

Path Planning Minutes 3/16/2008

PRELIMS

Introductions: People introduced themselves.

Roll Call: Colleen Bauman, Chris Browne, Chewie Burgess, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Dennis Todd, Jay Hogan, Jon Pincus, Katie Cousins, Michael Richard, Paxton Hoag, Steve Wisnovsky, Susanna DeFazio, Sylvia Fireman, Tom Churchill, Lara Howe, Dahinda Meda, Wally Jones, DJ Rogers, Charlie Ruff, Shelley Morello

Mar 2 Minutes: name spelling correction, Thom Lanfear , Capital approvals made next day , *Motion made and seconded to accept amended minutes*

Announcements: Chris said the Path Planning report to the BOD was well accepted regarding the mandate from the Board.

Public comments: None

Agenda review: (review, amend, accept) The Chair discussed the agenda and took input regarding reordering it and no new business was added.

Staff reports: Charlie: New lists were presented for distribution of minutes/information with 3 separate lists; Committee Members, Contacts, Opt-In Friends of Path Planning with a sign up at ocfsite.org/list. He is Looking for information concerning types of media to submit to web site. He described the differences between the lists.

Steve: River report and printout were passed around for review. He discussed the Global climate changes , development and clear-cut effects. He discussed land use needs for the new purchases. He discussed the Out of site lot and passed the map around. The Importance of PP is made possible by the new purchases that change the Fair footprint. He discussed the use of Outa site and FART shuttle used last year.

Sub Committee Reports:

OLD BUSINESS

Path Segment Study (break out groups) Break to go to individual segments. Meetings will begin in hub with all groups to identify values followed by individual segment meetings. There is not enough time to do a thorough study of the path segments in one session. A spokesman should be appointed from each individual segment group to report back to PP Committee. Haphazard (random) assignment was made of who will be involved with which segments. Today is an experiment to see how this process works as apposed to being assigned to one's own neighborhood/interest. This should be an information gathering brainstorming at this time. Insure the information is shared with all the committee. All should be involved with all the segment information so everyone

can critique all. The committee is responsible for all the segments. The segment study groups will rotate amongst the different segments. Make sure the special interests of the segments are included during the rotation to utilize the available expertise. All will have access to all the segment studies for all the segments. There will be no withholding of information from the committee as a whole. Keep in mind that some members have a passion for the site as a whole and others for specific segments and none of us are true experts. The segment study should and will be defined. It will start out with inventorying the options. What are the guiding processes? Don't reevaluate the options with each new rotation. The options will be rehashed and it is good to have new ideas. Segment interaction will be evaluated.

Description of process for now and revisit it later:

Developed using the LUMP manual. Justin will make a matrix with the items to be checked off.

Implementation.

1. What is it? Description, to/from connections. Types of booths and uses, stages, public facilities, green zones, utilities, vegetation, ecology, AAAA terrain, drainage, erosion, archeological sensitivity, crowd density, path size & width, stinkiness, visual buffers & features, safety & emergency exits/access, backstage paths/rabbit trails

2. Problems : traffic bottlenecks, erosion, stinkiness, drainage/dryness, dust, lack of shade, lack of food booths, security, food booth service paths, gates and trail access, arch concerns, mosquitoes, lack of parks & benches, smoking centers, conflicting uses (sound, etc)

3. Strengths

4. Goals, what to do? Specific to the segment not the whole site

6. Design criteria for new public spaces and how the segment fits in the plan.

Currently, path segments are divided into 6 segments: East 13th to Sesame St; Entrances; River from Entrance to Sesame St; Left Bank; Sesame St, Main Stage. 4 will be evaluated today.

Today's assignments and reports:

Left Bank: Deane M, Chewie, Sylvia, **Katie**

Our group looked at the Left Bank segment

Description:

Bordered on the North by Indian Creek, on the West by the Crafts Lot, on the East partially by the Long Tom River. Camping areas comprise the remainder of properties bordering the Left Bank path segment.

