**2023 MARCH UF Summary Report**

**Attendees (via Zoom)**: Marian Bailey, Maggie Marchand, Bruce Trichler, Ellen Wendt, John Busscher, Dixie Havlak.

**Signage:** Lots of good comments on the new habitat education sign.

**Poop**

* New ‘orange’ sign was posted to remind folks to take poop home with them. (**Done)**
* A neighbor routinely breaks UF rules letting his dog run free & off trail in the UF on daily basis.There is no way he can know where to pick up the dog’s poop. Grrr.
* Fresh/new bags of poop are left along the trail, but appear to be picked up later that day.
* Still seeing some old filled poop bags are sometimes along the trail or at the kiosk.

**Fawn Lilys (Done)**

* Beautiful native perennial lilies need attention. Post sign along the trail to protect fawn lily patch and clear veg around the newly sprouting leaves.

**Kiosk Change (Done)**

* April: Removed Mosse/Lichens info & pick up educational placards from along the trail.
* April: New Kiosk Education theme: Flowering trees/plants.
* Maybe have some ‘Meet the UF Guided Walks’ for KL residents??

**Clean Up APRIL 19TH (Done)**

* Dixie, Bruce, & Maggie committed to working an organized Childrens Forest Area clean-up & trail maintenance action**.** Dixie will organize and create an email requesting help from neighbors. Dixie will coordinate w/ Michele on when to send email out to all neighbors.

**Homeless Encampments along edge of UF - ACTION?**

* It appears a few camps are ‘gone’ but a fair amount of trash is still there & along Hiway 101 and concerns about water quality (human feces & junk) draining into Ken Lake.
* Discussion included concerns on what to do, if anything, to clean up some of the abandoned camps & removing homeless debris along the edge of Hiway 101. Concerns about if it stays, it will just encourage more homeless. And that homeless are in areas where there is poor / no signage.
* Discussion ranged from: feeling helpless about a way to deal with it; whether or not to clean up debris; increasing signage. Comments & opinions included: yes-lets work at it; no-it’s too dangerous not knowing what you will find (needles, feces, possible poisons, chemicals, etc); the camps are just moving around & there really aren’t less of them; just more junk; it could be a hazmat area.
* Safety Concerns & Protocols: Check with Oly, Thurston Co, & WSDOT on ‘cleanup protocols’ (Marian). Ellen will contact former city employee who dealt with homeless issues to get info.
* Perhaps consider more NO TRESPASSING/KEEP OUT SIGNS along the front of Hiway 101. Marian will talk w/ J. Hill, offering help posting on his land too.