

## **OCF LUMP committee meeting April 13, 2021. 6:30 – 8:30 PM on line only**

Dennis Todd & Anna Scott: co facilitators, Jain Elliott: scribe, Steve Wisnovsky, Ann Bennett Rogers, DJ Rogers, Robert Albano, Bobbi Jo Newton, Cynthia Peachey, Thom Barr, Jon Silvermoon, David Hoffman

Announcements: Steve plans to check out the nursery he built long ago. If anyone in the Fair family wants to do plant propagation & reforestation, Steve can show you the nursery and hook you up with Shane & Durwin. He's propagated nearly all the species on site. It's there if anyone wants to pick it up. Ann says some of the willows have been purposely maintained for cuttings. She's growing some in her back yard in pots, as well as giant camas in pots, and spreading some of the seed around the site.

March minutes approved.

BoD liaison report: Peaches sent the fixed assets statement to the board. AJ & Hilary responded. We have an ED search committee now, announcement and revised job description are on the .net site. Anna wants to hear about staff availability—will ask again during subcommittee reports.

Subcommittee and homework reports

Green Zone documents update (Glenn, Bobbi Jo, Paxton): Bobbi Jo will re-convene the subcommittee for next time.

Grey water funding options (Jon, Anna, Dennis): Jon says they're working on a draft email to go to some foundations that we might be able to get some support from. Will coordinate at some point with Liz. Looking at Oregon State Water Resources Board study for feasibility, with a fall deadline.

Carbon sequestration research outreach (Anna, Sallie, Glenn, Ann): Anna says she and Ann got together to strategize. Haven't had a response from Glenn Johnson, but met without him. Ann says we need to figure out whether we're going from macro to micro or the other way around, and where we feel the most comfortable working on this. It is pretty entertaining science. Will send info to Thom, who has a meeting coming up on Sunday where he'll be trying to sell the compost barn to people who don't realize how much soil we create every year, wants to be able to say that this is some kind of carbon sequestration. Dennis says if the material were to go to the landfill it would degenerate into methane, which is worse than carbon dioxide and longer term carbon storage. Dennis has a list of papers he's looked at about carbon sequestration, almost all available without paywalls. Robert says if people send him documents he can put them on the LUMP website. Dennis agrees, especially if we're just providing the links, not the documents themselves.

Education outreach info (Robert, Anna, Ann): Robert says they talked about how to reach out to people who might want to do research at the Fair site. Anna will come up with an outline that describes the opportunities that the Fair offers, and what we've done in the past. This will help when we make personal pitches. Anna hopes we can have staff available to give us some time helping with this—Shane and Robin have helped in the past. Peaches thinks we should write to them and ask, and cc Liz, who's working with them on their work plans and where they're focusing their time.

Review LUMP manual for SUP information (Paxton, DJ, Jon S.): Jon says he hasn't called this together yet. Could not find on the .net site a copy of our SUP application that has the maps of our activity areas. Actually we need tax lot distributions, says Dennis. Those maps are on the path planning website on the maps page. They don't really match up, says Jon. He'll follow up with Shane and Thom Lanfear.

Old business

Finish Green Zone documents, determine how to post and distribute. Not ready yet, says Bobbi Jo, but Dennis says we can talk about how we're going to publish and distribute these, probably not in the LUMP manual, but maybe in a separate section of how to find and use them. Anna wants to check with Peaches

about how much info we can keep posting on the .net site. Where are our edges? We've had people take advantage of our openness here. Does the board have guidance for committees on what's OK to post about our organization and property? Peaches thinks not, that we'd take into consideration on a case to case basis what info should be public and what not. Not a certain policy or guideline that she knows of. This has been at the discretion of Shane, mostly. Anna—should we take materials that we might have some questions about to a staff person, then, to whoever we think might be most available to our committee? Jon says Fair hasn't addressed the way access to the .net site has changed over the last decade. Bobbi Jo thinks posting info on .net is appropriate. Robert says one thing that will affect the format is how quickly the info changes. A form might be a .pdf, but where things are on the ground could be a webpage, easy to update from on site. Jon says are we doing it so that people know where to look for it, or so that people are more aware of it? Posting it on .net might not be as effective as sending it out in booth packets. Are we trying to get info to people? Dennis—posting forms, background info on .net is only one form of outreach. Also have paper at Quartermaster, info booths, emailed to camp hosts. Multi pronged approach. Doesn't think we should post active documents like green zone maps on .net. Rare and endangered plant green zones might not be something we want to advertise. Steve agrees—emails to camp hosts, letter from staff to coordinators, saying look at this information. Bobbi Jo says community members should be able to propose green zones. Dennis says we have not come to any single conclusion, but can we agree that green zone documents should have a separate section in the LUMP manual or adjacent to it on the .net site? Bobbi Jo, Robert, Thom, DJ, Peaches say yes. David Hoffman says we're all tree huggers but no one wants to give up their camping spots. Kept trying to steward areas near the Village without success. We need to educate people about taking care of the land. Anna says green zone info could also be part of the LUMP manual, part of a stand alone website, getting info to camp hosts and crew leaders could be by pointing them to where the materials are housed. Robert says LUMP has a separate web identity from .net as part of .org. We can be more explicit on that page, save people from having to wade through .net. Documents can be hard to find on the .net sometimes (like the SUP documents.) Anna says we need to educate Fair professionals (staff) on where to find our materials. Bobbi Jo says we should put occasional articles in the FFN telling people where to get documents (once we have them.) Bobbi Jo will write the first one.

Review LUMP manual zone descriptions for soil and SUP information. Dennis has added soil zones and descriptions. Anna thinks we should accept them as written. Robert asks would it be better to make furniture out of fallen wood or let all fallen wood decompose. Ann says the Oregon Forest Practices Act applies to down wood on all state and private land. Dennis says if we can mill it and put it into a place where we can use it for many years that's a good use. Anna says we can always revise the motion when we get more information. Peaches is concerned about fire debris that could become tinder for more fires. Dennis says if you cut the branches off and scatter them so they have ground contact, they'll decompose, and big fallen trunks don't catch fire easily. Big trees can sequester carbon for hundreds of years. Scattered as mulch will not last as long. OK with an exception for milling into finished goods. Anna says this is a procedure manual for the management team, not hard and fast rules. Dennis reads language he's added in various areas. We all agree with it. David wants us to take care of our soil so that our civilization does not collapse.

Discuss how to increase diversity on LUMP committee: many Native events are around the same time as the Fair, so we might not get a lot of participation from community-minded people, Ann reminds us. They're doing all the organizing with fewer volunteers than we have, so it's a lot of work for them. Dennis asks if there are ways we could add indigenous land knowledge to our LUMP manual without necessarily having people come to meetings or to the Fair. Ann says a lot of info is available, and people would make available what they've done on their own properties. Ann has been on some of these properties, some they've had control of for generations, others they're acquired at the bottom of the market in really terrible condition, and they're beginning to try to bring them back through what they know. They would help guide us to information, and celebrate with us as we make progress. They've come to dig camas with UO programs, so they have familiarity with us. When we have good ideas we can bring people in. Ann knows a lot of their

natural resource people and some archeological people, two groups that don't always get along. Anna says it's hard to increase diversity on the committee by expecting new people to show up meeting after meeting, but easier if we have a specific topic. It's up to us to make the table more appealing. Dennis suggests our fall work schedule could include inviting people with other perspectives to join us.

Review work plan: still have some subcommittee reports & work to do finalizing documents.

New business: Dennis wants to know what path planning thinks will be the future of Shady Grove.

Remember, the maple is still there. How can we convert Miss Piggy's into public space, or at least part of it, since we'll be losing so much land to the river.

Next meeting May 11, 6:30 to 8:30

Dennis's updates to LUMP manual: Policies and Implementation

## Land Use Policies

- Reverence for the land
  - Maximize carbon sequestration
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## Wildlife Plan

Insect management may require protection (e.g., pollinators), monitoring (e.g., emerald ash borer, gypsy moth) or control (e.g., wasps).

## Implementation

- Monitor for invasive species including gypsy moths and emerald ash borers.
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## Vegetation

- Leave fallen wood in the largest possible pieces to maximize carbon sequestration
  - Avoid soil disturbance to minimize loss of stored carbon
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## Vegetation Management Plan

### Description

Path/lawn areas can be categorized into those areas with more permeable and fertile soil (e.g., Main Stage, River Loop, Left Bank, Xavanadu, Dragon Plaza—McBee silty clay loam) and those with poorly drained soil (e.g., East 13<sup>th</sup>—Linslaw loam). Shaded areas and frequently-flooded areas occur over both good soil and poor soil.

