

## **CLUC Minutes 06/16/2014**

Attendees: Rich Davis, Robyn Herring, Bob Leverich, Anthony Tindill, David McAvity, Mark Lacina, Mark Kormondy,

Guests: Emily Dunn-Wilder, Kaila Stroud, Scott Morgan, Mark Allmand, Susan Opprecht

Recorder: Harmony Gehlert

Meeting started at 3:00pm

Minutes from 05/19/2014 were approved as presented.

Introductions

### **1.) RAD Garbage Dumpster Cover – Mark Allmand**

RAD plans to pour a concrete pad just outside of the Freshmen Courtyard. The pad will be 50'x7', and will house the garbage and recycling dumpsters from that area. The recycling dumpsters require cover, and as such Steve Johnson, Engineering Technician at RAD, designed a covering nearly identical to an already existing one that can be found at the HCC. The framing of the cover will be structural steel pipe, with OSB sheathing and a tin roof.

The purpose of removing the dumpsters from the courtyard is to make that area a more hospitable and inhabitable place for students to relax, study and meet with friends.

The area that the pad will be poured is not currently used for anything. The pad will connect with the sidewalk leaving the courtyard. The location has adequate slope to facilitate any rain water drainage.

Run off from the dumpsters will, instead of being dumped into a storm drain, face bioremediation on the edge of the forest.

Mark Kormondy and Kelly Gish have approved the location, and Mark Kormondy as well as Rich Davis have approved the rough design pending finished load calculations. Mark Lacina and Sharon Goodman have both approved the location and design. As RAD has already built a structure using this design (a structure that has stood the test of time) they are confident in the design and their team's ability to do the work.

The CLUC will recommend this project with the following contingencies:

- a) RAD has to inquire about the need of a permit at Thurston County. If a permit is required, they need to obtain it before the structure is build.
- b) If the County requires complete structural load calculations, including wind and snow load, Rich Davis, agreed to do the required calculations.

### **2.) Selling Portable – Susan Opprecht**

Susan informed the CLUC about the plans for removing the portable classrooms on campus this summer for budget saving reasons. She was unsure about what would happen to them but selling is one option. This was informational only.

### **3.) Mushroom Project – Kaila Stroud**

Kaila would like to install mushroom plots along the social path between A-Dorm and the apartments in RAD. The plots will include three to four towers for Oyster mushrooms and four to five logs for Chicken of

the Woods and Lions Mane mushrooms. The project also includes educational/directional signage, on-line training and maintenance documentation, which Kaila will provide to Robyn for review.

The chosen mushroom species are easily identifiable, edible species and were selected to avoid potential health risks from confusion with non-edible species. The Oysters do not allow other inedible fungal or bacterial species to co-habituate in their space.

The Oyster towers will require a simple rebuild every two or three years. Training instructions for this rebuild and maintenance are provided for RAD staff. The Oysters will also require periodic watering during the summer. Taking care, installing support and if necessary taking down of the mushroom garden will be integrated into RAD crew practices.

Kaila is planning on installing the plots, which includes some chicken wire and upright logs that need to be set into the ground, by the end of June. When installing the logs, Kaila would have to check for fiber optic cables, which Mark suspects underneath this path area. The locating for those cables can be done in-house. The Oyster tower mushrooms have a lifespan of about 2-3 years whereas the other mushroom species live longer. This means the plots would stay for at least for 2-3 years.

The path will provide an introduction to the cultivation and consumption of naturally occurring edible forest mushrooms.

Kaila chose an area which is fully-shaded and perfect for mushrooms and undesirable for most other cultivars. The social path is lightly used and the mushroom plots are located in open spaces on either side of the path.

The CLUC would like to recommend this project with the stipulation that Kaila will work with Robyn Herring regarding the signage and training materials and Rich Davis & Richard Miles concerning the locate and the log installment.

#### **4.) Shellfish Club Update – Emily Dunn-Wilder**

Emily came to give an update of the club's current status and what their future plans are.

She reported that the turnout at the work parties so far was great and they continue targeting freshmen in the coming fall. They even had a good number of students doing academic work at the shellfish garden.

Emily also observed a great biodiversity evolving in their gardens, which they will tolerate as much as possible, while continuing with their usual garden activities.

The shellfish garden club raises currently three oyster types: the Pacific Oyster, the Olympia Oyster, and the Kumamoto Oyster. In the last year, Emily reported, it was very interesting to experiment with different ways of growing the oysters and see the various outcomes and thus be able to explain the different cultivation methods to other students.

Emily has a co-coordinator, Logan. He is a freshman and plans on continuing for the next year.

#### **5.) Other**

In a side discussion, the CLUC members started to talk about the number of student projects per year and who the decision makers for those projects are. They talked about the Teahouse which Bob's and Anthony's program wanted to finish but were told they couldn't and Rich explained, with the knowledge he had, that the costs for the Teahouse were simply too high, considering that outside entities would have been involved for the design and calculations.

As for any further discussions in regards of student projects, they decided that Jeanne should be present. Consequently they've postponed this topic to the July meeting.

The meeting ended at 4:25pm.

The next meeting will be July 21, 2014

Attachments:

Location of mushroom garden:



