

## **Oregon Country Fair**

### **\*Path Planning Committee\***

Date: Sunday, October 18th, 2009

Time: Noon to 2:00

Location: Hub Yurt or check sign at Hub

### **\*Agenda\***

#### **\*Preliminaries:\***

Introductions: Dennis Todd, Colleen Bauman, Chewie Burgess, Chris Browne, Dahinda Meda, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Jay Hogan, Jon Pincus, Kirk Shultz, Michael Richard, Paxton Hoag, Steve Wisnovsky, Susanna DeFazio, Sylvia Fireman, Tom Churchill, Wally Jones, Katelyn Banta, William Wright, Sue Moore, Bear Pitts, David Hoffman, Diane Albino, Joseph Newton

#### Announcements:

This Saturday is the Elmira Country Fair Classic cross country run starting around 3:30 PM.

#### Approval of Minutes :

Motion was made and 2nded to approve last month's meeting minutes. Passed with acclamation.

#### Public Comments (including letters and e-mails) :

LUMP would like to set up a joint meeting with Path Planning to discuss increasing camping areas. Input that the craft committee is discussing moving the craft Barter Fair. An email received by Kirk will be emailed to the secretary to be included with the minutes.

It was suggested to make sure the PP meetings should be put on the net site with a cover letter and explanation of goals and a possible home page for Path Planning. Kudos to Steve and Chris from Kirk for their hard work. It would be nice to have the minutes posted on line. We had feedback from parts afar about the good attitude of the Fair Family during the rain/mud storm. It was asked if there were any volunteers to manage a web page for Path Planning. Dean Middleton will work with Dennis & Colleen to handle this.

#### **Agenda Review/Amend/Approve**

Dennis will attach the yearly work plan in rough draft form to look at and come up with discussion for next month's meeting. A discussion was held regarding the New Business and how far the loop proposals should go before having the input from the family at the big meeting. It was felt that the complexity of the 2 loops requires more time and study before a plan is instigated. Other opinions felt it important to continue with these areas specifically. One opinion was that Craft Lot and Dragon Plaza were connected and should be considered together. The co-chair reminded the group that we are doing Agenda review and not debating the content of the New Business. It was suggested that enough time has passed

without doing anything specific and that the time has come to start doing real constructive planning. The co-chair suggested we change the New Business suggestions to change the word proposal to discussion. It was stated that new excitement should be planned in.

A motion was made and 2nded to remove the Craft Lot & Gypsy Way from New Business. Motion Failed with 5 opposed.

We were reminded that planning is not implementation . We are developing plans, not planning actions

It was moved and 2nded to approve the agenda. Passed by Acclamation.

### **Staff Reports**

Path from ball field to bridge are in sorry shape. South Park is reseeded. Waiting to see what Mother Nature does this Winter.

New camping areas is a large issue and staff has met and plan to recommend to the Board that a Camping Crew be instituted to help manage this. The question was if there has been any previous studies and areas identified any new possible camping area. The answer is no, not yet. There is a need for coordination between individual functions that have developed information regarding camping, e.g. quartermaster.

### **Sub Committee Reports**

None

### **\*Old Business\***

#### ***Attendance and Quorum Policy (Review/Amend)***

Draft: Dennis will send draft for inclusion with minutes.

#### ***Yearly Plan (Distribute, Review)***

##### ***2009-2010 PPC Work Plan***

Oct mass meeting prep, camping solutions

#### **Nov 15:**

Vote on attendance policy, yearly plan,  
Prepare for mass meeting (continued),  
Camping (continued)  
Appoint subcommittees, work groups  
Craft Lot Crew Report

**Dec 13:** Develop plan for 5 replacement booths and something exciting for 2010.

#### **Jan 17 2010:**

Plan 5 replacement booths. collaborate w LUMP

discuss archeology and prepare proposal for camping workshop

**Feb 21:**

Camping workshop for all Fair Family

**Mar 14:**

Prop for mass meeting

**Apr 18:**

Mass meeting/design charette (4 hour)

**May 16:**

Review designs, refine with charettes (3 hr)

**June 6:**

No regularly scheduled meeting. Add early June 6 work session to prepare presentation materials.

