

## **CLUC Minutes 10/21/2013**

Attendees: Rich Davis, Robyn Herring, Mark Kormondy, Jeanne Rynne, Mark Kormondy, David McAvity,

Guests: Scott Morgan, Joslyn Trivett, Joe Martino, Matt Lebens

Recorder: Bianca Janssen-Timmen

Meeting started at 3:00pm

Minutes from 08/19/13 were approved as presented.

Introduction

### **1.) Sustainability in Prison Project (SPP) Interpretive Signage – Joslyn Trivett**

SPP has an approval to plant an oak tree east of the CRC, which symbolizes the partnership between The Evergreen State College (TESC) and the Washington Department of Corrections (WDOC).

Joslyn Trivett came now to the CLUC to propose an interpretive sign, next to the path leading from the CRC to Housing, at the heights of the future tree. The sign would describe the educational value of the program and the importance of the collaboration of SPP and the College. The design for the sign will be provided by current students in collaboration with Evergreen faculty/staff.

Joslyn will work with Mark Kormondy on the specifics of the location and the most durable, attractive materials. Enameled, weatherproof materials were discussed such as the signs in the Ethno-Garden or the Plant signs on the trail leading to the Japanese Gate. The attached PowerPoint slide that Joslyn provided is simply an example of how the design could look like.

If this proposal will be approved, SPP will work on funding for this project.

The CLUC approved the concept but asked Joslyn to come back within three (3) month with a final design of the sign, which will be evaluated then.

### **2.) Removal of a Doug Fir Tree and the MODS – Joe Martino**

RAD Services would like to install a solar panel on MOD 302, which was identified as ideal site by Kirk Haffner of South Sound Solar. An approx. 40-50 ft Douglas fir, which is growing in front of the building is obstructing the best efficacy for the panel. For this reason RAD would like to hire a tree removal company to remove that tree but in exchange, Joe offered to plant six (6) young Western Red Cedar trees behind building B. Mark suggested that currently is a good time for planting them because the weather is actually ideal.

Installing a solar panel will contribute to the 2020 Carbon Neutral goal and provides learning experiences for students, having a model available for direct study and an example for sustainable living.

The CLUC had a discussion about the moral issues of removing a tree on campus. However, this tree is within 20 feet of MODS 302 and with further growth it could become a risk during severe weather situations. Also, root growth could interfere with underground pipes. For these reasons the CLUC approved the proposal with the following contingencies:

1. RAD does currently not have any funding for the solar panel, which means, the CLUC is asking Joe and/or Matt to come back within six (6) month to propose their final plans including funding for the tree removal and the panels and a plan explaining the future funding and maintenance schedule as well as possible funding for repairs/removal if necessary.
2. A timeline that indicates when the removal of the Douglas fir tree will happen as well as a schedule that outlines the installment of the panels from start to finish.
3. RAD is responsible for all Campus communications in terms of posting the removal of a tree (sign on tree with RAD and CLUC contact information if people have questions).

### **3.) Removal of Deceased Tree at the Geoduck House – Mark Kormondy**

Mark noticed a dead tree near the kayak rack at the Geoduck House. It is an approx. 80 foot Hemlock and it is dropping branches regularly on the street, which is a concern because it could drop bigger branches on the power lines that run past below and create power outages and eventually it will come down and might block the road. That is the reason Mark would like to take it down controlled, in order to avoid it falling across the road.

The CLUC inquired if we could ask PSE to take down the tree because compromises their power lines and Mark thought that this is actually a good idea and should be pursued.

The CLUC approved this proposal.

### **4.) German Shephard Search Dogs (GSSD) Training on Campus – Jeanne Rynne**

The GSSD has been on campus for the last three years conducting trainings with their rescue dogs. In the past years they have been very responsible and reported some successful real life rescue missions, thanks to the opportunity to train on the Evergreen State College grounds with its various conditions such as wooded areas and buildings. The group will never enter any buildings but conduct exercise searches in the outside staircases and around the trails.

In a proposal letter GSSD ask to be here on campus on 12/14/13 or 12/21/13. Both dates work (the 14<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of eval week and the 21<sup>st</sup> is the end of eval week) but the CLUC would prefer the 21<sup>st</sup> and GSSD would have to confirm on which day they would be here and Jeanne Rynne would notify Police Services of their presence on Campus.

The CLUC approved this proposal.

The meeting ended at 3:50pm.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2013