatable survey, with standard survey methods. The survey will be May 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. May bring Dave Wagner (botanist), folks from Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife for pond turtle work. Ron can do fish, Rick birds, August hymenoptera. Dean can do some plants. May have staff record bat calls, pass to an expert to review. Cascade Mycological Society has folks in Ecuador who will be back in time. Jenny Getty added to list. Daphne Stone for lichens. GPS can map with a 10 foot circle of probability. Where will data be stored? Archives? Google docs? Both? Ann is meeting with archivists on Friday. Shane says Rick's an expert on birds, insects, and the night sky.

Minutes of February meeting approved.

Staff reports: Shane says road vacation was approved, so we now own Chickadee and most of Aero, and can finish the SUP. The Fair is working on contingency plans for the virus, meeting with Honey Buckets and construction, will be putting out many more hand washing stations. Shane is concerned about water level in the Long Tom. Removed dams in the 8, mowing and seeding. Will talk with the County about whether the NCU goes away if we don't have a Fair because of a public health scare.

Subcommittee and homework reports

Committee best practices workshop: Dennis attended the March 1st meeting with about 40 other people and found it very productive. The working group put together recommendations that were well received. Will present a proposal incorporating feedback.

LUMP manual updates: Robert has posted the updated zone descriptions we worked on in November and the wildlife management page.

Old business

Gray water recycling RFQ submittals: choose vendor. Our top choices were Sherwood Design Engineers, and Biohabitats. Steve's preference is for the one with a greater presence in Lane County. Biohabitats has an office in Portland, two of their engineers came down and did a walk-around with us. Jack Detweiler and Dennis both impressed with them. Familiar with Oregon DEQ regulations. Sherwood personalized their proposal for us, experience at Burning Man and Breitenbush. Based in Santa Cruz. Laura Allen is their local collaborator, has been to the Fair a number of times. Jack & Dennis met her for coffee, and she said she's worked with Peter Haase, lead engineer for Sherwood for years, but would also be willing to work with Biohabitats. Peter emails often, says they'll work at a discount and in some cases pro bono, wants a relationship with the Fair. Jack also likes that their proposal includes a scope of work summary. Dennis and Thom lean for Sherwood. Paxton likes Biohabitats, impressed with their walk-around and ideas on Shower Central and Sauna grey water. Dean likes that Sherwood's done Burning Man, another event that appears with heavy annual use and then is gone. Shane agrees with Paxton—would be good to get someone on site to talk with us. Maybe we should ask Laura Allen to come out and walk around with us, and wait to decide until next month. Dennis will try to set something up for next weekend or early the next week, will post to LUMP list.

(see: <https://ocfpathplanning.org/graywater/index.htm>)

GIS mapping (water lines, grey water recycling, green zones) Dean shows us a map of water lines he's developed from Tim Wolden's drawings and coordinated with GPS points. Faucet positions are green dots. Lengths of lines and diameters are indicated. Paxton recommends contacting Fitz Howe to verify this data. Ann agrees.

Draft work plan: Thom reminds us most of our projects take a long time. Some can't proceed without the right tools, such as mapping and recording green zones, archeology, rare plants, and noxious weeds concentrations. The precision GPS unit will make these possible. (Ann is frustrated that we've been working on this for years and haven't gotten it done.) Other projects are track the work being done on the compost barn and Winery, and document where the Long Tom's moved. We could drone map it now. Dennis's ideas include long range site plan, revise LUMP manual zone map, monitor & document Bio Blitz survey, collaborate with the Long Tom Watershed Council, grey water recycling project, write articles for the Fair Family News, and committee officer succession. Paxton thinks we should print the LUMP Manual on demand. DJ: Beaver deceivers, pollinator strips.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 6:00 at the Fair office.