

Friends of Delbert Hunter Arboretum

April 10, 2018 Meeting

9:00 A.M., Arboretum Center

Call to Order

**Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes** of March meeting

Kate

**Treasurer's report**

Jill and Ken H

**Old Business**

Website update & new TV\*

Rich Rohde

Flume & entrance trails update

Ken K

Engineered log jams trail & creek ownership

Nancy, Dale

Bench repair (new Eagle Scout?)\*\*\*

Rich, Bj, Nick

Emma's Bridge painting

Rich, Bj, Ken H.

Sprinkler repair and Fire Dept. notification

Cindy, Pam

Trail spray

Nancy (Lucas)

Newsletter date

Dale

**New Business**

Volunteer handbook committee

Cindy, Sue, Carol?

Arborist walk-through, April 17

Nancy

Planting plans & progress

All

Willamette Humane Society talk\*\*

Jill, Bj, Kate

Brochure Box update

Rich

Missionary volunteers

Sue, Ken H., Nancy, Jill

Next Board meeting date - May 8, 9 am

**Adjourn**

\*Arboretum Website & Drone 2018

Rich Rohde

Effective April 2018, the [www.DelberHunterArboretum.org](http://www.DelberHunterArboretum.org) web site will take on a new look and some additional features. Two primary features available are: 1) an Event Calendar and 2) Volunteer Hours. The Volunteer Hours will allow volunteers to enter the time worked for the Arboretum. This will provide the board an accurate number of hours worked by category or total hours.

A drone has been made available to the arboretum that will allow videos of the arboretum so visitors to the website can see an overhead view of the arboretum. The Friends of the Arboretum can quickly see areas that need work. As more videos are made available, you will see the growth and improvements to the arboretum over time. The videos will be posted on the website.

\*\* Willamette Humane Society - Join us on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. for our rescheduled PETtalks lecture! We are excited to host Lauren Brubaker, a Ph.D. student at Oregon State University, as she dives into human behavior and how it impacts our animal friends. Whether you're an animal care professional or a passionate pet owner, you won't want to miss this community event.

Our PETtalks series is held in the WHS Education Hall at the shelter on Turner Road in Salem. This is a public event with a \$5 suggested donation. [Click here to learn more about the presentation and our speaker.](#)

\*\*\*We have a scout who would like to take on the project to finish benches. Since Lois and I are going to be gone off and on for much late spring and summer, I don't want to take it on. We will also not be at the meeting next week, so I hope the board will find a contact person to work with the scout. He and the scout master would then meet with our contact (or contacts) so he can prepare a proposal for us. I think he already has preliminary approval from the Eagle board. Dale

#### **Bench repair notes**

- See existing bench inventory map on the desk showing highest priority repair needs
- Paint (stain) - Van Well's Cabot 'oil blend' stain currently in stock - dark "solid" finish brown - brand/model used on 'Emma's bridge. review with Van Well, Rich, Nick or others which would be more appropriate.
- Concrete bench repair materials for two benches by the creek
- One bench has a board missing that might be in the shed
- Equipment –
- Roller handles/covers for semi - rough to smooth surface
- Sanding materials for graffiti and old paint removal
- Brushes - for detail areas
- Paint thinner for brushes and/or roller covers (if reuse)
- Hardware such as non-corrosive screws, etc. for repair

**Gazebo graffiti and creek ownership 2018-01-20 Email from Dale**

Hello, friends. After our Tuesday meeting, I talked to April Welsh at Dallas Fire and EMS, about the gazebo graffiti. They were already aware of it, and had pictures. She thought the volunteer association would want to be responsible for fixing it. She will contact the current association president to confirm.

I also talked briefly with Lane Shetterly, the Dallas city attorney about liability and ownership of the creek bed. He said we are protected from liability for injuries on the jams by the recreational use exemption for public places open for public use. He'll check on the ownership situation, which he thought, as we did, is an error from when the Portland archdiocese subdivided the land across the creek.

I will follow up with Lane after he has had time to look into the ownership issue. He thought it was an interesting issue to investigate and resolve.