

OCF LUMP committee meeting February 15 6:00 – 8:00 PM on line

Dennis Todd--Facilitator, Jain Elliott—scribe, DJ Rogers, Stephen Cole—OCF Navy, Robert Albano, Drew Miles—Fire Crew, Steve Wisnovsky, Paxton Hoag—board liaison, Lisa Parker—OCF board, Mark Pankrantz (KP), Mike Speiser, Thom Barr, Ann Bennett-Rogers

Announcements: DJ reminds us to call archeology before digging.

(Dennis's internet connection failed. Mark facilitated the rest of the meeting.)

Public comments: Stephen wants to start a memorial park for deceased Fair volunteers with natural burials, off site, not in the flood plain, to provide restorative ecology. Steve said when he was site manager many ashes were scattered. Plains Indians used sky burials. Paxton says Path Planning has a memorials sub-committee, invites Stephen to bring his proposal. Been impressed with fungal caskets. Stephen's email is scole2323@gmail.com. DJ says we already have natural burials on site (in the Kalapuya mounds) and accidentally turning up bones in unmarked sites would involve police &/or state archeologists. Stephen says most natural burial sites involve trees planted on top of the burial. Paxton doesn't think we'll be able to replenish our reserves and think about buying land for at least 3 years. Recommends Stephen talk with Kirsten.

January minutes approved.

BoD liaison report: Paxton listed our new employees. Peaches resigned her board position, but will still come to LUMP meetings starting next month. We passed 3 potential budgets at the budget meeting: a full, a 70%, and a no-Fair version. We'll know more about which one we'll use at the March meeting, and absolutely which in the first week of May.

Subcommittee and homework reports

Education outreach (Robert, Anna, Ann) Robert says we're postponing outreach for a bit, until he's had a chance to talk with our new site manager.

Fixed Assets Committee, compost barn site report: Paxton says we identified site #4, where the grapes were, near the building. Soil samples were done, looks good, 3-4 ft to the clay layer, working on how to put foundations in. Given permitting schedules with the county, probably won't have the slab by June, but hope to have gravel pad in by then.

Old business

Use of controlled burns. Update from fire crew. Drew says they had a proposal 2 years ago, and then COVID happened. Also hoping to connect with tribes. Nature Conservancy, Long Tom Watershed, State of Oregon could also partner with us. Many local areas have used burns to open grasslands & improve environments for native flora & fauna. Drew could invite someone from the Nature Conservancy to talk with us and help identify a productive area to work with. DJ wants us to remember that the tribes' interest in burning isn't in fuel reduction. We'll need to do a lot of hand treatment first, because we've had a lot of build-up over the years. Paxton says Fixed Assets has been talking about developing a campsite in the timbered part of the winery property, and maybe that could be a demonstration project area. Drew agrees. DJ warns us some of the scotch broom is old growth size. Dennis says fire might be easiest to control in the open areas in parking lots for restoration burns. Ann says we need to maintain the seed banks for all the native seeds, not just camas, that the City of Eugene relies on us for. Paxton says Sierra, our new site manager, will want to be involved in this discussion. Ann will

connect her to the City of Eugene folks. We should collect our own seed before we burn. Paxton says we should have a group that's collecting seeds now.

Brainstorm FFN article on green zones. KP will work on this when he's done with school, in another week or so.

Begin planning for loss of Upper River Loop to erosion. Identify stakeholders, possible replacement areas. DJ says there's still room for Ark Park where it is, doesn't want to move into a parking lot. Log jams have shifted around. We could move into the South Woods. Dennis says our NCU permit would allow us to expand the public space into the South Woods or Miss Piggy's. See maps at the Path Planning website. KP says Shady Grove may not be able to be retained. Entertainment coordinators think that performers can move to other stages. Paxton says water lines in the Shady Grove area will need to be moved also. Dennis suggests that some of us could go out to the site and look in the South Woods. Many LUMPers agree, and we plan for 11:00 this Saturday, meet at Main Camp. DJ asks if Path Planning has started to look at the South Woods with this in mind. Paxton says we're planning for a smaller gate, which will extend the life of some of the more critical areas. Dennis reminds us no one has a sacred right to their camping spot, and he has helped develop plans that cost him two choice campsites over the past 20 years (and he wanted to add that he now camps at Zenn Achers, right where we have planned to site the community center, so he know he's on borrowed time there as well.)

Draft page for LUMP manual on SUP, NCU, Lane County zone information. DJ says some of this could go to the site manager. Has tried working with overlays, but they don't match up well. Robert says whenever we get anything, send it to him.

Adaptation to climate change. If we keep track of what we're doing, we'll have a record of what's changing—when the camas blooms, how often we find bumblebee nests. QM should be maintaining and saving records. Dennis says David Wagner records first flowers. (David Wagner is at fernzenmosses@me.com.) Paxton has a friend who documents through iNaturalist. Dennis says this is a wonderful app. Ann says Sierra uses it. Paxton says the iNaturalist site has many observations and pictures from the Fair site already.

Gray water recycling —hand wash stations. We'll have more portapotties and sanitation stations. We're working with a distillery in town to supply us with sanitizing liquid and recyclable containers to get it to booths. Hand wash stations will only go to areas where we can deal with the gray water. We'll re-build the 6-packs, and spray the pits with effective micro-organisms (EM1) after they're pumped out.

Next meeting March 15, 6:00 to 8:00, on line