***Discussion***

The concern has been that the mass meeting should be earlier in the cycle. Is there time to get anything done for 2010? It is stressed that we need to do things more speedily. The question is that is it a board mandate for the 5 additional booths. It was suggested to have the 5 booth discussion be held in December on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Major plans need to be brought to the budget committee by April for any capital projects. It was stated that camping should be a function of the LUMP and not the Path Planning. It was answered that it is a collaborative effort. We need to remember the goal of PP is to make a plan if it is necessary to move booths, not try to change things to improve attendance. It was felt that we should talk about Dragon Plaza in December. We are here to plan, not action so it is not imperative to have something in place by 2010. A question is how do we handle the growth with all the problems so solve that comes with growth. We need to make sure our planning is an interactive process with the Family. We need to have an understanding of areas for camping even if we don't have the action. We need to deal with the 5 booths so it should be in December. It is staff's plan to submit a speculative scenarios to budget in case of need. Capital projects are due the end of January. We have many irons in the fire and we need to pick a small area to change with few issues so we can have an actual accomplishments. It was requested to limit the amount of time for speakers. The co-chair has decided to let people who haven't yet spoken have first chance to speak.

A motion was made to meet on December 13 to discuss the 5 replacement booths and a possible project that could be accomplished for Fair 2010. 2nded. Motion passed with acclamation.

Please remember to stick with the hard issues too.

Would the Mass Meeting be the Path Planning Meeting replacement or should it be a separate space? Sundays seem to work for people as more are free at that time. Should the camping workshop be a Board workshop? Not by title but it is expected to have board participation.

A motion was made and 2nded to establish monthly meetings with specific dates. Passed by acclamation

A motion was made and 2nded to have any meeting be the following Sunday if it has been canceled due to inclement weather. Passed by acclamation.

A motion was made and 2nded to cancel the mass meeting in November. Passed with 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

### ***Camping Solutions (Review, Discuss)***

#### ***Framework***

The LUMP camping statement was read to the PP group. Attached to the minutes.

Some no camping zones already have camping areas. Should it be reevaluated and changed or should the campers be required to move. Should we ask more neighbors for camping space? Make sure we keep fair and public camping separate. How do we more formalize camping neighborhoods? What is the fair's responsibility to the Barter Fair? Camping is organically expanding and is obvious via the aerial view pictures. Keep in mind for expansion and/or addition the need for water and sanitation.

#### ***Goals***

How do we come to a Mass meeting without maps that show future camping areas? We need clarity as to what is available. Car camping could be formalized and defined. We should try not to disrupt traditional camping areas unless necessary.

A Motion made and 2nded to extend the meeting ½ hour. Passed with acclamation

We should think about camping density and what infill will create. Think beyond geographical areas but what are the amenities.

There should be some Fair statement about camping, that no one owns their campsite and reiterate the guidelines re camping. Maybe offer as quiet camp the less desirable spaces to attract campers. Offer attractive options. Make sure of shade thinking beyond trees. Get camping out of the understory. There were 18,000 wrist-banded campers in 2009. The growth of RV camping has displaced many camping areas. We need to be aware that the camping areas are getting far enough away to need shuttle service. Should we have a subcommittee to investigate the cost of amenities. A wide variety of options to offer. Far and near, in and out. Identify target populace we want to move and develop what will attract them. Identify the camping groups.

Mass Meeting Planning (Date/Time/and Place)  
Path and Pod Model  
Camp Hosts/Neighborhoods  
Camp types/quiet, RV  
Parking displacement  
survey/inventory  
administration  
Negotiation relocation agreements  
who negotiates? How is PPC represented? How are agreements documented  
Shade  
Shuttle

**\*New Business\***

Craft Lot Crew Report  
Staff's Gypsy Way Path Loop Discussion  
Craft Lot Loop Discussion  
Vote on Attendance Policy

**\*Finalities:\***

***Meeting Evaluation***

We should have follow up on the camping next month. Too cerebral. Need to stay focused on the smaller goals. Our task is the study and suggest. Thanks for the good facilitation. Welcome back to Dennis.

***Homework Review***

Kirk will try to contact people for more information regarding camping. Suzanna will look at the camping sites to educate herself and the committee. Dean will design a web page for review. Think about your own camping area and see if you have any pertinent information.

Confirm next meeting time and place: ***November 15, noon, Hub***

A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>ed to adjourn, motion passed by acclamation

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2 Draft attachments to study for next month's meeting

Path Planning Committee Attendance Policy (draft)

PPC is a large committee that must represent the interests of all aspects of the Fair. It needs active members who provide input from their unique perspectives and expertise, who inform and educate themselves and others, and who make informed votes on issues.

