

Oregon Country Fair
Path Planning Committee
Date: June 6, 2010
Time: Noon to 3:00
Location: The Hub yurt

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Preliminaries

Coffee by OCF kitchen, cake by Dana!

Introductions. Committee: Steve Wisnovsky (had to leave early), Kirk Shultz, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Deane Morrow, Dennis Todd, Chris Browne, Tom Churchill, Colleen Bauman, Wally Jones, Justin Honea, Dean Middleton. Guests: Jon Silvermoon, Jar Smith, Mark Pankratz (scribe), Sharklet.

Announcements:

Paxton: has video from PP design charrette up on the web.

Picasaweb.google.com/paxton.hoag

Colleen: This is the last meeting until September 26. Colleen will not run for chair again. Election of officers will occur at the September meeting. Job well done. People applauded.

Approval of minutes

April: motion to approve; approved with one abstain

May: Colleen added some thank-yous. Move: approved. Two abstain.

Public comments: None

Agenda review, amend, approve. Approved after motion to remove after-hours vendors' location from the agenda.

Kirk talked about one-year-only booths, replacing a booth on E. 13th with a dining room near the Junction.

Staff reports

Steve gave a report about traffic and camping problems resulting from the wet spring. Site crew is pumping out Daredevil, the hole near the recycling dock, Miss Piggy's parking lot (needs hundreds of feet of hose). The site will be wet for a while. Medallion row needs maybe 20 more parking spaces for vendors. No very big remodel of the parking, just the extra spaces.

Justin: Registration process is under way. Booth picks are done online by ranking. Fairly sure to place (in booths) all the people on the wait share list. More booth share is going on.

Sub committee reports

Jon Pincus talked about a kiosk to show stuff about path planning, a place for people to write to Path Planning, share drawings. Should include instructions for how to contact PPC, suggestions, comment box. Wasn't about if, more about how. Build for rain.

Old Business

Locations for after-hour vendors (tabled)

The committee talked about how to present the info and get input on the drawings being proposed. Some talked about the scale of the drawings and the need for relative sizes of GW and CL somewhere on kiosk. There will be eight maps on the display: seven proposals plus a poster with a map showing the locations and scale and giving background information. Each map will have an accompanying list of features.

Crafts Lot, Option 1: Partial Use level.

Chewie commented on the flora in the area by Wind Gate. Jar pointed out that wild roses are absent from the path to the refrigerated trailers.

Pros and Cons: Smallest impact of the plans, allows step-wise development. Small footprint allows much of camping to remain, but doesn't provide much public activity area. Adds Child Care satellite compound, about 10-15 replacement booth sites, and expands Mind-Body-Spirit area. Connects Phun Gate and Kids' Loop cul-de-sac.

Crafts Lot Option 2: Mid-level use.

Jon S. asked "Is this phase one, phase two type thing? Or a different option thing?" The answer was that it is a stand-alone sketch and not a second development phase after Option 1. Service roads were re-drawn for better access.

Pros and Cons: Includes lots of roads, 20-30 booths, good access from the refrigerated trailers, a child care satellite compound (although not located as close to the public entrance as it could be), and open areas for activities. Puts some booths in the sun. Little or no camping space would be available for certain booths.

Crafts Lot Option 3: Full use.

Pros and Cons: Maximizes public space and amenities. Adds 30-40 booths, numerous venues for education, entertainment, and activities. Puts booths in shade. Provides fewer access roads than Option 2. Moves almost all current campers away.

The committee took a short break.

Gypsy Way Option 1: Fair family use.

There was a lot of talk about the back access trails.

Pros and Cons: Adds camping, child care compound, kids' nature walk, family/emergency entrance and toilet courts. Provides no replacement booth space. Service truck access to toilet court north of Gypsy Stage could be difficult in wet years. Minimizes camp displacement, protects some green areas.

Gypsy Way Option 2: Mid-level use.

This got a lot of talk and some redrawing.

Pros and Cons: Adds family/emergency entrances, toilet courts, 5 to 10 booths, public and family toilet courts, spaces and activities for children and elders, rest areas, and a child care compound. Displaces some campers, protects some green areas.

Gypsy Way Option 3: Full use.

Some talked about adding a path to Energy Park and incorporating part of Main Camp into the public area.

Pros and Cons: Adds family/emergency entrances, about 15 booths, venues for entertainment and education, child care compound, elders' booth, dining court, rest areas, public and family toilet courts. Greatest impact on vegetation of the possible plans.

Prepare materials for posting.

Where: (1) Photo ID area, prefair. During fair: Crafts lot side.

(2) Gypsy way entrance.

(3) Far Side?

(4) Sticker Booth.

Who prepares kiosks, display areas: Jon Pincus, Paxton Hoag, Wally Jones.

What: Posters, maps. Statement in booth info e-mails from path planning telling everyone where to look for the materials and plans (Justin). Internet postings (Dennis).

When: Kirk does color maps, then Dennis does photo and print. About 2 weeks.

New Business: none

Finalities

Homework review.

Chewie and camp hosts will be looking at both areas and be sharing that info with PP.

Confirm next meeting: Sept. 26, 2010, noon to 3:00 at the Hub yurt.

Meeting evaluation: Everyone agreed that it was one of the best meetings in a while.