

Path Planning Committee 6/15/08

Attending: Chris Browne, Colleen Bauman, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Paxton Hoag, Tom Churchill, Susanna DeFazio, Ann Rogers, Jay Hogan, Katie Cousins, Steve Wisnovsky, Michael Richard, Kathy Turner, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, William Wright, Sylvia Fireman, Noah Gray, Donnell Rogers, Jon Pincus

Introductions

Announcements

Minutes of 4/20/2008

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes. No nays.

Agenda Review

Public Comments

New Temp booths near Dragon entrance are in process.

LUMP will possibly be having a walkabout after this meeting. (3 PM)

Staff Reports

It's happening and it's all good. (Steve) He made a report on how the red tag works. Construction crew does inspections and calls the booth people who are red tagged to let them know.

Sub Committee Reports

Presentation and Outreach subcommittee (Chris)

Chris reported on his communication presentations to be made to the different crews. He made visual aids and a template for the presentation. The outline gives information on what the PP has reviewed and asks for feedback from fair family. He asked for suggestions on how to approach each of the crew meetings. Question: Do we want to make this available to the public? Maybe, at a later time after modifications possibly at a BOD meeting or Spring Fling. It was suggested that it would be confusing to the public to have maps of possible futures. Question: where will the presentations be kept? Should there be one at main camp? Possibly with a written report after it has been formalized. We want to be forthcoming with the information but not to frighten anyone due to not being ready. Since there are 39 crews, should we prioritize? Yes, and a sign up for volunteers to present it to the prioritized crews. Soonest is good to get the feedback from the crews. Paxton has volunteered to present to multiple crews. It was suggested to start with the Oldtimers' Picnic, Recycling and Craft Guild. Asking for volunteers for people who are on the crews to do the presentation. The specific issues are being listed that need addressing, not to be done right now. Trying to remove the mystery. The craft meeting is so small that crafters might be better served by catching arriving crafters. Remember we are only pinpointing issues and not solving anything yet. Maybe leaving the visual aids in central place for the different presenters would be practical.

Presenters: Chris, recycle. Cathy, craft committee (with Chris). Deane, Thursday night Crafters Meeting on site. Jay, Energy Park. Paxton, Security Crew & Human Intervention. Chris & Paxton, Oldtimers. Katie, BOD meeting. Colleen, Food Committee. Dean, Neighborhood Response.

Make a web site to be used for feedback, design and hand out papers for feedback. Paxton and Chris will design a feedback form. There is a box (possibly) at the office for PP. Individual presenters should collect and bring to pp meetings. Justine had suggested to drop it off at pre-registration. Let's get feedback on what we have before we start adding to it.

Vision Quest Summit Report, (anyone?)

Chris feels there are better guidelines set up and now things should be started on the process of individual projects.

Media for .net subcommittee

Old business

Path Segment Study Round 3

The missing segments will be visited during the fall. Not enough members to have 4 segments so skip Entrances. Ad hoc suggestions: Red/Green light for bridge to Far Side, ferry, relocating Shady Grove stage to river side.

Groups:

LEFT BANK

Michael, Tom, Jay.

Inventory, 14 food booths, 50 craft booths, 7 stages (Blue Moon, Stage Left, Odditorium, Tiny Puppet Stage, Chez Ray's Next Stage, Monkey Palace, Hoarse Chorale), 3 toilets 4 drinking water, 1 Info booth, 13 recycle kiosks, 1 TinkerBell, 0 showers, 4 handwashing. Benches & tables due to be improved this year. Open spaces...(Meadow, Spirit Tower, Gazebo).

Confusing traffic, need more signs for traffic flow. Need more drinking water available. Spirit Tower is not meant to be a stage but is used as such, pushing the crowd out into the path. Problem with combo of eating, stage, traffic, very uneven ground at Jill's Crossing with abrupt edges. The new six temporary booths do not look like the plans that were agreed upon at the previous PP meeting and the path seems too narrow to allow driving through it. It is a model that will be evaluated for next year. The concept was for 6 that are removed each year. There are obvious electric|phone lines in the trees. Vegetation canopy hangs too low.