Because the committee makes recorded votes on important issues and a quorum is required, low attendance may preclude votes on committee business. Members who do not attend meetings or notify committee officers before their absences might have lost interest in participating in the committee and should be considered to have resigned.

Proposed attendance policy:

Members who miss three meetings in a row without notifying committee officers are deemed to have resigned unless they notify the recording secretary, in writing, within two weeks of the third missed meeting that they wish to continue serving on the committee.

Members who miss meetings will be expected to have read the minutes of the missed meetings before attending another meeting. Members who decide not to continue with PPC work are urged to recruit another Fair member with similar affiliation or experience for committee membership. Members may take a leave of absence by prior notification. While on leave, they will not be included in the count of active members when determining quorum requirements.

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2009-2010 OCF Path Planning Committee work plan (draft)

Oct 18: Mass meeting preparation, camping solutions

Nov 15: Vote on attendance policy, yearly plan; prep for mass meeting (cont'd); discuss camping (cont'd); develop plan for five replacement booths; appoint subcommittees, work groups

Dec 13: Replacement booths; plan something exciting for 2010

Jan 17, 2010: Final plan for five replacement booths; collaborate with LUMP;  
discuss archaeology; prep for camping workshop  
Feb 21: Camping workshop for all Fair family  
Mar 14: Prep for mass meeting  
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June 6: Hands-on work session to prepare presentation materials for fair

emails:\

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Hi Folks,

At this past year's Fair, parking in the crafts overflow lot was cut-off on Wednesday night (approx. 7PM) due to being too full already.....I am a crafter and booth rep. and have parked in that lot for 24 years every Wednesday night. I was forced to park in the Deadlot, pretty early in the fair set-up, I might add.

With the addition of the extra few thousand SOP passes the past few years, and people showing up earlier and earlier for Fair, we need more parking CLOSE-IN to the fairground (the eight....) for paying vendors and volunteer staff....

Why not to the Deadlot, or some other out of the way spot, so that this premium parking/ camping space, that's closer to the eight, can be used as extra Craft Overflow, as well as extra camping for those displaced in the Craft Lot??? There is for the Barter Fair participants to have such prime real estate. This is a separate event that takes place AFTER the fair is over. Most of the Barter Fair participants are people who bring imported items, or unjuried crafts to sell on Monday. Why do they have such a good location???

After tearing down my booth and loading the van, I and many others, usually drive to the barter Fair location to walk around and look, visit, buy, etc.....I can just as easily do that by driving a little further to another parking lot on the Fair property. This does not need to take place in such a prime area, when other Fair-related needs aren't being met.

**PLEASE MOVE THE BARTER FAIR** so volunteers and Booth participants needs can be met first!! Thanks for considering this idea.....

Anita Parish (Craft Committee member; Booth Rep. #278)

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Dear Path Planning Committee -

I am writing on behalf of my camp in the northwest corner of Crafts Lot. The "Beduin Bedroom" has been a camp for twenty years. Although this camp started as a group of on-call construction crew, it has expanded into a group camp of multiple crews. We now embody on-call construction, prefair construction, inventory and ambiance (stilt walkers). We camp in tents and vehicles.

It is important that two of our crews be close to the fair. Our on-call construction crew needs to have easy access to their tools during the fair to be able to take care of any of the situations they are called in for. They are on call during the day and night throughout the fair. Our performers have elaborate costumes and props (and have been on the cover of the Eugene weekly 3 times representing the Fair). It takes a lot of energy to walk and dance on stilts in front of the Dragon at the beginning of the fair and then move throughout the 8 entertaining people with their costumes and personas. Our camp has expanded as the children have grown, gone onto teen crew and needed their own tents. We have between 15 - 20 people in our camp.

Our camp is well decorated and is often a gathering place for many friends. Our neighbors have become a part of our camp. We have spent so many years prefair surrounded by the same people that they have become part of our family (Crow's Camp, Shangrilah, Port Townsend, Peach Camp, and others whose names I do not know).

Although I understand the need to change the paths of the fair I ask you to consider places other than Crafts Lot. Personally, after years of being on construction crew and changing to inventory crew (as well as being called in to assist in some medical issues in main camp at unusual hours therefore needing to have access to my supplies), I am one of the many who is on a crew without a designated camping area. I believe the relocation of so many camps from so many crews would be extremely difficult.

I appreciate the significant time and energy you have put into finding a resolution for this phase of Path Planning.

Please contact me with any questions.

Best Wishes -  
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