

OCF LUMP committee meeting April 12, 2022. 6:00 – 8:00 PM on line

Dennis Todd, Jain Elliott (scribe), Drew Miles (Fire), Sue Theolass (Board), Steve Wisnovsky, Bill Pack (Fire), Robert Albano, Kevin Hillery (Arborist), Lisa Parker (Board), Sierra McComas (Site Manager), Thom Barr (Recycling), Mark Pankrantz, David Hoffman, DJ Rogers (Archeology), Ann Bennet-Rogers, Paxton Hoag (Board Liaison), Bobbi Jo Newton

Public comments: Steve says the house at Dug's Green is not stick built, but modular, came in 2 halves from Bohemia Industries, 2x6 construction. He encourages us to keep it, maybe move it to a better spot on site. Zenn Achers is permitted for it, has well & septic. Sierra says Fixed Assets has a budget to improve it in place.

Kevin says he came to the site 3/24, met with Hilary & Sierra, did some unique pruning to try to save some bank: tried taking weight off the top of a dogwood by Upper Loop, left one branch. Might do more at Chela Mela in the future. Sierra says the dogwood twigs were subsequently planted in the bank.

March minutes approved.

Staff reports: Sierra says she met with Site Crew, including mechanics and tree crew. Coordinator budgets are coming out soon. Honey Buckets will be providing additional resources. Sierra is working on composting projects, & has received her GIS license. Clif has shared layers for water lines, valves, IT lines, campgrounds, & roads. Water crew was out this weekend, Pre-Fair kitchen crew's been cleaning, Construction is getting lumber delivered. Shipping containers will be coming after soil is moved from Dug's to Ritz.

BoD liaison report: Paxton says Budget Committee passed \$5000 to study bridging the Long Tom for emergency services. Dennis says we discussed this some years ago, and none of the options looked good to us then. Paxton toured the former Camp Wilani near us (who will be doing EarthDance in June.) They have a railroad flatcar bridge. Steve says there are dug cutbanks on both sides of the river on the original river ford crossing that wagon trains took from Eugene to the coast, in the location of a historical Native American crossing. Dennis says corduroy logs that were put in for the crossing are still there. There are only 2 places stable enough for a crossing, and that's one of them, but both sites have real archeological limitations. A railroad car would be too short without concrete abutments on both ends, and have to be elevated enough not to block the river, needing long onramps extending into the path on the Fair side. Fire Bill says a vehicle crossing of the Long Tom there wouldn't buy us much emergency access to the Far Side, but a gator crossing would be good. Sierra would be happy to research it after the Fair. Lisa says medical response would be better if we had a bridge that could take gators. Paxton agrees: that money might be better spent making a heavier duty temporary bridge that could provide a gator crossing--will take that back to the Budget Committee.

Subcommittee and homework reports

FFN article on green zones—Dennis found info on .net site. Should be linked on documents section of .net, not just in LUMP. Proposal & recommendations form looks

intimidating, should revise it and explain that users can just fill in as much info as possible—who is the steward, and how can we locate it? David will get info to Dennis. Mark is slowly working on an article for FFN, agrees form needs to be simplified.

Old business

Controlled burns for fuel reduction and habitat restoration—Drew says they looked at 4 sites that would be good demonstration areas. One on Bus Road with heavy underbrush, one in Trotters Field, one in Wauai, & identified what it would cost to pre-treat these areas. Need plant survey before & after the burns. Bill has been writing up a letter trying to educate people on what we want to do, mostly for Kirsten & the new staff, in lieu of another meeting on site. Will send it to Dennis. We should probably save this project for after the Fair. Fire Crew will have a letter in the FFN specific to this year's Fair conditions. Drew—Long Tom Watershed Council's hosting a presentation on the Native perspective, with limited seating. Fire Bill's signed up for it. We're not going to be flaming the whole Fair, says Bill. Ann thinks the entire property should be inventoried. Doesn't understand why we'd burn Trotters—we mow Trotters. Who are we demonstrating for? Why is burning the only alternative? Why are we looking at places that might be somebody's Green Zone? The Winery has terrible noxious weeds. We have solid fields of shining geranium. Fire Bill says we're just starting out here, our intent is to expand this throughout the property. Burning is just one tool. Sierra has done a lot of vegetation mapping, and has met with experienced botanists who'd be happy to join us in exchange for trade passes. Dennis thinks we should define our goals—fuels reduction, habitat restoration? Different goals may call for different treatments in different locations. Fire Bill says it will take fifteen years. Dennis says the fire at Mt. Pisgah had interesting results. Sierra says Far Side would like to schedule a work party in May. They have extreme amounts of Himalayan blackberry, invasive hawthorn, & geranium. Do goats like geranium? David likes string trimmers. Jain says where we picked geranium in booths last year we found it gone this year. Where we're pulling this year it's interspersed with wildflowers, so string trimmers may be overkill. Dennis says there's no hope no matter what we do. Sierra says string trimmers may be most effective on reed canary grass, since it grows in the wettest places that are hard to reach with a mower.