### Goals

- Carbon sequestration

## Implementation

- Leave logs to decay in the biggest pieces possible to maximize carbon storage
  - Minimize soil disturbance to reduce loss of stored carbon
  - Thin conifers to reduce drought stress and maximize carbon uptake
  - Monitor for invasive species including the gypsy moth and the emerald ash borer
  - Propagate borer-resistant tree species including alder and red cedar
  - Follow Oregon Department of Agriculture notifications for invasive species
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## OCF Upland Forest Management Plan

### Description

OCF upland forest area includes land along Chickadee Lane, the south side of DUG's Green, and the northern side of the winery, some 38 acres in extent. The vegetation is dominated by conifers. This area contains roads, archaeological sites, wetland inclusions, dwellings, gardens, parking lots, industrial zones, and gathering places.

### Goals

- Maximized carbon sequestration
- Thinning to promote climate resilience and carbon uptake

### Management zones

#### dahinda's acres

##### *Implementation:*

- thin conifers to promote drought resistance and maximize carbon uptake and storage

#### Alice's house and garden

- thin conifers to promote drought resistance and maximize carbon uptake and storage

#### Alice's conifer forest (east of Alice's Chickadee driveway and west of Chicken Creek)

##### *Implementation:*

- thin conifers to promote drought resistance and maximize carbon uptake and storage

#### Chicken Creek (between Alice's fir forest and the yurt)

- thin conifers to promote drought resistance and maximize carbon uptake and storage

#### DUG's Green/Henderson Woods

- thin conifers to promote drought resistance and maximize carbon uptake and storage

#### Warebarn

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## **Zone 1: Public Space**

- Description: Paths, meadows, stages, parks, booths, Dragon Plaza, and other areas open to the public (excluding parking lots and roads).
- Current uses: Public participation at the Fair, off-hours and off-season use by Fair Family and guests, event camping.
- Future uses: Continue current use. Expand public areas, increase path width, develop more parks and fire breaks, improve shade and turf coverage, reduce dust, remove booths from river banks, develop emergency exits.
- Constraints: Manage for the annual event. Reduce erosion and flood-carried flotsam. Special Use Permit allows but limits off-season activities.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw, 79 McBee

## **Zone 2: Parking Lots**

- Description: All parking lots open to public and staff vehicles.
- Current uses: Parking and unauthorized camping for public and staff, hay production, wetland habitat, roads, pedestrian corridors.
- Future uses: Parking, off-season recreational activities including camping in SCOF lot, wetland and creek enhancement, public space.
- Constraints: Maintain adequate parking for the event. Avoid draining existing wetlands.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw, 79 McBee

## **Zone 3: Event Camping, South Woods**

- Description: Oak/ash/maple/conifer woods south and west of Xavanadu, south and east of Chela Mela Meadow.
- Current uses: Staff and booth seasonal camping, buffer zones, horse corrals, access roads, pocket wetlands.
- Future uses: Camping, infrastructure support, public paths and stages off Chela Mela Meadow, habitat conservation, access roads for services, booths, stages.
- Constraints: Proximity to highway may cause acoustic conflicts with stages. Road access must be maintained. Staff camping may move but booth camping should continue. Wetlands and habitat should be preserved. No off-season camping.
- Soils: 79 McBee

## **Zone 4: Event Camping, Old Indian Creek Channel**

- Description: Traffic camp, Recycling camp, parts of dahinda's acres and Zenn Achers, The Hub, Energy Park camping, Moz Road, Child Care, sauna and staff camping in old creek channel.
- Current uses: Seasonal camping for staff and booth members, wetlands, non-public paths and access roads and wildlife habitat.
- Future uses: Camping, public paths, services, habitat. Off-season camping only on property zoned RR-5.

- Soils: 73 Linslaw

## **Zone 5: WareBarn and Yurt**

- Description: Includes uplands around permanent structures.
- Current uses: Caretaker's residence, storage, year-round work areas, site office, electrical distribution, communications hut, seasonal camping, water storage and distribution, emergency and service access.
- Future uses: Continue current uses.
- Constraints: Seasonal floods block road access. Roads must be maintained for heavy vehicles, truck access, year-round staff access.
- Soils: 128B Veneta

## **Zone 6: Ash Woods**

- Description: South woods west of Zone 3, Maui, Waii, and Henderson Woods.
- Current uses: Wildlife habitat, buffers, limited camping. Recycling near Bus Road.
- Future uses: Maintain current uses. Minimize impact on habitat. Enhance appearance along Bus Road. Off season nature walks.
- Constraints: Good wildlife, native plant habitat. Traffic noise from highway. Seasonal floods.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw, 79 McBee

