

\*Path Planning Committee Meeting 9/14/08

**\*Attending:** \*Chris Browne\*, \*Colleen Bauman\*, \*Jon Pincus\*, \*Tom Churchill\*, \*Susanna DeFazio\*, \*Jay Hogan\*, \*Katie Cousins\*, \*Michael Richard\*, Kathee Lavina, Charlie Ruff, \*Dennis Todd, \*Dahinda Meda, Wally Jones, Peggy Day

\*Introductions

\*Announcements

\*While we waited for a quorum to appear, Dennis spoke about possible future discussions including:

Improved communication with stakeholders  
Path planning section of LUMP manual expanded, made more detailed  
Written recommendations for management addressing problematic path sections  
Well-developed replacement booth options  
Start strategic planning for long-term development  
Coordinate with Upland Kitchen  
Evacuation routes for ERT to be discussed

Training of staff is already underway in the process. More ER training is being discussed to include info booth personnel and maybe booth reps. How best to disseminate the training.

How to include information to the public. We need to review choke areas and include off path routes. Early years had people go around on Thursdays with flyers and answering questions. Booth people seem the logical people to be on training. What we are touching on is part of the evaluation and notes will be available soon that detail the ideas. Smoking areas and challenges to be discussed. The apparent start of the fire was a young man. Should there be signs showing exits? For example Daredevil Stage. This should be taken into consideration for any new loops with possible temporary signs controlling the traffic. Stages need to revisit whether there is a way for people to exit in an emergency, more than one exit. The largeness and growing fair should take service roads into consideration. There are areas in the fair that need access and is being looked at. Fire crew should be invited to attend a path planning meeting.

Discussion of temp new booths had feedback that it was too dusty. They should be erected sooner and allow the path to recover before fair. Long term plans move slowly and we hope to fill in the big picture. The Art booth seemed successful. Path grass control is currently under experiment to keep the green grass going. The new booth design was being modified right up to the fair time. The wait share list was eliminated this year. Last minute Art booth changes were made but the construction continued until the booth. What is our mandate for the temp 1-year booths? Is it for a place for new crafts or to supply a place for booth replacement where the booth is unexpectedly lost due to weather

or river changes. Should we add the planning of temp booths to the agenda? We also have not added firebreaks as we were mandated to do by the county about 15 years ago. Path planning has previously been sporadic and at the whim of short term decisions instead of more long term planning thus precluding the establishment of more long-term goals. The temp booths were mandated by the pp committee and is different than the 1-year booths meant for replacement that was mandated by the BOD.

Yea, we now have our quorum!

\*Roll Call

\*Minutes of 6/15/2008

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and passed with the date amendment with 3 abstentions.

\*Public Comments

It was decided to put the following names as PP committee members to the board for approval: Dahinda, Justin and Wally who was asked to submit a letter of interest.

It was suggested that extra meetings/work sessions could be held to finish business as needed and to find alternative places.

\*Agenda Review

It was decided to use the majority of the time to review future scheduling/events.

\*Staff Reports \*Charlie said Steve might not be able to attend the Oct/Nov meetings and encourages the PP people to walk around and look at the fair. The PP site is almost ready to go live with the link. Survey reports should be available at the General Meeting. He will inform the office to remember to add the PP meetings to the web site calendar.

\*Sub Committee Reports

\*Old Business

\*Elect Officers

The 2 co-chairs and recording secretary were nominated and seconded and elected by acclaim.

\*Plan the year's Schedule

Finish section reviews and identify and prioritize projects.

Budget and capital project reviews.

Emergency paths.

Handwashing.

Future Planning, comprehensive plans.

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\*Plan List of Invited Speakers (Possible Crews)

Bill pack, Fire Crew

Recycling

Water

Ambiance (smoking areas)

Food Committee (refer)

4ACrew (both)

Emergency Response

Energy Park

Ark Community

Camp Hosts

Info

Traffic

Security

Community Village

Entertainment Stage (Youth)

Elders

Sanitation

BOD

Two categories to help prioritize, infrastructure vs specific.

If we have policy questions we should ask the BOD.

The question is whether we want to increase, hold or reduce the fair attendance and what is the overall philosophy of the BOD. We should decide what PP role in the 40th Anniversary is going to be. Infill has been occurring that reduces the long term planning goals. Need to get control of illegal expansion to stay true to the ff values. We need to approach the BOD with more than one recommendation or option. When or whether to expand the fair. A new or revitalized entrance would be desirable for the 40th anniversary or a possible different project. The dragon is deteriorating so that might be a good and celebratory first pursuit as long as we don't sacrifice the long term view for an individual event. Make sure we maintain our long view whatever we do for the 40th. Do we need a special entrance at the real start of the fair or Cabal gate? And possible celebrations all the way in. All this should come before the whole fair family.

A possible solution to the lack of water at Craft camping could be a booster pump. Other solutions can be reviewed.

Fire breaks were identified in earlier years and need to be communicated. Sacred spaces need to be identified and valued.

\*Review Feedback from Event

\*Breakout of Focused path sections not yet Addressed

\*New Business

\*Wrap-up

\*Meeting Evaluations

Hindered by lack of quorum. Is there a specific reason this happened this month?

\*Homework Review

\*Set next Meeting date and time \*Discussion of setting the meeting so interested parties could attend the Vision Quest which is held at 1 PM at Alice's.

PP meeting October 19th, noon at Yurt. The meeting will only be 1 hour instead of 2.

Committee members, please email the secretary or one of the chairs if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

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