Added Elders camping—Many Elders camp with their old crews. Elders Camp near the Hub is full. There are a few sites that access C-Pap machines. Paxton says there's another site in South Woods. If we had quiet camping at the Winery we could hook up RV's. Dennis agrees, but it's a long way from the Fair. Would need better transportation, challenging to go through the lots. Lisa's concerned that it would be a long way from medical help. Fire Bill agrees, says it's hard to respond to an incident out there. Mark warns that we shouldn't camp Elders on top of where we're going to have an upland kitchen some day. Also we'll need someplace to put the storage trailers we just bought. Robert says C-Paps can be run from batteries. Lithium iron phosphate batteries can last a week. Ann says Elders have leveled the slope we camp on by the Hub—it all shows up on LIDAR (all this leveling was by filling, not digging.) Dennis asks what's our next step, invite camp hosts? Ann says Elders need access to porta potties. Thom says there's been an enormous increase in the use of electricity by Fair family members on site, coming from the Elders. Paxton says we're upgrading the transformers that come into the Fair. Traffic has separate transformers for their cell phones. We can also generate power with solar. Sierra says new EPUD wiring might be in before the Fair. David says we are an international event, and it's

good for the public to see the old-timers mingling in the crowd. Robert says portable power is a good part of the mix. People charge cell phones on his battery. Sierra will use a portable solar box this year. Dennis will get in touch with camping crew, talk about Elders camping, and invite them to a meeting in the fall.

Draft page for LUMP manual on SUP, NCU, Lane County zone information. Dennis says all relevant documents are on the .net page. Sierra recommends we provide a link to the Lane County maps. Will send info to Dennis, and Robert will add it to the LUMP manual.

Note: The .net site has lots of information on the Nonconforming Use Permit and the more recent Special Use Permit. I didn't see any information about Lane County zoning there.

<https://oregoncountryfair.net/policies-and-postings/>

The Path Planning maps page has the Lane County Land Management zone map but no explanation of the zones:

<https://ocfpathplanning.org/maps/ZONEMAP2021color.pdf>

Adaptation to climate change. Dennis—should we be looking at vegetation around southern Oregon & northern California as representations of what we'll be seeing here? Sierra thinks we should plant more oaks to replace older ones, since we don't have young ones growing. Dennis thinks we should plant multiple species, including black oak. Kevin thinks we should treat soils well, plant trees non stop, including all the natives: oaks, maples, alders, firs, and pines, as much as possible, and keep talking about the emerald ash borer Are we setting up traps? We'll lose our ash trees much faster than losing trees to climate change. Dennis asks what could replace the ash? Maybe some willows or dogwoods? Kevin says nothing can replace the ash. Alders are OK with wet feet, but don't grow as well in the sticky clay soil that the ash will grow in. What's going to spread the ash borer is people moving firewood. Would love to see the Fair growing its own trees, since bringing in soil from nurseries spreads diseases. Need to get seeds & cones from our own zone. Sierra suggests maybe we could dig out 2 year old tree sprouts in people's booths. Steve grew oaks in the nursery at Zenn Achers, they're all still there. Dennis asks: what else should we be doing to plan for climate change and bug infestations? Ann says we've been talking about trees, but what about shrubs and green spaces? Kevin hasn't seen drought stress on trees. Sierra says the cedars in Xavanadu were the only ones she's seen, because the site was too dry for them.

Gray water recycling—hand wash stations. SWAG group has come up with locations with either collections on site, or where the soil is permeable, mini gray-water treatment systems with wetland plants and a cattle trough.

Sierra—lampreys & red-legged frogs were found in Indian Creek, met a beaver guy who has a pump that can level the water across dams. DJ says there's a good location out there where we can put one in.

Dennis will invite camp hosts to a meeting. Fire Bill will send the controlled burn letter to Dennis.

Next meeting planned as a hybrid: May 10, 6:00 to 8:00—at Alice's and on line.

Draft work plan:

May, June 2022: Outer Limits campground.