

**ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – Approved at the 9/26/24 meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday June 12 ,2024

**LOCATION:** Kay Kintzley's home in Pleasant Hill

**MEETING TIME:** 7 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anne Bennett-Rogers, Heather Kent, Michael James Long

**BOARD LIAISONS ABSENT:** Kevin Levy, Jon Steinhart

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Synnove Abrahamsen, Roberta Austin, Mark Bacigalupi, Amber Bacigalupi, Malka Barber, Steve Barnes, Nancy Bright, Anna Brown, Darlene Colborn (facilitator), Lisa Cooley, Katie Cousins, Molly Elliott, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Chris Harrison, John Higby, Paxton Hoag, Lois Inmann, Mark Johnson, Cyrus Jones, Roger Lesiak, Michael Ray Lesiak, Catherine Lindberg, Jim May, Dean Middleton, Linda Mooney, Suzanne Phillips, Jorjan Plimmer, Licia Shultz, Jerry Shultz, Jenny Wilson.

**QUORUM:** 6 of 9 committee members present, constituting a quorum

**Agenda**

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Approve draft 2 May minutes
- Formation of fundraising subcommittee – Kay
- Elders Committee Mission Statement – Tom Boyatt (not present for meeting but draft sent to ECOCF listserv)
- Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) – Representative for Jerry Joffe
- Approve Tom Boyatt for ECOCF listserv – Carolyn
- Counterculture History Coalition – Katie Cousins on behalf of Jerry Joffe
- Still living Room setup Sat. July 6 – Eric/Carolyn/Jorjan
- Geezer Pleezer 2024 – Anna B.
- Elder Volunteers "Crew" photo during Fair – Carolyn
- Elder Campground Leveling – Eric
- Jill Heilman Vision Fund – Carolyn on behalf of Arna Shaw

**Introductions:** Each person present introduced themselves and gave Fair affiliation and first Fair year.

**Announcements:**

- Katie brought items free for the taking.
- Peggy Day has pneumonia.
- Paxton informed us that the Evaluation Meeting will be held the morning of the day of the Teddy Bear Picnic (Aug. 18).
- The Elder Camp Work Party is scheduled for this Saturday from 10 – 2. No digging!

**Approve Draft 2 May Minutes:**

Kay made the motion to approve the May Minutes. Nancy seconded. The motion passed 5 – 0. Jain abstained.

**Formation of Fundraising committee – Kay**

Kay wants to talk about this after the Fair. She would like to see a subcommittee formed to raise money for events. Money is currently being raised for the wine for our Meet and Greet party. We need to acquire 4 banquet tables (4 x 8 folding). We need money to purchase lumber to build benches at Elder Camp. We want to set an example that we as Elders can hold our own. We could also raise money to rent an extra Geezer Pleezer golf cart.

Chris reminded us that she would like us to consider auctioning her 1983 original Fair map that was formerly on display in the Still Living Room. Another possibility would be to make copies of the original map and sell them.

**Elders Committee Mission statement:**

Tom Boyatt was not able to attend this meeting. He sent a preliminary draft statement for us to read.

We were reminded that there are two mission statements in the works: One is for the Committee. The other has to do with Elders as a general group.

Darlene suggested we put this discussion off until the September meeting.

Carolyn explained the genesis of how we came to be working on Mission Statements. It started with the Annual Committee Report that was sent to the Board. Then the project morphed into a general Mission statement for Elders as a group.

Paxton explained that the mission statement relates directly to the board's directive in forming an Elders Committee.

Jenny thinks of the mission statement as sharing an overall philosophy and work required. She broke her idea down into three components:

1. Facilitate Elders in accessing the fair.
2. Educate new Fair members and the public about the history and philosophy of the Fair.
3. Fulfill the directives from the Board.

People present who showed an interest in participating on the Mission Statement subcommittee were Mollie, Darlene, Amber, and Jenny. Tom Boyatt has already been active in this endeavor. Carolyn received a phone call from a new Elder who expressed an interest.

**Approve Tom Boyatt for ECOCF listserv.**

There were no objections to adding Tom to the list. He has been participating in meetings, has helped with facilitation, has volunteered to assist with delivering the Timelines out to the Still Living Room exhibit, and has been working on a committee mission statement.

Eric made the motion to approve Tom to the listserv. Kay seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

**Counterculture History Coalition – Katie Cousins on behalf of Jerry Joffe**

Katie read Jerry's announcement to the group as he was unable to attend the meeting.

- 1. Thanks to fellow Elders for supporting the new counterculture program for our Magical History Tour Theater. I have family visiting and so I am unable to attend this meeting in person. I look forward to seeing everyone in July.*
- 2. On Saturday, July 6th at 9:00 AM, we'll open the OCF Archives basement room and take out the 4 Timelines stored there. Tom Boyatt and Robert Jacobs have volunteered to help.*
- 3. I am in touch with Kevin McCarthy, who has a truck and trailer. He has agreed to take the Timelines out to the SLR. He will arrive at the OCF downtown office at 10:00 AM. He'll arrive at the Fair site around 11:00ish.*
- 4. If needed, I am available to open the OCF downtown office at any time to store the new Timeline so that it too can be taken out to the Fair with the other Timelines on July 6th.*
- 5. I will be available on Monday July 15th to return the Timelines to the Archives room.*
- 6. I will be out at the Fair site on Saturday July 6th to help with setup.*
- 7. On Wednesday July 10th, I'll be helping the CHC folks, who are coming to participate in our counterculture presentations, to get their wristbands and set up their camp. We plan to be at the SLR around 2:00 to help with the final decorating. The CHC folks are bringing some 6x6 panels about counterculture issues that we will look for space around the Magical History Tour Theater to hang.*

