

**URBAN ISSUES WORKING GROUP  
Klamath Watershed Partnership  
Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2009**

**Attendees:** Damion Ciotti, Jeff Hansen, Ken Hay, Susan Honea, Dwight Long, Heather Ray, Terry Wagstaff, Anita Ward, Todd Kepple  
**Staff:** Terry Morton, Ginny Monroe

**The mission of the Urban Issues Working Group of the Klamath Watershed Partnership is to promote a healthy urban watershed through education, enhancement, protection and restoration.**

**GOALS and OBJECTIVES:**

**1. Protect and restore and create habitat**

- A. Protect habitat along the Link River and Lake Ewauna
- B. Restore/Create Wetlands around Lake Ewauna Trail (LET)
- C. Manage uplands and drainage (juniper, erosion, storm water runoff)
- D. Enhance communication among partners

**2. Educate the public (regarding watershed issues in the urban areas)**

- A. Non-point source education
- B. Interpretive signage for Lake Ewauna Trail (OR 150?)
- C. Resource guides (green pages, KCEDA/Klamath Sustainable Communities)
- D. Establish the Partnership as a clearinghouse for information and resources to enhance the watershed

**3. Develop a trail system (connect existing and develop new systems)**

- A. Connect trails from the Running Y to Rails to Trails (Buck Ridge, Ridgewater, Moore Park, Link River, Wing Watchers, City Parks around Lake Ewauna, Conger Heights)
  - i. Research history of 4 years ago (minutes Sandra Z.)
  - ii. Reconvene group w/old and new players/stakeholders
- B. Develop design standards for various trail components (furnish, signs, lighting, surface)
- C. Obtain funds and specify participants

## **Today's Discussion:**

### **Develop a trail system** - Report from Ken Hay, City Parks

- **Lake Ewauna Trail**

The Engineers Without Borders is making final changes for their upcoming trail system proposal presentation to the developers and landowners along the shoreline from Veterans Park to Lot 7. After they receive input from the developers and landowners, the proposal will go to Jeff Hansen and city engineers to take a look at and give their input and then on to the professional designer for their input. Things they will be looking for in the proposal are that the project supports the environment and is ecologically friendly. Ken is also looking at inviting the county commissioners to attend the presentation.

Ken reported that there are other landowners in the same area that are not along the shoreline, who are interested in this project. Heather Ray will also be working with those same developers and landowners to possibly do more wetland development along that portion of the trail system.

On April 18, 2009, there will be the first tree planting of cottonwoods just past the wastewater treatment plant, where spring street dead ends. The planting will begin at 9:00 am. There have already scheduled several groups to do the plantings.

### **Protect, restore and create habitat** - Report from Heather Ray, US Fish & Wildlife Service

- There was nothing additional to report other than what was reported earlier.

### **Educate the Public** - Ginny Monroe, Klamath Watershed Partnership

- **Non-Point Source Pollution Education**

Susan Honea gave a presentation on the particulars for advertising on TV. Susan and Ginny Monroe met with a representative from the Charter Communications regarding ads for non-point source pollution education. The cost will be \$300 for production, and \$648 for 816 spots, which will run on several different channels Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with weekends being free. The total will be \$948. Susan also mentioned that the cost varies from time to time so this price was for ads developed at this time. Terry Wagstaff asked if there was a way to measure if these ads are effective. Ginny Monroe said the Charter representative had provided them with statistics showing who watches what channel, when. Charter Communications was basing our slot times on that information. She also asked if we could connect this information to the KWP website to see how many hits are received after the ads are run on cable channels. Will check with the person designing the website.

- Ginny Monroe provided the working group with a draft layout of a tabletop display board to use for non-point source pollution education at different venues. The board will be designed to provide information on who we are as a group, what our missions is, what non-point source pollution is and how to contact us. The group provided input to the layout and any additional changes

should be sent to Ginny to be incorporated into the display. The display board will be used at an Earth Day event at OIT.

- Klamath Watershed Partnership website

Marge d'wyld, from d'wyld Studios, gave a presentation on the Klamath Watershed Partnership's new website design. As part of the website there will be a portion for the Urban Issues Working Group to provide information to the public and use as a way to communicate within the group. After a lot of discussion about which would be the best route to go, it was decided that Marge would set up a program called Ning, (like a personalized social network) which will allow members from the working group to have a password to be a part of the group and discuss working group issues. Terry Morton said the Partnership would be responsible for setting up and maintaining Ning. Heather Ray offered to assist Terry and Ginny in setting up Ning.

Marge also said she would be putting the minutes of these meetings on the web and information would be added as completed or needed. It was suggested that once the website is up and running, the group would use the website, and we would talk about changes/suggestions at the next UI working group meeting.

The website should be up and running within two weeks. Ginny will notify the UI Working Group when it is up.

#### **Other**

Todd Keppel reported on additional tree plantings around the Klamath Falls area. This is being done as part of Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- April 18 - 9:00 am - YMCA
- April 20 - 9:00 am - North/West end of the Via Duct
- April 25 - Foothills Blvd.

Everyone is welcome to help.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Date:** May 11, 2009  
**Time:** 1-3pm  
**Place:** USFWS Conference Room