RIVER

Colleen, Paxton, Susanna, Sylvia, Ann, Noah

Inventory, 6 Food booths, 99-100 food booths (fuzzy borders) 5 stages (Youth, WCFields, Drum Tower, Shady Grove, Daredevil V Palace), 3 toilet sites (community village, upper river) very stinky, needs improved vents. Open spaces (WallysLog, Altered Space, Ark Park, XRay Park, Library, Maple Commons. Many tables & benches, could use more. Lack of identifiable emergency exits. Smoking areas (Wally's Log, Pike St, near Ark Park. 6 Drinking water, 2 Info booths (Shady Grove, River Loop), 18 recycle Kiosks, 2 Tinkerbell, 0 showers, 3 handwashing.

Drainage/Erosion Issues: XRay Park Jam, Ark Park, Strawberry Lane, Nirvana Park, Upper River Loop.

Archeological areas: Shady Grove, Strawberry Lane, Maple Commons.

Path Flow Issues: 1-way traffic on bridge to Far Side, Shady Grove Jam, XRay Park Jam, Pad Thai Booth lines, overall less congested than E 13th.

Visual Buffers and Features: Scenic views, protect views, dragon feature, psychic relief from commerce, crowds, action

Safety Issues: Falling trees, XRay Park boardwalk, Shady Grove Construction, Yew trees Maple Commons.

Shad Areas: Shady Lane...plenty of shade.

Dust Issues: Strawberry Lane, short segments of dust.

AAAA Access: Pretty good except Daredevil entrance

Misters: designed for cooling more than dust, one near Shady Grove, one near Drum Tower.

Mosquitoes: Swale last area to dry out, worse there.

Strengths: Shade, nature, less traffic, mellow, fewer food lines.

Possibilities for new path: Not at this time.

Additional Services Needed: Improved toilets - higher vents (stinky 6-paks)

Suggestions: Designate areas that are potential for relocation & warn booth people.

If someone moves from high risk area, designate it as 1 yr only booth in future.

Strawberry Lane could be developed as interpretive area viewpoint.

Find site for alternate bridge to Far Side, Widen Far Side bridge.

Increase number of bat houses.

Food line management - reroute line out of trail.

Contact energy Park Electric Co - they do low voltage fans (solar vent)
Identify for each booth where is nearest emergency exit.
Handwashing stations near food booths.

E13th to WhiteBird (not Community Village)

Dean, Deane, Katie, Chris.

20 Food Booths, 70 Craft Booths, Energy Park & Whitebird non profits. 2 stages, 0 toilets, Open Spaces (Chase Gardens, Peace Parker., no emergency exits or smoking areas, 5 drinking water, 3 Info booths (Community Village, Energy Park, Main Stage, 8 recycle kiosks, 3 tinkerbells, 1 shower, 0 handwashing with 20 food booths.

Path flow issues: Excess congestion inhibits booth traffic, strolling vendors, entertainers.

Safety Issues, Inadequate exits, a stampede would be likely in an emergency.

AAAA Access: Too congested, a real issue here.

Additional Services needed: Toilets, better emergency exits.

Suggestions: Set booths back in places. Eliminate some booths, move them to new locations. Use that vacant space to move food booth back and/or provide seating/line areas.

Construct toilets (6-packs) in area behind Gypsy Caravan & Energy Park, accessible to fair family thus relieving pressure on public toilets. Could be done with a temporary tank. Access road needed for other reasons as well. Could extend from the end of Moz Road through back of EP and come out on Snivel near or through recycling camp.

Add another path loop along proposed access road.

New Business:

Tracking feedback/Input

Encourage people to opt-in.

Meeting Evaluations

General kudos for the progress of the PP. Appreciation of the long-term view. Seems productive. Good job of pp disseminating and collecting information. Maybe fewer breakouts needed next year. Maybe a June meeting should be set up for focused plans for this year. Suggest a full group discussion instead of small group breakouts. NO COFFEE. Thanks to Chris for all his work on the info boards visual aids. Grateful for bringing plans to fruition. Appreciation of the progress made from 1st meeting to today from guests who had a long period between attending minutes. Signage would be so appreciated. 1 more round of breakout before the new phase of larger groups for the two missing sections. Thanks for the volunteers for presentations.

Homework Review

Have a fair!

Set next Meeting date and time

Consider the Aug 23 evaluation meeting to be in place of PP.
September 14th, noon at Yurt.