There are public entrances to this segment on the West through the dragon entrance and on the North via bridges at DeSpain Lane and Jill's Crossing.

Service roads access the Left Bank on the West behind the small dragon, behind Kid's Loop and at Phun Gate and on the South behind Hoarse Chorale.

This segment includes several stages: Circus, Hoarse Chorale, Morningwood Odditorium, Blue Moon, and Rebo's Gazebo. There are also many non-commercial activity areas including the Spirit Tower, the Craft Demo booth, Yes You Canopy, Kid Loop and Dharma Gardens.

The large open meadow area, Chela Mela, is used for some activities, as well, in addition to simply being used as open space.

This segment, having been well-planned, offers a good mix of food and crafts booths, seating areas, entertainment and participatory activities, although Chela Mela itself has become somewhat cluttered in that respect.

There are a few dedicated green zones: behind Stumps of Mystery and Leslie Lane, and a small enclosure near the Hoarse Chorale. There are others, though not specifically identified here.

Problems:

Star Lane has traffic flow issues due to the fact that either end of this path joins to larger paths which Fairgoers are more likely to travel, heading to or from the meadow and thereby bypassing Star Lane.

There is one bottleneck near Kid Loop.

Security issues at the toilets near Kid Loop.

Dead-ends behind Kid Loop and at Phun Gate.

Excessive mosquitos at Hoarse Chorale stage.

Goals:

Connect dead ends, expand into Crafts Lot.

More bird/bat boxes at Hoarse Chorale.

River: Chris, **Dennis**, Michael & Tom

Identified as mostly craft booths, four stages, drum tower. Good width and path, benches parks, some river erosion, inadequate toilet facilities, lack of food booth. Recycling kiosks are adequate except at the Junction but no service access. 6-packs are stinky, congestion at Shady Grove.

Develop replacement areas for where booths will be lost to the River. Shady Booth will require reorientation which will impact other booths.

Establish areas for 1-year only booths.

E13th: Colleen, **Jay**, Steve

2nd oldest trail in Oregon.

Bottleneck problems, especially between Junction and Energy Park. Small booths density packed. No bathrooms, not enough parks, difficult access for service trucks. Food lines contribute to congestion. Request booths to control lines. Can set booths back from path.

Entrances: Dean M, Jon, **Susanna**

OCF ENTRANCE AREA

Description

Biggest connector area of fair

Main camp

All utilities

- Water
- Public phones
- Tinker bell phones
- ATM
- Electricity
- Nite lite
- Solar array

Main infrastructure area

- Security central
- Solutions booth
- AAAA
- Photo ID booth

Open green space - dragon plaza

Green zone with tree line and under story behind dragon

Riparian zones along Indian Creek

Ecologically sensitive species along creek

Large tree line separating plaza from parking

Six pac

Backstage path/fire road behind solutions booth

Backstage paths behind Front Porch and Rabbit Hole

Bus turnaround

Problems

Bottleneck at history booth

Dry dusty area west of dragon plaza

Lack of shade for folks standing in line at dragon plaza

Shortage of benches

Craft lot foot traffic goes thru public plaza

Craft lot fence is ugly

Bleak walk from parking lots along Indian Creek

Dragon is getting dilapidated

Strengths

Wheelchair access

Good path width at north entrance (entry by Front Porch)

Good shade along north entrance

Recommendations

Shady benches for folks to rest along Indian Creek in transit to & from parking

Connecting path from children's playground to go south and west of dragon plaza

Incorporating dragon plaza into the fair

Chela Mela type potential for dragon plaza
Large cloth dragon over the big trees that make western boundary of dragon plaza
John gave reasons for his opposition to moving main camp
We ran out of time before exploring recommendations

June/July Public Hearing Process (Decision).

