

Oregon Country Fair*
Path Planning Committee
Date: February 21, 2010
Time: Noon to 2:00
Location: Alice's Living Room
(Alice's Wonderland)

***Agenda ***

Preliminaries:

Introductions

Colleen Bauman, Dennis Todd, Steve Wisnovsky, Kirk Schultz, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Susanna DeFazio, Chewie Burgess, Jay Hogan, Deane Morrow, Chris Browne, Michael Richard, Tom Churchill, Wally Jones, Dahinda Meda, Katelyn Barts, Mary Cay Liebrg, Sue Moore, Chris Dominiecki, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, William Wright, Mark Pankratz, Michele Gila, John Kassebaum, Kathee Lavire, David Tipton, Joseph Fraley, Glenn Johnson, Nancy Barry, PeggyDay

Announcements

Sunday the 28th workshop on amplified sound.

Approval of Minutes

Change to moving from Miss Piggie

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 17 as amended. Passed with 2 abstentions.

Public Comments

Skipped: The budget committee has met and made their approvals including a generic path planning contingency amount submitted by Steve.

Agenda Review/Amend/Approve

A motion was made to move the 2 New Business items to Old Business. The discussion was whether it was necessary to move it or there would be good enough to talk about it at the next meeting. It was mentioned that the next meeting is very full and there won't be enough time to cover it at next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda with the addition of the New to Old Business move. Passed, 9 approved, 3 opposed.

Staff Reports

Skipped: Charlie reported in absentia that as yet we do not have an update on the new website project but should by the time of the next path planning meeting

Sub Committee Reports

Charette process--Colleen read the process of how the charette will be done. It is to be held at the Eugene Garden Club. Draft attached at bottom.

East 13th traffic flow—Report attached at bottom.

Question: Was it about traffic congestion or booth congestion? Identifying areas that would work better for parks or other when two similar booths are close.

Question: Were booth members notified? No, it was very general.

Guest Speakers: Tom (OCF Archeology); Ark Park started in the mid '80s. An exhibit of found arrowheads was passed around. They are a participatory and educational part of the fair. They have lost a lot of area due to river erosion. They are in need of a large space for the 15 plus demonstrations going on. A discussion of the areas of archaeological areas as pointed out on a map ensued. They worked with the state of Oregon to set up the boundaries where we would need to be concerned. The first issue dealt with was the enlargement of the highway. The next project was a UofO student project that resulted in masters theses and it identified some of the sites. A new mandate has been made for site reform and new ark areas have been discovered that will be sent to the state. There are camas ovens and campsites. A handout was 'handed out' and will be attached. One of the new areas is Gypsy Way, Crafts Lot has no sites except a small part of a buffer zone.

It is necessary to contact them for any digging projects including food courts with drainage ditches. Peoples concerns have been about whether there would be inhibitions due to plant life and/or other items. Can a site be picked that would be optimal for ark? It was thought that under the oaks in Craft's Lot would be a perfect spot for investigation. They actually prefer to be in a non-ark area for their camping so they can dig holes etc. Ark tries to be flexible and show where things can be done as much as where they can't be done. Have the soil types been investigated by Ark for what would work for ground penetrating radar? Reports have been done by some but not him. Development would depend on how much and what type of construction and at worse, there is a process that takes around 30 days. The buffer areas are being evaluated as to what will be allowed concerning excavation. The paradigm has shifted from keeping the areas secret and safe to open and protected. Soil analysis could range from needing backhoe to hand hoe and might give more knowledge than ground penetrating radar. At that point it is a major ark project requiring a grant.

Michele Gila and John Castlebaum(Crafts Lot camping)

An overview was talked about. A day-by-day included: at least 1-2 thousand people and wall-to-wall camping starting at 9 am Wednesday land rush. There is camping by White bird, alter abled, refer that is separate from the rest. Fire lanes are staked out and inspected by the Fire department. The straight lanes are required to be around 10 feet to allow fire truck access. The Lot is open to any wristbanded camper. The great portion of camping is actually not for barter fair but for family who have no other place to camp. Many areas for overflow camping are in Miss Piggie. The gates are managed by the coordinators instead of traffic. The strolling vendors lost part of their area when kid's loop came in and it was expanded in another direction to make up for it. If Crafts Lot is repurposed there will need to be another area designated for vehicular parking/camping.

Question: Is there a space limit for the size of your camper? No but they are told not to bring it back next year.

Question: How many showers are needed? 22

Question: The traffic entering goes right through another area that is a major pathway. This is being worked on.

Question: What would be your solution if Craft Lot is repurposed? Please think and discuss with your crew and bring back ideas to the pp committee. Their preference would be to do it in small chunks.

Question: How much area does the Barter fair take and what would it take to move that? Does moving it to Dead Lot mean that camping is included? Yes. Barter takes 2/3 of Miss Piggie and a significant area between on the road for the actual blanket vending only after the event.