## **Zone 7: Indian Creek**

- Description: Constructed channel between Unorganized Territory and Long Tom River.
- Current uses: Wildlife habitat, water barrier, aesthetics and education.
- Future uses: Enhanced habitat and wildlife corridor, pedestrian route, rest and play areas.
- Constraints: Jurisdictional wetland, fish-bearing stream, seasonal floods, bridges need maintenance.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw

## **Zone 8: Unorganized Territory**

- Description: Wetlands and uplands on west end of OCF property.
- Current and future uses: Wildlife habitat. Stay out!
- Constraints: Wet area, beaver ponds, seasonal floods.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw, 98 Noti

## **Zone 9: Long Tom River**

- Description: River, banks, natural levees, and riparian areas.
- Current uses: Water barrier, aesthetics, wildlife habitat.
- Future uses: Continue present use.
- Constraints: Erosion, channel meandering, floods, undercut banks.
- Soils: 79 McBee

## **Zone 10: Far Side**

- Description: Sixty-two acres on the east bank of the Long Tom River. Mixed species riparian forest, wetlands, hay fields.
- Current uses: Wildlife habitat, seasonal OCF camping.
- Future uses: Staff and booth camping, wetland enhancement, wildlife habitat, greenway.
- Constraints: Zoning restricts uses. River crossings must be temporary. Seasonal floods. Campers' vehicle access through the City of Veneta's property.
- Soils: 79 McBee

## **Zone 11: Chickadee Lane**

- Description: Twenty-eight acres dominated by coniferous forests, with pocket wetlands, along Chickadee Lane, including Alice's Wonderland, DUG's Green, and the upland parts of Zenn Achers, The Hub, and dahinda's acres. Includes residences, outbuildings, driveways, parking areas, wells, and gardens.
- Current uses: Year-round and seasonal camping for Fair family and guests, wetlands and wildlife habitat, service roads, storage, kitchen garden, meeting space, Culture Jam, potable and irrigation water, vehicle parking, work zone, environmental education.
- Future uses: Continue current uses; community center, off-season performance venue, expanded storage and work space, selective wood harvest, up to 25 events per year for 100 or fewer people.
- Constraints: Zoning restricts certain uses. Not included in OCF non-conforming use permit, cannot be used for public space as part of the Fair. Low areas flood. Forest needs management.
- Soils: 128B Veneta

## **Zone 12: Mauldin Marsh**

- Description: Twenty-four acres west of and contiguous to the Unorganized Territory. Historically grazed by cattle. Recovering wetlands dominated by herbaceous plants, includes a few shrubs and trees and numerous woody saplings. Crossed by channelized tributaries of Indian Creek.
- Current and future uses: Wildlife habitat, wetland forest recovery and restoration.
- Constraints: Wet area with seasonal flooding. Needs management to promote native vegetation.
- Soils: 134 Wapato

## **Zone 13: Reserve Zone**

- Description: Eleven acres west of Ridiculous Road. A fragmented landscape including seasonal flood channels, a hay field, woodlands, and a seasonal marsh. Historically grazed by cattle. Separated from the Outasite Lot by Ridiculous Road and a fence.
- Current uses: Haying.
- Future uses: Habitat restoration, camping, other uses.
- Constraints: Seasonal floods, wetlands.
- Soils: 79 McBee, 134 Wapato

## **Zone 14: Outer Limits Winery**

- Description: Fifty-three acres of south-sloping land bordering on Highway 126 to the south, OCF Zone 13 (Reserve Zone) to the east, and neighboring properties to the north and west. Accessed by Vineyard Lane from Suttle Road and Winery Road from Highway 126 and an unimproved road from the Reserve Zone.

The site includes approximately 15 acres of ash-dominated wetlands to the south, 17 acres of coniferous forest to the north, 1.5 acres of decrepit wine grapes, and grassland. Buildings include a 1118-square foot house built in 1950, a 4410-square foot winery building with 24-foot eaves, a 888-square foot metal barn with 11-foot eaves and other outbuildings. Electrical service includes several 200-amp panels at the buildings and along the northern edge of the property.

- Current uses: Parking.
- Future uses: To be determined. Vineyard special use permit may allow public and Fair family events and gatherings.
- Constraints: Rural Comprehensive Plan zone is E40, exclusive farm use. Grape vines are infested with phylloxera.
- Soils: 73 Linslaw, 79 McBee, 98 Noti, 120B Salkum, 128B Veneta, 134 Wapato