Discussion of whether the decision is ready for Prime Time or we need to have public hearing. Is it too much at fair time? Or if the significant change of the committee being under the board needs inclusion of the OCF family public opinion. Perhaps an informal informational meeting with a follow up meeting should be held after the fair. The Inventory analysis and education could be set up as a display in lieu of a meeting which would satisfy the information disseminated to the FF without impacting the time during the fair. The wish is for inclusion and transparency and if a separate meeting is held, would there be a note taker to keep all informed. Perhaps a display showing what the committee is about, what they are doing and where things are going. Wish for an expansion proposal to be done in '09. Display at the Spring Fling? Maybe something to be passed around to the FF such as a pamphlet to coincide with the wish for openness. The Art booth project is a first pass and experience. Possibly a scheduled meeting to collect input from the FF public. This year is an informational, experimental year with no full projects happening. A display board at registration with what we did this year, contact information, opt in list sign up, schedule of meetings. Meeting could be held before fair, informal to accept comments. Possible report and contact info published in the Peach Pit soliciting input from the FF. Maybe the evaluation meeting could include a PP component. Meet and greet during the fair and each of committee could speak to 5 people. Maybe FF News instead of Peach Pit which is published for the general public. There are many meetings (traffic, registration, food) week of fair. Ask for input from those meetings. Maybe a monthly article in the FF news with PP info in minutes. Booth reps meeting on Thurs nite could be used for information dissemination.

Motion that we do outreach to FF news, a presentation to the crews the week of the fair and one or more displays of feedback options. *Passed with one abstention.*

Make sure the presentation is very short and concise. Sub-committee for developing the presentation? Chris recycling with Paxton, Katie will assist with written article, Justin for registration (add an info) Deane booth rep meeting, Dennis, Chewie, Jay. Need a budget? Memorial Day weekend registration is planning a kiosk for information meeting. Review meeting next month. Needs to be done in a week for any packet inclusion.

Media for .net (sub comm.? Homework assignment?) Do we need a subcommittee? Yes, what do we need, need to work with above

subcommittee. Maybe the same subcommittee? With the addition of Michael, the current tech point for web. To go thru the PP com first with info.

Loops Plan Adoption (Katie) (decision) Per Thom Lanfear's advice, accept p 14-15 of the LUMP manual as formal long range. Make sure everyone has read it before it is accepted. Postpone? It has been homework for a while. Maybe include parts of corridors and entries plan? Adopt as framework/first draft. If it is approved by the board, why are we approving when there are changes to be made. Too broad a brush? Use as a direction for the PP to follow? **Motion to Adopt the draft plan from the LUMP manual. *Passed with 3 abstentions.***

NEW BIZ

Formalization Path Plan Procedures (sub com?, homework?)

Non-Commercial spaces (Jay)

CLOSING

Meeting Evaluation: Process review: More work needed and a good start. Need potential discussed. Are they the correct size? Need to involve a tenant for real information. Good feed back of this process. Approval of reviewing types of different zones regarding quiet, etc. Is the goal to make the fair better for the public or for the fair family (e.g. vendors)? Possibility of loops that are not commercially developed discussed. Poll from an earlier fair requested barefoot friendly path as a priority. The size of the groups was appreciated and next rotation is looked forward to. One weakness is too much focus on the whole group without prioritizing the areas with the most problems. Need to have more detail in the description of the area including the booth ids. Maybe get the neighborhoods to observe how the areas work this year and get feedback from them. Designate a neighborhood advocate to observe and collect information from the neighborhoods. A survey of what is the best/worst about your neighborhood. The booth information packet could have a survey form if it is not too thick. Use more methods to get the information to the FF that we need feedback to help the PP to prioritize needs.

Homework Review: Read LUMP manual, spreadsheet list of segment titles, feedback to secretary with segment meeting issues.

Confirm next Meeting Time: April 20, 12-2:45.

Humbly submitted by your recording secretary, PeggyDay