Question: How are the disabled and elders managed during the land rush? Not alter abled but disabled vendors. To be addressed later.

Question: The transaction to bigger vehicles has created a need for larger areas. Ops is establishing a camping crew and hope for better cohesion. One thought is cost per size to bring income back into the camps.

Question: No one has decided to do anything with craft lot yet and it is a process happening and thank you for your input. Please come to all the meetings.

Question: If this committee and the bod decides to move on the Craft Lot plan the longest participants are wanted to be a part of that.

Question: When you have to evict someone, where do you send them? Sometimes Trotter's Field with no services, some are allowed to stay until Tuesday.

Old Business

Review preparation for Camping Workshop March 14, 11-4, Alices.

The hope is for one person from the pp to do a presentation on what is done if relocation is required and how pp plans for what they recommend, What issues do we look at concerning a camping scenario if a move is required? What are the logistics of what pp looks at. It will include introductions, presentations from different areas, input from large camps and what their needs would be. The breakouts will concern different areas of need that are now being defined. Chewie will facilitate and Jen-Linn will be recorder. Camping related 'pieces of the puzzle' is requested to be a part of the presentation. The presentation can be sent around to the pp committee via email. A request for volunteers for the presentation was requested. Kirk volunteered and was accepted. He will start the email round.

Review preparation for Design Workshop April 4, for April 18 Charette.

No motions will be done, it is only for reviewing the design. Kirk will bring a large roll of vellum. A list of outreach was read. We need maps, contact all booth reps by postcard, Ops will contact registration to see about what can be done re registration mailing list. An invitation will be sent to all. Maybe calls can be made to family adjacent to the areas being considered for change. The office will be asked for help. Paxton will put the same info into the FFN and on a postcard and email blast. Dennis will do 'Pieces of the Puzzle', posters need to be designed. A suggestion for a rehearsal on April 4.

A motion was made and seconded to add ½ hour to this meeting. Passed with acclamation.

A motion was made and seconded to make our meetings standard 3 hours. Passed, 2 opposed 1 abstention.

Something exciting for 2010

Looking at different designs and continue Ambiance's suggestions. Viewing aesthetics such as protected pedestrian entrance. Ambiance has the entrance at the top of their queue. Different areas are being studied.

Would like to see a bling subcommittee.

5 Replacement booths

Maps were handed out to the group with ideas for the 5 replacement spots. An area was designated just outside kid loop about 100 feet. Jon and Wally made a presentation. Their proposal is to relocate the play structures slightly South and have Mellow Space be move slightly and shaded by the same trees but it opens up an area. The strolling vendor parking would need to be relocated. The fence would be redone as a lower fence allowing better site of view of the kids loop. Now there will be an area of 75x100 which allows 5 booth spaces. It won't require cutting more brush and the people who need some relocation have been agreeable to the idea. This area could be for expansion or for emergency relocation of 5 booths. We are looking for less intrusive construction that could be moved if needed. It

is on the order of a mini chela mela. It is a very flexible design.

Question: Were the strolling vendors happy to move and what were there requirements. Yes, if they are close to the gate.

Question: How will shade be provided? Canvas and other standard shade structures. There are some big trees with wide canapes.

Question: How much expense and effort was made for the kids loop? Middling.

Question: Does this impact the possible Craft Lot redesign? No, this is a temporary emergency area for 5 booths.

Motion made and seconded to extend the meeting ½ hour. Passed by acclamation.

Question: What about the service road? It would be retained.

It was asked that if it continue that it be expanded even further as an area.

Question: Any idea how many vendors would be displaced? 10-20 possibly.

Question: Is there any other access to the area except through kids loop? No. Then there is a problem with access and its affect on business. One iteration is a cul d sac but another has access from another side. This design tried to have a little disruption of underbrush as possible.

Reminder: this is an emergency temporary area that might never be needed as the overall change and design is implemented.

Question: We vowed as a committee never to design an area as a cul d sac. It can be changed.

Question: Have you asked child care how this would impact the children? No, only 2 play structures will be moved.

Question: Does this really answer the promise to Strawberry Lane? Not for this iteration but it can be changed.

Question: The efforts are appreciated but a dead end is questionable.

An offer of a bird walk after the meeting was made. It is bird education and the protocols of handling birds on the site. Cul d sacs would be perfect for bird education.

New Business (moved to Old Business)

Response to BOD-proposed amendment to five replacement booth mandate

We need to propose to the BoD by Mar 5th and have no consensus yet.

Relative to the board motion, Kirk presented a general overview of a Chela Mela area. He feels they don't necessarily need to be in existing areas. Possibly move the gazebo. Space for booths were in the original chela mela plan and there is still room.

There was another space of mellow space bubble that could be quickly done.

