

## **Path Planning Committee Minutes Dec. 16, 2007**

Minutes by Colleen Bauman. Meeting taped by Deane Morrow (copies available by request)

### **Present:**

**Committee Members:** Kirk Schultz, Colleen Bauman, Dennis Todd, Susanna Defazio, Jay Hogan, , Tom Churchill, Katie Cousins, Dean Middleton,, Jon Pincus, Deane Morrow, Steve Wisnovsky, Chris Browne

**Staff:** Charlie

**Guests:** Shannon Thompson, Wally Jones, Howard McCartney, Doug Quirk, Pat Dickerson,

Acting Chair: Kirk Schultz

Steve gave flood report. Including the success of soft armoring.

Thanks to Chris for Board report of previous meeting. He will continue to report to Board.

Charlie offered IT expertise to the committee. Will build an email alias list for committee. A simple setup for everyone on list. It would be an official site/mail list. Committee needs to decide how they want this set up. If group can decide what they want he will set it up for us. Once we decide end goal he can jump in and help us use the tools.

Committee members or include interested folks? Charlie can do an affinity group list or just committee members or both. Currently we sent all to anyone interested.

Is our list merged with those that were interested in the past? Should we have two lists? Deemed a future agenda item for further discussion. Some feel communication between committee members only because we are a design committee. Others feel the wider the audience the better. Design or community planning process?

Mapping resources discussed. Google maps. Would be great to pull up aerial maps online. Check out google earth for maps. Thank you to Charlie for offer of IT help.

Committee membership discussed. The committee is large, 18 members. Membership list will be sent with minutes of December meeting.

### **Minutes from Nov. Meeting approved.**

Homework assignments. Chris will present summary of minutes to the Board.

### **Election of Officers:**

Katie nominates Kirk for chair. Kirk will do his best to help but ideally his desire is to design and he hopes to get a chance to do that, if not, he'll ask to be replaced. Dennis nominated for vice chair. Discussion on nominations requested. Katie nominates Colleen for vice chair.

Paxton nominated.

Job description of officers read.

After much discussion of how to best use the talents of all involved, vote to reconsider original motion. Passed.

Dennis Todd and Colleen Bauman nominated as co-chairs. Moved by Steve. Passed.

Nominations for Secretary. No volunteers. Colleen nominates Lara (in her absence). Everyone

seconds! Passed.

Kirk hands the meeting over to Dennis to chair.

### **Homework reports:**

**Lump Manual.** Page 14, 20 foot corridors

Discussion points:

What are we really looking at? Must include booth front, access roads, we should keep in mind the 20 foot recommendation is more like 100 feet needed. 20 foot minimum, wider is better. Remember these are recommendations only that require on the ground interpretation. Bottle necks on the path just barely 20 feet. Are there ways to protect special trees or special places? Is it in the design criteria to protect the magic of special places? More parks. Start with identifying special places which might include booths, heritage tree surveys. Find a way to build special places with high identification. Green space process. Green zones. Lump Comm. Restoration and recovery plan (R and R) on the Lump Comm. Work plan and agenda.. The Lump committee will not police green zones. But the Lump committee is putting together a process to make the information public. Identify congestion places, is Lump looking at that? Where the bottle necks are. Yes, Lump is charged with looking a sections of the path that are congested. E. 13<sup>th</sup> very overcrowded. We need to develop new venues and develop a way to communicate proposals as we develop workable plans. Get everyone at least aware of it well before the decision. Instead of us telling them perhaps we need to hear what they know about their neighborhood. When we work on path segments we need to get to know those in that area and know their concerns. Who calls the booth members when something happens to the booth? Steve. Should path planners reach out to those impacted, say if a tree goes down? Steve works with them to remedy or relocation. Would it help if committee members took a section of the fair? Steve is the authority and has much more knowledge of the fair. Steve hopes Committee focus on macro, long term. Steve out there almost everyday and surveys after every storm event, he works with registration and has phone numbers so let staff deal with it.

Planning start with solid base of process.

Homework reports continue:

Who is working on land use decision on if we are restricted to original purchase? We need to know the answer to if we can use new lands.

**Public Art Booth between the bridges.** Basically a couple tables for public to make art. Needs to be rebuilt, possibility to put in new booths. It is suggested that Public Art not be moved out of the neighborhood but instead integrate a space for them into the new design. A place for people to sit and create on whatever they are working on this year. Is it mostly kids? No. Potential space for 5 booths or would it displace people that are using the space now? Room for both. We have a mandate to have 10 one year only booths. They keep getting reabsorbed. So we have to keep replacing them so we are ready in case of an emergency. Experiment with a new paradigm of booth, one without camping, a 10 by 10 portable booth like a Saturday market booth. If we had that in addition to the one year only booth, if we need to, we would have an extra pool of booths. And leave the one year only booth for emergencies. The elders are looking for a place to do something at the fair. This may all come into play with this area. We need more value discussion on if we want to go the way of 10 by 10 booths without camping. They wouldn't be pop ups. Could Kirk bring some designs on this concept so we "don't design by committee" by our next meeting? Focus on this section of the public Art area and see some ideas by our next meeting. Idea of more booths available for those on the list for many years even if we have no

camping with space behind the booths. Great to focus on a demonstration area, but we should make sure we are still moving on with the bigger picture. It was mentioned at last meeting to find more booth space, do we want to grow the foot print of the fair or do we only want to find replacement booth spaces. We need clarification from the board if we are growing the fair to provide spaces for those on the wait list or only to relocate existing booths due to erosion. Camping behind booths contribute to our security. It may be an option in some places for people to camp remotely but we wouldn't want it every time, everywhere.

**Kirk presents the Big Picture:** Erosion issues, upper River Loop most at risk. What has been looked at in the past.

Four points most at Risk: Site crew having success soft armoring, this may help in the future

1. Strawberry lane
2. Shady Grove. Tree right there, a pinch point. If we lose that path then the options of do we lose the stage. Do you go with the local solution or do you move the whole area. In the planning sense we can develop options available if we just them or not
3. Just past Ark Park
4. On the end of Ark Park, the board walk

Things discussed for years that we could break out into small groups to discuss:

Craft lot, has potential for open areas

Loop in Chela Mela

Security Peninsular perhaps a new bridge

The Dragon Plaza, needs replacement but it is a special place and it will be missed if gone

Main Camp discussed overtime, the kitchen much strong feelings about moving the kitchen, what would you get in return, same time various functions going on

Old Pony rides area, lots of potential in a classic pathway as oppose to open area,

Traffic Camp

Upland Kitchen, being discussed, if it goes upland then there is an overlap to other considerations

Displacement is an overriding issue. We wouldn't have been able to develop Chela Mela if we didn't have new lands to move camping. Moving crews out will create space. Moving operational crews out of crafts lot could create space we can develop. Phun Gate and Kids loop, displacement has to be worked out. Camping enables us to operate, displacing camping has to be worked out so we can operate. Camping is our boundary and security from outside.

**Next meeting Jan 20<sup>th</sup> noon.**

Suggested Agenda items: Small groups discussion, Process, Additional meetings in Jan/Feb, Kirk's designs for Jay's Public Art Space Proposal, Alias Web site IT offer from Charlie