

CLUC Meeting Minutes 1-11-10

Attendees: Jennifer Gerend, Mark Kormondy, Maryam Jacobs, Mike Paros, Ken Tabbutt, Mark Kormondy, Cameron Hostetter, Maya Brodkey, Rich Davis, Robyn Herring, Paul Smith, Jack Longino (arrive 3:30pm)

Recorder: Emily Sladek

Guests: Abi Marshall, Guy Maguire

Introductions: Done

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as is.

Trees at Organic Farm (Mark Kormondy):

Two big leaf maple trees, numbers 751 and 752, in the parking area at the Organic Farm are deteriorating and have dead limbs. Melissa Barker, Organic Farm Manager, would like the trees removed to ensure that debris from the trees does not hit the garage or cars. Should we keep trees as habitat? It is a bad location for habitat, since it's so near a parking area. Is the wood salvageable? The wood is in poor shape and isn't of much value. Mark thinks that only small rounds will be salvageable. Ken Tabbutt says with the Organic Farm addition of the Sustainable Agricultural Lab it looks like several trees will be removed anyway to create space for solar energy. Mark doesn't want to wait for that construction as the trees are endangering property now. Jennifer asks in general what happens to the wood. If tree is located away from buildings or roads, it is left as habitat. The CLUC recommends removal of these trees.

ACTION ITEM: Paul Smith will send out the email posting the trees for removal.

Ken says that there is a tree over hanging the road by the Driftwood House. Mark will take a look. Rich Davis asks if a dead tree leaning by the Grounds storage yard on Lewis Road was being removed. Mark says yes, the tree is no longer there.

Ivy Removal and Restoration on Upper Campus (Abi Marshall):

- The purpose of this project is to target high visibility areas to help educate students of ivy removal and restoration and volunteer opportunities.
- Abi Marshall mentions how the project fits with the Sustainability Plan, Campus Master Plan and TESC Five Foci and how this project is both ecological and educational.
- Guy Maguire discusses the history of ivy restoration on campus, especially one that happened in the past year in the forest and by the Library.
- First proposed site: Abi and Guy would like to work again on the Library site and add more plants to ensure the site's continued success. The whole site by the Library is quite large. They would like to focus on a 30-40ft patch starting at the back corner of the Library.

- Second proposed site: the patch behind the bus stop by Lab I. They would like to pull ivy from the ground and replant landscape near bus loop and help improve this highly visible area of campus.
- The timeline of the project is: receive approval in January for the project and secure plants through Native Plant Salvage. Work parties would begin at the sites in February and March.
- Follow up maintenance would be done once quarterly. Also with native plants, once they are established, they don't need a lot of water or maintenance. The site by the bus loop more maintenance will be needed until the ivy is more removed.
- Collaborators are Native Plant Salvage, who would provide plants, Teaching Gardens, and RAD sustainability house. Potential collaborators would be academic classes who volunteered their involvement.
- Abi asks what is happening at those sites now? She has noticed white flags by the bus loop site. Dave Shellman comes into explain. There is white flagging down that has been done by a survey group. The College is going to make that path more formal as an ADA sidewalk. Dave thinks the sidewalk will be 3ft to, preferably 5ft. CLUC members don't think the ivy project will be impacted at all.
- Mark Kormondy likes the idea of continuing at the Library site. Mark wants to make sure that the native plants, salal and irrigation sprinklers by the bus loop site are not harmed in the ivy removal and restoration. Guy says they would cut the ivy and not pull it across the salal. They would also train the volunteers about the salal and irrigation sprinklers.
- Mark thinks that the disposal of the ivy needs to be better planned. He does not want it to be piled up and left in an area. He would rather that it be pulled out onto the sidewalk and picked up at the end of every day. Guy says that they can load ivy into a truck. Mark will provide them with a location of where to drop off the ivy. The group needs to clear the walk each day as it is the main entrance to the College. The project members will be in contact with Mark.
- Marja Eloheimo has benches in that area. The group will want to contact her, so she knows what is happening. Abi and Guy need to take site specific plans of plantings to Mark Kormondy and Marja Eloheimo and/or Frederica Bowcutt for approval.
- The group is looking for mulch. Mark says the organic farm has a lot of mulch. The group should contact Melissa at the Organic Farm.
- CLUC is in favor of the project. A recommendation will be sent to John Hurley since the project will be more than a quarter long.

Other Items:

- Biggest Heart: Cameron Hostetter will follow up with Joel Morley on the status of the project and if it needs to be taken down.
- Ken Tabbutt talked to a member of the Fish and Wildlife Agency who said we can't restrict fishing on our beach. The College does have the right to control public access but not to restrict fishing in the state of Washington's waters. The signs may be trying to enforce something the College doesn't have the right to enforce.

ACTION ITEM: Ken will work with MES faculty to see if the College wants to go through the process to formally close fishing from on the beach. Paul will work with Bob to remake the signs.

February's CLUC meeting is rescheduled to Monday, February 22, 2010 from 3-5pm in the Facilities Conference Room to bypass President's Day.