Another is to move Artis camp and use another edge for booths.

Another is sandwiched between the Mother Ship and Stage left.

We should present to the board that we have many ideas but haven't consensed to one area yet.

Can we do a design that is booth structure only without assigning to a specific area.

A motion was made and seconded to ask the BoD to allow the pp to present the 5 replacement booths at the May board meeting after receiving public input about. Passed by acclamation.

Barter Fair (craft committee initiation)

April 4 agenda, add the 5-booth replacement

Finalities:

Meeting Evaluation

Homework Review

Confirm next meeting time and place:

March 14, Fair Family Camping Workshop, 11:00 AM to 4:00 p.m. Location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Any items of interest to the Path Planning Committee and items to post on the website may be sent to pathplanning@oregoncountryfair.org

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Charette Agenda

- *Introductions (15 seconds each--"what brought me here")
- *Education (e.g., path segment studies, charette process)
- *Break out into small groups (one PPC planner in each to facilitate process)
- *Reconvene as large group (hear small group reports, critique plans w. public testimony)
- *Break out into small groups again (rework and refine plans)
- *Reconvene as large group (more reports, critique, testimony)
- *Select multiple designs for later refinement and posting

Further comments:

Participants should switch off so they work on both areas. Breakout groups should be re-mixed the second time. We could introduce planning maps, and demonstrate what the final products should look like, by showing historical planning maps, e.g., from Chela Mela. We should avoid giving the appearance that we have pre-determined a plan for either area.

We should hang a goals poster. Lots of maps should be available. We can print large copies and use flimsy over the top to draw on. Education should include the history of path planning, pieces of the puzzle, path segment studies, goals, posters, historical designs, charette process.

The co-chairs should begin and end the meeting, but we should have a facilitator to guide the discussion and process. We discussed whether the facilitator should be a design professional or not--perhaps both a design professional and a skilled meeting facilitator would be good to include. Dennis agreed to contact a landscape architect. We need recorders for the breakout groups and when we reconvene.

Outreach and publicity: We need detailed maps. We should contact (e.g., by post card) all booth reps. Justin can help with this. Ask Charlie and Norma to send e-mail blasts to as wide an audience as possible. Send e-mails to all coordinators and ask them to pass the word to the crews. Include RSVP on all outreach materials. Paxton will write a notice for FFN and compose the text for a post card. Dennis will put together a list of materials and equipment needed.

OCF Path Planning subcommittee: E. 13th congestion

Feb. 8, 2010, Dennis and Susanna walked E. 13th from the bus entrance to Main Stage. Problem sites and opportunities were identified as follows. A more comprehensive survey should be taken during the Fair. We tried to identify locations where parks could be located, booths removed or re-oriented, or booth setback increased to reduce path congestion.

An impressive maple on the west side of the path from the CV entrance is surrounded and hidden by booths 191 and 193. It's a good location for a park featuring the tree in the center. There is little public seating available along this section of the path except at Peace Parker (between booths 212 and 224), about 130 feet away, and a few benches in CV and EP. Booth 095 also surrounds an interesting old tree that could be the centerpiece for a park.

Booth 063 is a good example of a booth that provides abundant browsing area off the path and features a tree in the center of the browsing space. Booth 068, across from 063, has a big tree incorporated into the front of the booth. This is a narrow section of path that could be made better by setting booth 068 back a few feet.

Booths 043 and 045 bracket a big tree that stands 6 feet from another big tree in the path. If these two booths were set back a few feet, both trees would be open to view and the path width would be improved.

Traffic jams occur as waiting lines from food booths narrow the path. Cart de Frisco (booth 201) and Liberty Coffee (booth 196) lie across the path from one another and neither has an off-path waiting line area. The LC booth is very strongly built; remodeling to allow off-path lines could be problematic. CdF has been rebuilt at least once by the OCF construction crew and probably could be rebuilt to provide an off-path waiting area or moved to a new location.

Another congested area is at the Blintz booth (131), Springfield Creamery booth (125), and India House (126), with a smaller contribution from Mario's (133), where food lines converge from both sides of the path. It might be possible to add dining space in EP if some functions of EP move to a sunnier space near the entrance or in Crafts Lot. The waiting line and serving space from booths 125 and 131 could be moved off the path and more into EP, but booth 126 does not have that option and might be a good candidate for a new location. If the Blintz booth (131) is redesigned, a more aesthetic flow into energy park could be achieved by removing, rounding, or angling the front corner.

Crafts booths 051, 052, and 055 have front display counters on a narrow (less than 25' wide) section of the path; browsers could crowd the path from both sides. Booths 072 and 073 are similarly oriented, partially blocking the path, which is only 20 feet wide. A nearby recycling kiosk also protrudes into the path.

