

## Oregon Country Fair Land Use Management Planning committee (LUMP)

October 13, 2020. 6:00 – 8:00 PM on-line only

Dennis Todd, Anna Scott (co-facilitators), Shane Harvey, DJ and Ann, Nathan Georgitis, Wally Bomgaars, Bobbi Jo Newton, Steve Wisnovsky, Paxton Hoag, Jon Silvermoon, Thom Barr, Gustav Grantham, Jain Elliott (scribe)

### Announcements

Nathan discussed the use of the iNaturalist app to record, map, archive, and verify field observations of organisms and make the records widely available. He and his colleagues at the Wild Edibles booth in Community Village began the project and established the archive. Committee members expressed enthusiasm and an eagerness to contribute and help integrate the iNaturalist database with other mapping projects at OCF.

Bioremediation along the McKenzie River: Gustav is collaborating with other individuals, nonprofits, and several governmental agencies, from EWEB to the Forest Service, to combat toxic runoff from the recent fires in the McKenzie River watershed. He explained how they propose to use microbial inoculant, fungi, biochar, silt fences, and wood chips to create filtration barriers that could trap sediment and toxins and build soil near the river. The committee offered support including the recruitment of volunteers.

Election of officers: Dennis volunteered to continue serving as chair if the committee wanted him to. Elected by acclamation (that is, no one said no), he pointed out that the Committee Best Practices manual recommends that committees have co-chairs. When he asked for someone to serve as co-chair, Anna was the group's choice (and the only one who did not quickly decline) Dennis reported that Jain had said that she would continue as scribe, and in her (temporary) absence nominated her for the office. Robert, also absent, was elected to continue as the committee web master.

Minutes from March 2020 approved

Staff reports: Shane reports staff is working reduced hours and taking rotating furloughs. Site is now only open Fridays through Sundays ten to four. New items have been released on merch. A large maple branch came down behind the winery, no water for a while. Could we have a Sunday Market out there for a couple weekends next summer? Path Planning has done a lot of work on hand washing and sanitation possibilities. When the water system was turned on recently, many valves were found to be open, and there was a leak by Shady Grove (found by dowsing) that narrowed the path there even more than it had been. Path Planning will work on re-locating the Shady Grove stage, maybe out by the flying pigs bench in Xavanadu. The Shady Grove maple lost another branch, waiting for consulting arborist to decide about its future. Paths are greening up, some parts need more sun, maybe will get some as the leaves fall. Didn't buy straw bales this year for water dams. Wally's been working on elections & DEI work. Will attend the KOCF transmitter installation on Bolton Hill tomorrow, take the new City of Veneta administrator for a walk around on site.

BoD liaison report: Paxton reported on the committee best practices manual.

Subcommittee and homework reports

Education outreach (Robert will report on this when he's back)

Committee best practices workshop: Dennis says no set of recommendations is universally applicable, but these are very helpful.

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Paxton wants to commend Colleen for proposing this ten years ago, and Lily, Peaches, and Dennis for

taking it on.

## Old business

Gray water recycling—discuss vendors, research grant availability: Dennis says everything stopped when the site was closed because of Covid. We had a meeting scheduled with one of our finalists the next day. The one from Portland didn't respond to emails explaining that we didn't have a budget any more, but the Santa Cruz one continues to be enthusiastic & cooperative, interested in helping us write grants. Jon can help look for possible funders. Anna can help collate and fine tune. Paxton wants to go forward with this.

Draft work plan: gray water recycling, compost barn & solar array (long term), continued mapping green zones. Anna & Dennis don't believe that we can quantify carbon sequestration on site for the carbon neutral folks. Thinning the Douglas firs would help sequester more carbon—taking out 10% every two or three years would get the stand down to withstanding drought pretty well. Roots sequester half the carbon, so clear-cutting kills them all, but thinning leaves roots behind to be adopted by the trees that are still there. Anna: sounds like we need to revisit the uplands plan. So three items could be uplands plan/carbon sequestration, green zones, and wastewater treatment. Ann: we should thin for big trees, especially at the winery. Bobbi Jo: deeper roots, soil regeneration is what will save the planet. Steve: putting on the Fair involves using lumber. It's more carbon-conscious to use on-site resources than to bring it in on a truck. Shane: we are still actively milling lumber on-site every chance we get. Anna: moves our plan should be uplands plan/carbon sequestration, green zone mapping, gray water recycling. We agree in this. Dennis: even if we focus on these three, we can still add other work, and continue work we have on going. Paxton: the Shady Grove problem. Shane—we do have to re-route the water lines. Need to look far into the future—25 to 50 years rather than 5 years. LUMP should advise and offer suggestions. Many LUMP members also sit on Path Planning.

New business: Dennis wants to add how can we develop better relationships with indigenous people who might want to use the site. The SUP would cover these activities. DJ: we've already rejected Fish & Wildlife on our property. We should be careful about engaging other sovereign nations. Jon appreciates discussions, but hesitates to have the Fair move forward with this when we still haven't dealt with the issue of cultural appropriation. If there's not movement on dealing with that, it wouldn't be appropriate to go forward with this. We'd seem disingenuous. Anna suggests we take this to the Diversity Committee for guidance. Ann agrees with DJ & Jon—it's complicated. We need to remember that the tribes are busy with their own enterprises & education projects. Jon says DEI meets regularly, link on .net, we'd be welcome to come and talk about this. DJ says we do reach out to the tribes every year—we invite their cultural resources people. Dennis-- LUMP wouldn't be lead on this, it would be DEI & archeology. Anna—when we re-write the LUMP manual, we should use an equity lens to include this.

Assign homework, set report dates: Dennis, Jon, and Anna will look for grants for the gray water treatment project. DJ will represent us at the Diversity Committee to discuss connecting with indigenous people who might want to use the site.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 6:00