

Minutes, Interfaith EarthKeepers Online Meeting

September 14, 2022

Attendees: Ron H, Britni C, Sue C, Bob G, Cynthia B, Mark L

Moderator: Sue C, Minutes: Britni C

Old Business

1. [Lane County Climate Action Plan](#): EK members encouraged to read the plan and use the feedback form to provide feedback to commissioners. The advisory committee has been temporarily adjourned, there will be a new Climate Strategist, and there will be some commissioner changes. Let's keep an eye on this to ensure that they follow through.
2. That's My Farmer dinner: Pick up or eat at Party Downtown, 64 W 8th Alley, Eugene. Proceeds go to low income people in the community. Date: October 17 Cost: \$50 Contact: Katharine 541 607 0106, keehhunt@gmail.com
3. Earth Care Interfaith Fund: The Interfaith Fund will be given an award by the Long Tom Watershed Council September 24, Betsy will report at next meeting.
4. River Clean up Sunday, Aug. 14th: This went well!
5. Updated Interfaith EarthKeepers brochure: Ron will continue to work on this when he has time, unless another member would like to help.
6. Tree planting plans for September: On hold for now. If someone would like to take this on, please reach out.
7. Protecting mature and old growth forests: Over 142,000 comments were submitted to the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management on how to define and inventory mature and old-growth trees. The [Climate Forests Coalition](#) includes 110 groups that are supporting the effort. Rallies at regional Forest Service offices, including Oregon, are planned for Oct - mid Nov. in the build up to COP27. Date and time for Portland to be posted on the daily blog. (Rally in Portland on Thursday, Oct 6th at 3:30 at South Hawthorne Waterfront Park to protest corporations bankrolling deforestation. [Click here](#) to fill out carpooling from Eugene form.)
8. [Divest Oregon](#): Earthkeepers are a member of the coalition. They are currently working on 2023 legislation. The Treasury recently released a [redacted climate risk assessment report](#). Ways to get involved include joining a committee, attending candidate town hall meetings and asking questions related to divestment, and attending and/or speaking at an Oregon Investment Council meeting. [Click here](#) to sign up. The next meeting is on October 26th.

New Business

1. Sept 17th SOLVE [River Clean up](#) at Alton Baker Park: Cynthia is going
2. Sept 24th SOLVE [Invasive Species Removal](#) at Buford Park/Mt. Pisgah: organized by Mark L
3. Clean Cars Oregon Coalition: EKs Joined
4. [NYC Climate Week](#), Sept 19-23: See blog post Sept 17 for more information on this large important event.
5. Faiths 4 Climate Justice [International Month of Action](#) is October 2 to Nov 6, leading up to COP27. Over 200 organizations internationally are participating.
6. (Added after meeting) The documentary film [Elemental](#) (on wildfire in the west) is fantastic and [Eugene Art House](#) has added additional showings through 9/22.

Discussion Topics

1. Ron is taking a UofO Lifelong Learning class on climate change and national security.
2. Eugene Friends Giving Gateway Project is giving to Randy Woodley's [Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice](#) in Yamhill, Oregon.

Education Discussion

[Becoming Rooted](#) by Randy Woodley. Some didn't have the book yet; those who started reading briefly shared their takeaways. We plan to read the first 15 meditations by the next meeting.

Next Meeting Online: October 12, 12:00 to 1:30pm

Moderator: Ron H

Minutes: Britni C