Limited seating and rest spots are provided at Chase Gardens, near the entrance, at the Veggie Heaven booth (023), the Gypsy Caravan entrance area, Energy Park, Community Village, and Peace Parker.

OCF Path Planning Meeting Feb. 21, 2010 Archeology Review

I want to address three items to the committee today:

1. Archy Park and its part during the Fair event
2. An Overview of the Archeology on the OCF property
3. General Observations Involving the Two Expansion Areas with Regards to Archeology

1 - Archy Park began in 1987 or 1988 as a single display of cultural material recovered on the property during the early highways projects. The display was initially placed in Community Village as an educational tool to inform the Fair members and the public of the archaeological history of the property. We moved into the Upper River Loop shortly after that and began to educate the Fair and the public about archeology in general and about the sites on the Fair's property.

Today we have 15 demonstrators doing a number of things: flint knapping, cordage making, tanning, fire making, bone tool making, beading, and basketry; as well as a staffed archaeological exhibit. We are working on bringing in a wood carver and a cedar plank splitter to the park in the future. Archy Park brings participatory and educational activities to the Fair event.

We like a number of places in the Fair have lost a lot of land around the Upper River Loop due to erosion. Once we had the feel of a small village along the river today, due to the river's erosional activity, we have become more of a strip mall.

If, when we must move from the Upper River Loop area we feel we need space to return to that village feeling we once had. Our initial choice would be to select an area underneath the main oak trees in the Crafts Lot.

2 - General Archeology of the OCF Property

There have been five archaeological related projects conducted on portions of Oregon Country Fair (OCF) property.

The earliest projects were conducted in the early to mid 1980s and were associated with an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) project for the realignment of the Eugene to Florence Highway. These projects identified eight prehistoric sites along the proposed highway right-of-way's. Four of these sites are completely or partially situated on OCF property. In addition, two other sites were identified only within the Right-of Way of the ODOT highway project and appear likely to extend onto OCF property. The remaining two recorded sites were completely outside of our property.

During 1987 a small reconnaissance and testing project was conducted by University of Oregon's Oregon State Museum of Anthropology for a proposed City of Veneta sewage lagoon. This project resulted in the boundary extension of one site and the discovery of another prehistoric site.

A Geo-archaeological research project was conducted for the Oregon Country Fair and the City of

Veneta in 1988. This research resulted in the completion of two Master's Thesis's - one for the Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon and the other for the Department of Geography, University of Oregon. During the course of this project ten new archaeological sites (nine prehistoric sites and one historic site) were discovered. Eight of these sites are situated on lands own by OCF. One site is situated along the banks of the Long Tom River northeast of our property on a neighboring piece of land. Also another site was situated eroding out of the middle pond along the Florence to Eugene highway and may extend on OCF property.

During 1993 Oregon State University's Center of Early Man Studies conducted a large scale survey within the Willamette Valley for the identification of potential Paleo-Indian sites. During the course of this project a canoe trip was taken down a portion of the Long Tom River within lands owned by the OCF. This trip resulted in the discovery of one prehistoric site eroding out of the river bank near Daredevil Stage.

In 1999 Heritage Research Associates, Inc. conducted a pedestrian survey for the City of Veneta Waste Water Project. This survey discovered a new site along the Long Tom River and one isolated find near the Veneta Lagoon. Both these cultural resources appear to be situated on OCF property.

To date, there are fifteen previously recorded archaeological sites (14 prehistoric sites and 1 historic site) and one prehistoric isolated find situated on lands own by the OCF. Also the boundaries of three additional sites may also extend onto OCF property.

Work since then conducted by the Archeology Crew of the OCF has enlarge the boundaries of a number of these sites and found new cultural resources as well. In the last couple of years we have discovered a prehistoric site along the ridge where the ware barn and sauna are situated and another prehistoric site adjacent to Alice's garden.

3 - General Observations of Archeology for the Two Proposed Expansion Areas

The orange on these maps shows areas where there are archaeological remains. The red or black areas are the buffer zone areas around the "sites" that are used for protection purposes.

Gypsy Way Area: This area is associated with prehistoric/historic trail that runs through the figure eight of the Fair. There has been a lot of prehistoric remains found in the past in this area. Isolated arrowheads, flakes, and large areas of fire cracked rock and charcoal (suggesting the likelihood of camas ovens in the area). As you can see by the map that the possibly of more archaeological material within the proposed expansion area is highly likely. "High land" in the area will have prehistoric features the "Low lands" will have vernal pond features.

Crafts Lot Area: At the moment this area is not within the boundaries of any known site. However, a small portion of the eastern side of the lot is within the buffer zone of the "Crafts Over Flow" which extends from Phun Gate along the high land across Chela Mela. The Crafts Lot Area would be a classic place to used ground penetrating radar or other non-ground disturbing methods to survey the area prior to expansion so see if any cultural remains exist in the area.
