

Draft Minutes - Path Planning March 2, 2008

We had a round of introductions and Colleen announced we had a quorum. Dennis Todd and Colleen Bauman co-chaired the meeting. A signup sheet was passed. The February 17th, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Charlie Ruff announced it was 14 weeks to main camp opening and 19 weeks till the fair!

There was discussion on if Path planning should hold meetings during Main camp and what information should go into Booth packets (which go out in April). Since we had a little time the discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

Mentioned was that Path Planning meeting dates need to be posted on the Meeting Calendar in the Office, the Faire Family News and the OCF Site Web Calendar.

Site Manager Report: January was very active with several floods. The site acts as a Surge basin. On December 3rd, 2007 The Long Tom River height gauge crested over 16 feet, which meant that the site was under 6 feet of water at the edge of the Long Tom River.

The multiple floods stripped all of the soil off East 13th and this will have to be filled and repaired by bringing in more dirt. The soil that the river moved is in a large drift several inches tall alongside the pathway through main Stage Meadow.

The early snowfall partially collapsed the cover over Jill's Crossing and threatened the screenhouse at Alice's. With early morning help the structures were saved.

We were lucky that we had no major erosion damage that forced booth relocations this year. There was creeping damage to the bank of the Long Tom, including Chela Mela Meadow, Upper River Loop, Shady Grove and Strawberry Lane.

The good news is the most recent test technique of bank stabilization with hay bales is working. Most of what was built last year survived the floods.

Assistant Manager Report: Charlie has built 3 email lists in PHP Lists, one for just committee members, one for the contact list and One for "Friends of Path Planning" with no target audience yet.

Path Planning is going to have a page on the .NET part of the OCF websites. It should be up in a couple of weeks and, in the future, will include links to maps, planning information and pictures.

LUMP and Path Planning Committees are among the first to go on the web. Charlie asked us to forward a wish list items we would like to see on the website.

Old Business: Do we meet the BOD mandate to create replacement booths by March 1st?

The plan developed, moving the art booth and creating six temporary booths out of fabric and poles, by Kirk had its budget passed by the BOD so it was felt that Path Planning met the mandate for this year.

The people involved in the Art Booth attended the last meeting and also participated in a group walk to study the area involved. Katie said it was important to notify all of the people affected, Rittas, History and ambiance/entertainment were mentioned.

There was a motion to accept Kirk's proposed Art Booth relocation and to develop temporary booths with a pole and fabric design as new one year temporary booths in that area. Passed Unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Thom Lanfear who started with the LUMP committee in 1991. His first fair was 1976 did security for two years and then had a booth selling maps from 1979 to 2006. He was the Fair cartographer from 1988 to 1994, developed the maps of the Left Bank and is recently retired from the Lane County Planning department.

He was happy to see Path Planning committee formed as it was time for "the paths to have an advocate." Everyone in the Fair interacts with the paths in their own special ways but the public who use the paths has no advocate.

He challenged the path Planning Committee to develop broad goals that are achievable for the fair, to articulate and suggest policies to support the goals and to help with developing implementation practices.

We have the basic format already in the LUMP Manual. The "Loops Plan" relates directly to path planning work.

Paths are a special charge. We are the equivalent of a small city. Paths are city facilities. Booths are equivalent to businesses. The path Planning Committee will be in the middle when it comes to competing needs.

We need a good inventory of the Paths, identify types of paths and nodes, junctions, etc. Booth people are looking at paths as their neighborhood.

Thom then showed us the planning zone map of the Fair. As part of the re-verification of our nonconforming land use by Lane County we identified areas of the Fair by their uses. We requested this map be part of the Path Planning website.

If we move paths outside the existing zones we may have to go before the county to get permission.

Thom also talked about our relationship with the county, which is very good now, how the Fair functions and a little of our earlier history.

He made several suggestions of what we should do:

Need to talk with every crew and committee about their needs.
Need to represent the public who have no other advocate.
Need to study how the people get from one place to another.
Need to create eddys to slow or stop the public so they visit booths. Keep enough path space.
Need to figure out what kind of procedures we will use, notification and develop and appeals process for those that have problems.

Colleen asked how to avoid having “angry villagers” We need to communicate, and get booths to buy into the neighborhood concept.

Paxton talked about his 3 fair 2 year notification process to get buy in. It includes informing all affected areas during the faire with a poster, a feedback mechanism and a meeting during the Fair. “It is the only time we are all here!”

The discussion covered the need for more campgrounds. As we displace people for booth relocation having a place for them to camp is important.

As we develop new large areas (a la Chela Mela) set up a special committee to deal with the expansion and to interface with LUMP, Path Planning, camping, site crew, etc...

Dahinda said “All of us are the Grass Roots”. We have a process we used on the Farside and Chela Mela in developing Bear Campground. We can use that.

Do we need proposals for every possible place? We need an adequate number of alternatives to consider.

Wally suggested that by June we try to evaluate each major area we could expand into. (use June FFN?)

It was also suggested that we need to meet the public / members, with two or more public meetings or subcommittee / neighborhood meetings for each path segment. Paxton suggested small neighborhood meetings in areas being planned and maybe one large meeting in Main Camp to talk with the Crews and others concerned with the overall plans.

Colleen suggested we also need to consider users of the path, Crew needs like recycling...we need to work on the whole system.

Dennis suggested a poster “This is your Path Segment” with a suggestion box. Has mixed minds about a public meeting at the fair, possibly overwhelming.

If we need to get info into the Booth packet it goes out April 1st.

June 15th was suggested for a Path Planning meeting at Main Camp and possibly July 6th for a meeting during the Fair. Notice in FFN and the Peach Pit.

New Business for next meeting:

- 1) Mapping the Path segments, breaking them up and who is responsible.
- 2) What do we want to communicate to the family this year.
- 3) Develop procedures and formalizing path planning processes
- 4) Formally adopt the Loops Plan.
- 5) What is our mechanism for getting Feedback.
- 6) Decide on public meetings for fair time what do we want to do and when to schedule them – leftover business.

The next meeting is March 16th, noon, at the Hub Yurt.

Evaluation:

Need to keep on topic!

Delineate paths existing and new paths.

Appreciate the structure of the process.

Fun, need to spend time walking on the site. 1 1/2 Hr discussing – 1 1/2 Hr walking.

There was lots of thanks for Thom's Presentation.

Some support for longer meetings

Moved to make meeting 2 1/2 hours long so as to get more business done. Passed

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted March 15th, 2008