



MINUTES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Attendees: Mike Burke, Leslye Wing, Midge McGinnis, Karen Roberson, Deb Gray, Ron McMullin, Rene Burk, Rusty Lininger. Absent – Steve Kennerly and Fred Groh.

Source One Serenity and Trail Work at MKMP: Rusty Lininger came to tell us about his group and their interest in helping us with trail maintenance at the Park. Rusty and his crew have had extensive experience with trail maintenance/repair/building, mainly with the Forest Service. They are happy to have this lower elevation opportunity at MKMP in the winter when most of the high elevations are inaccessible due to snow.

February Trail Work Party, 2/10/2024. Rusty has worked with the county in the past and will advise county of this scheduled trail maintenance work party. Source One Serenity has release forms volunteers can sign at work party.

Group will meet at Equestrian pavilion and plans are underway to have some type of 'food' available.

This work party will primarily deal with drainage issues (starting with the Oak Savannah trail and accompanying un-named trails). If there are enough volunteers, Rusty will break them into groups and work other trails.

OET/Friends Coordination: New local OET Lead contacted Karen to set up a meeting to discuss how our two groups can work together in the future. Leslye will join Karen for this meeting, tentatively planned for next week.

Orchard Update from Rene: The downed walnut tree in orchard was discussed. Rene suggested NOT cutting new shoots or growth. Rene agrees that the Walnut would make good milled wood if it isn't punky or rotten. Rusty indicated that Source One Serenity has a member who has a saw mill and might be able to make useable boards from the walnut tree. Phoenix School has a chipper that might be able to be used to grind up the limbs, etc. The chips would be great bedding for the trails.

Rene is still working on the Orchard Report and advised us on a number of items related to it.

Celia's Bench: There was a short discussion about the possibility of installing cameras near the bench.

PAB Meetings: Suggestion was made to attend next PAB meeting. Karen will find out when the next PAB meeting is scheduled

Friendly Chat: Fred was not able to attend. We are hoping that he can do some more 'Chats' as they were very well received.

Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce: Deb confirmed with Jessica (Chamber of Commerce) that our membership is due in June. We are participating in the \$250 Level (but thanks to our relationship with OED) it will be discounted down to \$100.

Jessica is looking for 'events' to post on their Event Calendar. It was decided that a generic card can be posted regarding monthly events at the park. Deb will let Jessica know. We also think we still have time to get on the Oakland Event Calendar.

School Updates: Steve was unable to attend, however, Karen had some updates after talking to Tom Rogers (the engineer who has been working closely with us for many years now.)

Ron and Steve did some work around the drain pipes to move water away from building.

Steve has suggested that next grant be inclusive of all final phases. Karen said that might be good idea so that we can approach Ford Family Foundation for a 'meeting' place grant. Also need to prioritize what needs to be done first. Painting, electric, handicap access, floor, etc.

Park Events: The following events are tentatively scheduled for the park

March – Hike

April – Wildflowers

May – Audubon

June – Farm day (petting zoo?)

July – Guided tour

August – Stream simulator (Update per Deb: This event will be moved to early June if possible.)

September – Orchard pruning

October – History tour

November – Guided Hike

December -

NEXT Meeting and Upcoming Events:

February 10, 2024 – Trail Maintenance Event with Source One Serenity.

February 16, 2024 – Next Board Meeting (Deb's place) 10 a.m.

March 22, 2024 – March Board meeting 10 a.m.

March 22, 2024 – Arborist quote meeting 1 p.m. (Orchard)

