

OCF LUMP committee meeting Tuesday, March 15th 6:00 – 8:00 PM on line

Dennis Todd: Facilitator, Jain Elliott: Scribe, Steve Wisnovsky, Mark Pankrantz (KP), Glenn Johnson, Sierra McComas (Site Manager), Sue Theolass (BoD), Thom Barr (Recycling), Bobbi Jo Newton, Robert Albano, Paxton Hoag (BoD liaison), DJ Rogers (Archeology), Ann Bennett-Rogers, Drew Miles (Fire)

February minutes approved.

BoD liaison report: Paxton says we passed all of our capital project requests, some of which will show up here eventually.

Subcommittee and homework reports

South woods February 19th tour group report (possible path replacement areas for Ark Park & Xavanadu. Two roads that go south probably not suitable for a new stage. Peninsula SE of Xavanadu might be best, except for the rapid erosion of the riverbank going into Chela Mela. There's a stretch of woods between there and Hoarse Chorale, and a swale that could be a stage area. That's a long time down the road, says Paxton. If we're lucky, says Dennis. Most of the area we looked at was not camped in, said Paxton, one was an old eddy like the current location of DuCaniveaux, another one is actually dry now, but access is difficult. DJ says then they looked at Ark Park, and thought with some adjustments there could still be a lot of space available. Dennis says they met Hilary up there, who suggested we get rid of Upper River Loop, and have Archeology be a destination, rather than a cul de sac, and the same with the Du Caniveaux stage. Ann, adding to the Hilary alternative, says that before COVID we'd talked about removing the one year only booths there and letting Ark Park have that space. This would continue to provide night time star gazing in Ark Park. Dennis, Sierra, Doug from Vegmanecs, & Hilary also looked at the path that's being eroded away off Chela Mela today.

Old business

Brainstorm FFN article on green zones. Where were we? asks Glenn. Dennis & Glenn will look in the archives. Glenn would like to see more carrot than stick—pulling in Fair Family rather than pushing folks out. Bobbi Jo wants Sierra to look at it, because she'd be the contact person for a lot of the year. We need to outline the policy, give the essential elements of procedure, & links to relevant documents. Glenn will dig out info & provide it to the group. Steve wants to include what the value of these green zones is to the Fair Family, and what areas have already been designated (for example the Unorganized Territory and the river). KP's ready to work on it too. Ann wants to add discussing pollinators who would benefit from green zones. Green zones give a refuge for rare fauna (bears, beavers, reptiles.) Companion articles, says Dennis, could discuss some of the integrations with wildlife in and out of our green zones. Bee Crew protects bumblebees wherever they are, says Robert, even if they're in the middle of a campsite.

Draft page for LUMP manual on SUP, NCU, Lane County zone information. Dennis has maps, and has posted them all on the maps page. KP thinks we should share as much of what we're doing as we can, because it builds trust. Dennis agrees. We could have a page in the LUMP manual with narrative text, and then links to the maps on the Path Planning map page. We don't want to publicize water lines, communication lines, other things open to sabotage. Or an archeology map, says Ann. Robert wonders if we're still going to have a printable version. Dennis will work on that.

Adaptation to climate change. We may not solve this tonight. Doug firs on Chickadee are susceptible to drought. Invasions of exotic pests and plants will come with a hotter drier climate. Indian Creek is drying up—beavers will have to migrate. What if the Long Tom stops flowing in the

summer? KP remember John Stamp saying one tree in each clump of three in Dahinda's should go. Dennis agrees, especially the ones shading the hardwoods. Steve suggests the 2nd weekend in July, which worked well for the last 50 years, might not be ideal for the next 50 years. A second event in the spring might give us something to move to. Sierra thinks we should plant more water-wise trees. Glenn thinks we should plant a wide variety, and then look at what survives. Steve's OK with letting go of the cedars, but we should look at ponderosa pines, things we can start in the nursery. Sierra says the cedars on the riverbank are doing fine, but they look sad in the upland areas. Ann says plantings should be associated with what's growing 200 miles south. Dennis—we're the northernmost area for black oaks, maybe we should be planting those now. Glenn says we should be learning to identify and protect oaks, since we may be losing our ash trees, which are 60 to 70% of our shade now, and oaks can handle the warmer and drier conditions. Robert Albano suggests we have a FFN article about how reverence for the land works when humans have so changed the climate the land is a part of. Thom suggests we have a carbon footprint pledge, and that our use decisions could keep this in mind.

Continue discussion of controlled burns—Drew says fire crew has been concerned with fuels reduction for decades. Needs commitment & funding from management. Have groups (Nature Conservancy, Long Tom Watershed Council) willing to help with logistics and equipment. Ann reminds us that if we burn native species, we need to be able to replace native seed. Need to remove dead wood so it doesn't burn hot enough to burn the soil and open the space for noxious weeds to move in. Soil conservationists have told her that OCF property was in pretty good shape as it is. Drew says the Nature Conservancy has told him they've seen good recovery of native plants after low intensity burns. Dennis--which ecosystems do we want to apply this to? Parking lots would probably come back with same plants that were there before. Using it for fuel reduction inside the coniferous forests would be very different. We need to reduce the fuel load that's there first. Mauldin Marsh (west of the Unorganized Territory, north of Outtasite) was grazed by cattle until we bought it ten years or so ago. Could work as a good demonstration project since it has a lot of non-native vegetation. If we want to maintain it as a marsh we could apply fire there. Drew—applications are different for every fuel model. Steve agrees Mauldin Marsh is a good start. There are 2 tree islands in the parking lots. Wauai is the western-most, a good candidate for burn since we could mow it right to the edge. Drew agrees—would still have to treat it inside, but the perimeter would be easy to delineate. Bobby Jo says there was a surgical burn near 11th & Terry a few years ago, we could go out there now and look at the biodiversity. Dennis has photos from burns at Mt. Pisgah showing vigorous re-sprouts by the next spring. DJ says archeology would be concerned about use of heavy equipment as a ground disturbing activity. Dennis agrees, also compacts the soil. Drew—we need to develop a seed bank, get funding from management, maybe in 2 or 3 years when reserves build up. Nature Conservancy & Long Tom Watershed Council deal with the same ecosystems we do. Fire Crew's met with them, they had a lot of before and after pix, would be happy to do the slide show for us, too. Drew will ask them. Paxton supports using Wauai and Mauldin Marsh. Glenn's interested in the overall goals of having burns at the site—are they fuels reduction, encouraging native plants, cooperation with native groups? Drew—they could prevent catastrophic fires, benefit native fauna & flora, open up creeks, have to be site specific. DJ has heard that Fixed Assets has work parties planning fuel reduction in Far Side right now, which has the advantage of many fewer neighbors. Sierra thinks it might be primarily for blackberry reduction. Drew will CC Sierra (sierra@oregoncountryfair.org) with Long Tom Watershed & Nature Conservancy emails.

Gray water recycling—hand wash stations. Path Planning will work on this.

next meeting Tuesday, April 12th, 6:00-8:00 on line

Draft work plan:

April 2022: Continue with current topics, revisit staff parking on site, plan for more facilities and camping for elders.

May, June 2022: Outer Limits campground