

OCF LUMP committee meeting March 9, 2021. 6:30 – 8:30 PM on line only

Co-facilitators: Dennis Todd & Anna Scott, Scribe: Jain Elliott, Steve Wisnovsky, David Hoffman, Bobbi Jo Newton, Shane Harvey, Robert Albano, Cynthia Peachey, Thom Barr, Jon Silvermoon

Announcements: Shane says there will be a cross country race this weekend at the Fair site. Site's open 10 to 4 now every day except for this Saturday.

Land acknowledgement: Dennis wants to speak for things that cannot speak for themselves. The people who lived on this land before us, and the water, run-off, wetlands, condensation, that was here before us. We get to protect this. Most low-gradient rivers in the US have been channelized and dammed. We've seen a lot of erosion this year. We'll have to do some major changes in our landscape to accommodate losses, such as abandoning the Shady Grove stage. Water shapes our landscape. Floods drop the coarsest sediment close to the river. Finer clay composition collects under standing water, and gets converted to a sticky white clay as in Miss Piggy's, which is a standing pond for many months. Water provides plants with sustenance, disrupts eco-systems, shapes our soils and vegetation.

February minutes approved.

Public comments: Jon is concerned that the minutes of the discussion at the March 1st BoD meeting about the fixed assets committee don't accurately reflect what happened at our meeting. Jon would characterize what happened at our meeting as our having become resigned rather than as full of enthusiasm. Bobbi Jo thinks we came to a pretty firm consensus that we would wait and see. Peaches is happy to bring anything we want to say to the board.

Staff reports: Shane says we are looking at having a larger cross country event this fall, probably in September, will apply for and receive a different set of permits.

Will reach out to booths affected by the storm damage. Probably have a red tag crew come out if the booths have to sit vacant another year. Our permit was at risk last year when we realized we probably wouldn't be able to have a Fair. Lane County decided to match the county to the state code, which allowed two years without a Fair. Now we're looking to remedy this at the state level. SB 405 says non-conforming use may be amended during emergencies that limit use, and times that limit use will only restart when the mandates are lifted. This will work for fires as well as pandemics. The hearing yesterday went really well, and the bill will probably pass. Shane will let us know as soon as he knows.

Registration on the .net site will go up soon so people can sign up for weekend work parties. Some will be for specific crews, but we want to make this as inclusive as possible, with opportunities for volunteers, food booth workers and artisans.

Steve has seen the maples as sacrificial, there to slow the erosion up and down the banks.

Anna asks if the work parties are where booth people should sign up for clean-ups at their booths. Shane says yes, just need to watch total numbers of people on site.

Dennis walked the river bank from the highway to the sauna to look at erosion. Just upstream near the dharma garden maple, there's an alder down in the river, seems to be doing ok. There's deposition of sediment just downstream on the bank that would otherwise be cutting away.

BoD liaison report: Peaches says at our March 1st board meeting we passed the motion to form the fixed assets committee, a fund raising committee and a new ED search committee.

Jon reads his draft of a motion for the board about the fixed assets committee. Dennis wonders what we would gain from doing this, what we would lose from not doing it. Bobbi Jo says we'd

gain clarity. Thom agrees with Bobbi Jo—continues to have concerns. Anna wants us to remember this was a very robust discussion—we did a great job of listening, and everyone got heard, but we didn't actually have a consensus. The motion as amended by Anna and Jon passed by acclamation: **LUMP appreciates the opportunity at our February meeting for committee members to discuss their concerns about the proposed fixed assets committee with the Board proponents of the motion establishing the committee. After hearing the Board discussion of this motion and the characterization of our February discussion, we would like to offer some clarification. After facilitating a robust discussion during which many opinions and concerns were heard, the committee's position is more that it continues to have concerns and will watch what develops with the fixed assets committee and not so much that we were persuaded that the committee would make our work easier or that we are all on the same page and are comfortable moving forward.** Peaches will distribute it to the board.

Subcommittee and homework reports (convenors for these subcommittees are now the first names listed.)

Green Zone documents update (**Bobbi Jo**, Glenn, Paxton) Bobbi Jo did a few small tweaks on the green zone application, put in a dummy logo at the top. Dennis says it looks good, add contact info to first blank space. Bobbi Jo says will add phone number & email for site manager.

Grey water funding options (**Dennis**, Jon, Anna) Dennis glanced through the list of potential funders Jon sent, & didn't think any of them looked very promising. Several seemed to focus on social justice issues. We should look more deeply for a funding source, with maybe for a fall submission of a grant proposal. Jon says we should talk with funders' staff when we have something written on what we want to fund, well in advance of their deadlines. Be important to persuade them that what we learn can help others deal with similar problems. Also we need to coordinate with the rest of the Fair so we don't have different parts of the Fair doing different asks. Fund raising committee might not be far enough along to help us with this, so we may have to connect with Crystalyn & Robin to find out.

