

5/7/19
Public Comment

- A word of thanks . . .
- A proposal . . .
- A personal commitment

First, let me again thank the commission for their upcoming work session relative to developing a climate action plan for Lane County.

Next, as one of the co-leads for the community group that started meeting in March -- and since we apparently share the goal of the county adopting a climate action plan -- and further, towards working with the commission in this regard, the group would like to meet with the county administrator, Steve Mokrohisky, relative to it's development.

Finally, on a personal note, and speaking for myself as an individual, an introduction and an offer.

My undergraduate education involved training to become a research biologist, my graduate degree focused on science education. The first part of my life involved being a teacher, the second as director of a nonprofit organization, and I am now transitioning into the third -- and most likely, final part of my life -- in climate and wildlife advocacy.

The defining moment -- the turning point for me personally -- was the international report released last fall relative to the need to act immediately relative to keeping global warming to 1.5 C before 2030, a mere 11 years away.

I have lived my life with passion and purpose in what I have done, consensus in process and collaboration with others on mutually shared goals is my approach. I not only value kindness and compassion, but also strive to live these values in all my relationships, with everyone -- people, wildlife and the earth itself.

Therefore, relative to the development of a Lane County climate action plan, given skills and knowledge developed throughout my life and work experience, I am publicly offering my time and energy, a personal commitment, to officially volunteer for Lane County. Further, that time-wise I will offer a 0.2 FTE amount of time monthly -- 4 days a month -- to the county, and effective immediately.

That's how important developing an climate action plan is to me.

Thank you for your overall consideration of the group's proposal to meet with the county administrator, and my offer to volunteer for the county.

ALBERT LEPAGE

1944 Cleveland Street
Eugene, Oregon, 97405
503-335-3876
Al.LePage@SpireTech.com

Summary

Manages nonprofit organization working to keep the coast for everyone, through advocacy, education and action for public access, trails and coastal preservation. He's **responsible for implementing all program work, projects, fundraising, special events, public relations** and working with the board of directors. Professional and creative "Storytelling" skills reflected in performing and portrayals. Performed dramatic readings of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as benefit performances for charity both in the United States and Canada. Portrayed real life characters from early Pacific Northwest history (1805-1861) with special emphasis on the Hudson's Bay Company, especially with the National Park Service at Fort Vancouver, Parks Tacoma at Fort Nisqually and Parks Canada at Fort Langley.

Seeking new opportunities in working to address global environmental change.

Education

Framingham State College , Framingham, Massachusetts Master's Degree, Science Education	Graduated - May 1979
University of Massachusetts at Lowell , Lowell, Massachusetts Bachelor's Degree, B.S. Biology	Graduated - May 1976
Portland State University , Portland, Oregon Certificate, Nonprofit Management/Development Director	Graduated - May 1999
University of Oregon , Eugene, Oregon Post Graduate Work, Psychology and Education	Enrolled - May 1986

Employment History

National Coast Trail Association , Portland, Oregon <i>Executive Director</i>	August 1995 - Present
Great Stories Alive! , Portland, Oregon <i>Performer/Producer</i>	December 2006 - December 2018
Bringing History to Life! , Portland, Oregon <i>Living History Interpreter</i>	August 2000 - October 2007
Private Schools <i>Educator</i>	June 1979 - December 1992

Hobbies & Interests

American Red Cross, Volunteer, Jan 2015 – Present
The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

City of Eugene Emergency Management Program, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Member Volunteer, Jul 2015 – Present

A CERT member is a volunteer who is prepared to respond to emergency situations within their communities. Trained CERT members are able to give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members training focuses on disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. CERT members may also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of a community.

Hobbies - Hiking, Cycling, Gardening, Landscaping, Reading

References

Robert L. Hart, Executive Director

Friend and interpretive colleague

(541) 682-4242

director@lchm.org

Lane County Historical Society and

Museum

740 W. 13th Ave, Eugene, OR 97402

Scott Beckstead, Rural Outreach Director

Animal advocate associate

(541) 530-8509

sbeckstead@humanesociety.org

The Humane Society of the United

States

Sutherlin, OR

Benjamin Ward, Board President

Organization team member

(503) 232-7053

ben_ward@comcast.net

National Coast Trail Association

Portland, OR

Memberships in Professional Associations

Society for Conservation Biology, Individual Member, Nov 2018 – Present

Geological Society of America, Educator Member, Oct 2015 – Present

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Professional Member, Mar 2014 – Present

American Geophysical Union, Associate Member, May 2010 – Present

A word of thanks . . .

A proposal . . .

A personal commitment . . .

First, let me again thank the commission for their upcoming work session relative to developing a climate action plan for Lane County.

Next, as one of the co-leads for the community group that started meeting in March -- and since we apparently share the goal of the county adopting a climate action plan -- and further, towards working with the commission in this regard, the group would like to meet with the county administrator, Steve Mokrohisky, relative to it's development.

Finally, on a personal note, and speaking for myself as an individual, an introduction and an offer.

My undergraduate education involved training to become a research biologist, my graduate degree focused on science education. The first part of my life involved being a teacher, the second as director of a nonprofit organization, and I am now transitioning into the third -- and most likely, final part of my life -- in climate and wildlife advocacy.

The defining moment -- the turning point for me personally -- was the international report released last fall relative to the need to act immediately relative to keeping global warming to 1.5 C before 2030, a mere 11 years away.

I have lived my life with passion and purpose in what I have done, consensus in process and collaboration with others on mutually shared goals is my approach. I not only value kindness and compassion, but also strive to live these values in all my relationships, with everyone -- people, wildlife and the earth itself.

Therefore, relative to the development of a Lane County climate action plan, given skills and knowledge developed throughout my life and work experience, I am publicly offering my time and energy, a personal commitment, to officially volunteer for Lane County. Further, that time-wise I will offer a 0.2 FTE amount of time monthly -- 4 days a month -- to the county, and effective immediately.

That's how important developing an climate action plan is to me.

Thank you for your overall consideration of the group's proposal to meet with the county administrator, and my offer to volunteer for the county.

Al LePage, Eugene, OR / 05-07-2019 / Public Comments, Lane Co. Commission