*8. The CHC folks will be attending our Meet and Greet, and they are looking forward to meeting OCF Elders. Several of these folks have never been to the Fair.*

*9. Please remember that we will be featuring speakers and discussions about counterculture issues every day of the Fair at 1:00 and 4:00. We'll have a handout of the specific schedule at the Meet and Greet.*

### **Still living Room setup Sat. July 6 – Eric/Carolyn/Jorjan**

July 6 is the big day for getting items out of our storage trailer at Dug's Green and getting them delivered to Elder Camp and the Still Living Room.

The plan is to set up SLR furniture on Saturday, July 6 and Elder Camp items on Sunday, July 7.

Volunteers should meet at the Hub on Saturday at 10 a.m. (Latecomers should go to the Still Living Room site).

A simple lunch will be served (cheese sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, condiments, snacks, and some cold drinks).

The Décor is put up on Wednesday, July 11, from 2 – 4. We need volunteers to help.

During the Fair we still need staffing volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, on the 4 p.m. -8 p.m. shift.

We can always use extra muscle power on Monday after Fair. Meet at 10 a.m. Monday after Fair at the Still Living Room site to move furniture back to our storage trailer at Dug's Green.

### **Geezer Pleezer 2024 – Anna Brown**

1. We need more drivers
2. We need Bus Stop signs – how about a sign with a picture of Chris Brown? Anna would like to make laminated signs for the GP stops.

The GP team has identified the following GP Stops:

- Reg. Wristbands
- Scoff Loff
- Kermit's Lot
- Just past the Ritz
- Watergate
- Corner of Del Boca Veneta and SWEATS
- The Hub/Elders Camp

To get access to a second cart, we need to make our requests through the Motor Pool. It was recommended that the more time requests we put into the Motor Pool, the higher the chances are of getting a cart.

Jorjan suggested we find used umbrella stands (the heavy type used for picnic table umbrellas) for bus stop poles.

Jorjan offered to help with the Stop Sign laminates. Carolyn will look on our shared drive for a picture of Chris Brown driving a geezer Pleezer.

Anna also mentioned that she has a pop-up camper she is willing to donate. It would need to be winterized. Anna can carry the insurance for at least a year. Paxton recommended we get a service vehicle sticker for it. Carolyn recommended that we get a better idea of what this camper is and how it would be used before making a commitment. Anna will send pictures.

### **Elder Volunteers "Crew" photo during Fair – Carolyn**

Jeremy Running, Co-Coordinator of Photography Crew, is taking appointments for Crew Photos. When does this group want to gather for a group picture? The unanimous decision was for the photo to be taken at the Meet and Greet, at 7 p.m.

Carolyn will get us signed up.

#### **ELDER CAMPGROUND LEVELING** – Eric

The issue is that because of the EAB, no wood products are allowed to be brought to the site. Therefore, we cannot bring in wood chips. Straw would be okay, Hay is a no-no.

Sand is an approved material. There may be a pile of sand delivered by Saturday.

#### **Jill Heilman Vision Fund** – Carolyn read some information on behalf of Arna Shaw

*Since it began 27 years ago, the Jill Heilman Vision Fund has granted more than \$625,000 to nonprofit agencies. The fund honors the attorney who helped facilitate the Fair's incorporation as a nonprofit and its original land purchase.*

*One food voucher and one dollar at a time, donors to Jill Heilman Vision Fund are making a difference in our community.*

*This year's donations will go to the following 5 nonprofit groups for their proposals related to the environment and sustainability:*

- **Whole Earth Nature School** will pay park rental fees for its summer nature camps that help connect youth with nature. The weeklong camps give young people the chance to learn about local ecology and to build their outdoor skills.
- **Northwest Youth Corps** will purchase materials to offer to youth participants who face financial barriers to participating. Through the environmental stewardship program, youths will get an hour each day of accredited environmental science curriculum and spend most of their time outdoors planting or maintaining trees.
- **McKenzie River Trust** will remove invasive species from the Oregon oak and prairie habitat at Coyote Spencer Wetlands to promote native plant growth. The property sits at the confluence of Coyote and Spencer creeks in the Long Tom Watershed, providing refuge for numerous native wet and upland prairie- and bottomland oak habitat-dependent species. The Long Tom Watershed Council is a partner on this project.
- **Cascadia Wildlands** will outfit a summer camp kitchen for the wildCATs volunteers, who field-check proposed timber sales on federally managed lands. These energized volunteers also engage in advocacy and community outreach.
- **Beyond Toxics** will design a community public education campaign about the harmful effects of artificial turf on wildlife and water quality, focusing on playing fields proposed at Golden Gardens park in the Bethel area

*The OCF Board triples the power of each gift by matching \$2 for every \$1 donated, up to a total of \$20,000. Donation boxes also will be located at Information Booths at the Fair. Donations can be mailed to the office or made on the .org site by using the donation button. Checks and cash donations are tax-deductible; include address for mailed receipt.*

*Thanks for your awesome support!*

#### **Wrap-up**

Appreciation was extended to our hosts Kay and Jim for inviting us out to their beautiful home in Pleasant Hill.

The meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.