

## **OCF LUMP committee meeting October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Robert reads a UO land acknowledgement.

Anna Scott: facilitator, Dennis Todd: retiring co-facilitator, Jain Elliott: scribe, Bobbi Jo Newton, Steve Wisnovsky, Robert Albano, David Hoffman, Thom Barr, Paxton Hoag: board liaison, Kevin Hillery: Fair arborist, Jon Silvermoon: BoD member

Announcements: Robert emailed us a link on how Chicago dealt with the ash borer.

May minutes approved. Special meetings notes from September will be posted to the website, too.

Staff reports: update from Sierra—not able to join us tonight, will provide a report when she's feeling better.

BoD liaison report: Paxton says Kirsten's site report including work on Dug's Green, dishwasher installation at the Winery building (wants a name for the building), and getting compost slab quotes (we may do this ourselves.) We were given 3 geodesic domes (\$50,000 value) that are in Portland now.) Still discussing making meeting recordings available. No longer requiring vaccination to get on the property.

Old business

Anna is willing to continue as co-chair. Dennis will continue to share secretarial duties with Jain, will continue to manage email list, Jain will continue to take notes at meetings. Robert will continue to post minutes to and maintain the website. Membership—Dennis says in the past everyone present was considered an active participant, but Anna can set new rules. Jain is concerned about being required to list members present, members not present, and others present as called for in the committee best practices manual. Robert reminds us that members are supposed to be board approved. Paxton says we do have a list of officially appointed members on the contact sheet. Board liaisons are members during their liaison terms, and can ask to be appointed to the committee if they want to after their terms end. Jon supports LUMP deciding what we want to do. Reads us the contact sheet. Anna thinks people who want to be members should seek support from the committee and apply to the board. Dennis is willing to continue to steward the email list. Anna will help if needed. These people are listed as LUMP members on the contact sheet a/o Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Robert Albano, Thom Barr, \*Paxton Hoag, \*Cynthia Peachey, Bobbi Jo Newton, Bear Pitts, Donnell Rogers, Anna Scott, Jon Silvermoon, Dennis Todd, Steve Wisnovsky. \* means board liaison. When Peaches resigned from the board she told us she wanted to keep coming to our meetings, but she has not done that yet.

Set meeting dates for 2022-23: Anna has officially requested the office space for these dates: November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 17<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Discuss work plan items: Jon--dealing with the emerald ash borer, looping in other crews in affected areas. Dennis—agrees with Jon. EAB first, we need to be a clearinghouse for info, guidance & direction for other Fair groups, bring in outside experts, take the lead. Kevin—recommends an entire new committee or task force be established for the EAB, since it will affect every area of the Fair. Need to educate the board about this. Kevin will get an article into the FFN. Paxton likes the idea of a separate task force. Another item is a location for a bridge. County will require an engineered bridge across the Long Tom this year. Steve will talk with Sierra about this. Also wants to talk about tree planting guidelines on the site. Wants to preserve our native and indigenous policy (no bamboo.) Robert reminds us to read the link he sent us about the EAB. Task force may need to meet more than once a month. Need to do tree reclamation before the borer hits. Jon agrees that we'll need a task force, thinks LUMP should take the initiative with Sierra to put it together. Worries board may not act quickly. Part of our work plan should be to be the catalyst to put the plan together, then get the board to approve it, rather than waiting for the board to put a plan together. Bobbi Jo—getting the Green Zone last step communicated to the Fair Family. Who will write the FFN news article? Dennis says Sierra has put together a list of native trees, has started rehabilitating the nursery that Steve started. Willing to put gray water project on back burner. Preparing the Fair Family for the loss of the trees needs to happen now. Anna: wants to put communication (includes Green Zone) and membership on our work plan. David has an aluminum box that was used for sprouting. Paxton is not willing to drop the gray water plan. Doesn't have to be top priority, but we need to pay attention to it. Need to pay attention to the stream bank, too. Dennis says Tim Wolden's plan for a suspension bridge with helical screws on each side in the current site of the temporary bridge is available on the Path Planning website. Anna lists tasks mentioned: Ash forest plan, which includes policy for indigenous species of trees, communication, location of bridge to the Far Side, membership, gray water, and stream bank. This will comprise our plan for this year.

New business

Call for new agenda items: Jon thinks someone should talk to the budget committee about allocating funds for EOB struggle. Anna will talk with Sierra and board liaison. Paxton wants to get info from Sierra on what the County

wants us to do about the bridge. Robert would like to see some crude calculations on how much dealing with affected ash trees will cost, maybe with help from Kevin. Kevin is sorry Sierra's not here. He's been trying to get to talk to the board, been told the best place to do that is at the Fair site, walking around and pointing to ash trees. Needs accurate maps, a rough number of how many trees. No one is grasping the scale of this. Money needs to be put into an industrial, working nursery. Knows from working with Breitenbush after the fires that everybody's going to be trying to get seedlings and saplings, and it will be very expensive to buy them. Would be great if we can have enough to share with the community. Anna—committee communications have been done with volunteer dollars and that's not sustainable.

More conversation with Kevin: Thom wants an estimate of when the EAB will reach the Willamette Valley. Kevin says there are many unknowns. If it comes quickly it will be because someone brings infected firewood to a campsite near the Fair. It's been in Forest Grove for a couple of years, but nowhere else in the west. Best case is ten years, could easily be 3 or 4 years. Tom—we should be sure everyone understands no transport of firewood. Dennis: it is in the Guidelines, need to make a much wider appeal to the Fair Family in every channel we can use. Jon: once it shows up on site, how long will it take to kill all the trees? Kevin—it's a guess, it's never been in our climate. It's prevalent east of us, where they have harsh winters. We don't. It will start on the weakest trees. We'll see them declining on the edges. Fastest will be 3 to 5 years loss of all ash trees. Hopefully it won't be that fast. Paxton will put a request in to get Kevin at the retreat or a walkabout. We need more people involved. Dennis—on our site tour we had some experts who said 5 years. Jon—can we get a graphic artist to do some drawings about what things will look like? Kevin--a stand delineation map would be good, historically, to show what we had. Sierra has been working on that. Using a LIDAR map didn't turn out to work. Dean Walton is working on a drone map of ash trees at the Fair, says Dennis. Jon was thinking more of visuals, before & after pictures from back east. Dennis—with Dean's information we'll be able to put graphics into the FFN. Anna advises looking at September minutes for more information. Dennis wants to thank Kevin for stepping forward and helping with this.

Action items:

Paxton wants a new name for the winery building, Dennis will start helping to manage the email list, Anna will reach out for chairs in training, Robert will post things on the .net site, Paxton will get the new board's attention for Kevin.

Next meeting November 15, 6:00 to 8:00

LUMP met October 11, 2022

We agreed on officers for this year: Anna will co-chair, Dennis and Jain will share secretarial duties. We will continue to assume everyone present is an active participant.

Our meeting dates will continue to be the first Tuesday after the board meeting every month until May.

Our work plan for next year will include planning for the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer and recovery from the loss of our ash trees, discussing the location of a bridge to the Far Side, communication and membership, gray water disposal, and stream bank preservation.

There was extensive discussion of our concerns about the Emerald Ash Borer. Kevin Hillery, the Fair's arborist, will write an article for the Fair Family News.

Next meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 at the Fair office and on line.