Carbon sequestration research outreach (**Anna**, Sallie, Glenn, Ann) Two LUMP members were asked to participate in a breakout session of the Fair's carbon neutrality project. Dennis told them there really isn't that much we can do, since grassland is so effective at carbon storage and conversion often results in rapid carbon loss. David compares this to corporations buying carbon offsets. Peaches says Andrea sent the rest of the team an update after that meeting saying she does understand the difficulty with quantification. Anna says ranges of data will suffice. David wants us to remember that “The Willamette Valley in Lane County is on Indigenous Kalapuya land. Kalapuyans from the Tsankupi, Chafan, Winefelly, Pee-u (Mohawk), and Chelamela tribes created and maintained rich soil fertility through advanced horticultural practices. After the Kalapuya Treaty (Treaty of Dayton) in 1855, Kalapuya people were forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations, and are now members of Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (<https://www.grandronde.org><<https://www.grandronde.org>>) and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (<http://ctsi.nsn.us><<http://ctsi.nsn.us>>). OSU Extension Service - Lane County.”

Review LUMP manual for SUP information (**Jon S.**, Paxton, DJ) Jon hasn't found the SUP documents yet in his boxes of documents for the last 10 years. Shane thinks it's on the .net site, but will send them to Jon also. Dennis says it is on the .net site, but it isn't easy to find.

Subcommittees virtual meeting assistance (Anna) Anna thinks subcommittees should try to meet. She can assist in setting up virtual meetings. We can meet physically with masks, or we could use break-out rooms at these meetings. Robert has a porch & carport with hot water bottles

and blankets, and bamboo sticks cut to appropriate lengths to enforce distancing. Dennis will schedule zoom meetings for anyone in the committee any time for anyone. We decided to designate convenors for sub-committees. Bobbi Jo also has a zoom account. Anna can help teach everyone how to run a zoom meeting.

Old business

Review upland forest plan. Add winery and Dug's Greene to upland forest--Dug's Green's already listed! We just need to add 17 acres of upland forest to the zone description for the winery. The only changes would be to add “at the winery” and change 21 acres to 38 acres. We need to get a new zone map. Dennis hopes cartography crew will do something better than the ones he did on Photoshop.

Organize work party to estimate forest density--Ann says she knows how to do this and has the tools. Dennis will get in touch with Ann and set up a work party

Add info on emerald ash borer to LUMP manual--Anna says we talked about adding invasives & not just one insect. David asks if it's a problem yet. It's still no further west than Colorado, but it's done terrible damage east of there. We should monitor for the presence on site and propagate and foster native species that may be able to replace the ash, such as red cedar & alder. Do not bring ash firewood to the site. Bobbi Jo says we draw people from far away, and if we become infested we'll spread it everywhere. Thom says people from elsewhere cut wood on their land and bring it here for their booths. Peaches asks how can we get the word out about this. Steve says we have a native plant nursery on site, so we've been successful at growing trees and we have the ability to do so. Bobbi Jo and Dennis say it's already in the guidelines. Also (Bobbi Jo) we have plenty of wood onsite. (P. 16, Stewardship of the land: “Invasive species threaten our natural ecosystem and should never be brought on site...To help prevent the invasion of the tree-killing beetle known as the emerald ash borer, do not bring firewood or wood pallets to the site. Ash wood (not milled lumber or finished craft items) may carry the pest.” Dennis also reminds us the battle against shining geranium has been lost. It's unstoppable. Shane agrees. Shane sets out emerald ash borer traps every year, but so far has seen nothing. David says geranium are easy to pull since their crown is above ground level. Also has a green plastic start starter that we can have back if we want.

Discuss how to increase diversity on LUMP committee—Dennis would like to see us have Indigenous land knowledge on this committee. Jon says there are craft and crew Fair members who are indigenous. We could reach out to them to ask them if they're interested or if they know people who might be interested. They're already part of the Fair family. Anna's been asked if we do controlled burns, do we practice native ways of managing the land. Would be grateful to have someone who has that part of land management in their past. Maybe Ann and DJ would be our good contacts for that. Bobbi Jo says maybe Jeff Harrison could help. Shane reminds us we have to build those relationships, that work is underway. Before we do anything we have to talk with the local tribes. Encouraged that this committee has recognized that. We could ask at a board meeting, put a letter in the FFN. Dennis wants to add this to our ongoing work list. Anna will include in our board report an invitation to younger people, women, and BIPoC folks. Shane adds it's of particular interest to us to learn about practices of the people who lived here before we did. Jon reminds us that we have unfinished work on cultural appropriation. Peaches is ready to talk to the board. Anna thinks maybe we should wait to talk with Ann & DJ. Jon sees a distinction between asking people who are already involved with the Fair who may be Indigenous and asking people who are not yet involved with the Fair. Dennis suggests that we continue this into next month's meeting, and not make an announcement to the board until we've crafted something with Ann & DJ's help that dodges some of the complexities.

Review work plan: same subcommittee reports except for virtual meeting assistance.

New business

Add soil types, attributes to zone descriptions—Dennis and Robert will work on this.

Next meeting: April 13, 6:30 to 8:30 on line