

April 15, 2012.
Time: Noon to 3 PM
Location: Hub Yurt
Agenda

Preliminaries:

Introductions

Michael Richard, Dennis Todd, Colleen B, Jon Pincus, Chewy, Deane Morrow, Kirk S, Steve Wisnovsky, Cathy, Bear, Chris Browne, Jar.

Announcements

Path Planning Committee apologized for not following board protocol and when our BOD member guest last month offered to take the statement to board it was allowed instead of having our BOD liaison present it. Chewy has stepped down as BOD liaison but will remain on the committee. The Craft Committee has on their agenda, to explore the crafts lot proposal so they can bring some ideas to the main meeting. All Fair family is invited to the Craft Committee meetings normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6PM at the Fair office. Due to the jurying happening, they will also be meeting at 6PM at the office on Wednesday, April 25th. It was asked to remind the CC that the maps are very conceptual and footprint oriented with a lot of room for specifics and adjustments. These are concepts and not set in stone.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Review/Amend/Approve

Under Old Business change from 'Prepare for **April** board meeting' to 'prepare for **May** board meeting'.

Previous Minutes

The approval of the minutes for March has been postponed while they are being reconstructed due to technical issues. The file was corrupted and if anyone has any notes from that meeting, please forward them to Peggy to help in the reconstruction.

Staff Reports

Charlie is not at the meeting due to working with Tickets West on a promotion for selling tickets. Steve walked the paths and they are not ready for guests. They will clean it all up, never fear. There are many pictures of snow fall/damage flood damage, etc. The site is accessible with caveats. The ground surface is disrupted with places on 13th that have scrubbed down to old gravel deposits. Other places to where we call 'lime deposits'. Other areas have deposition of sand and gravel and have generally mucky surfaces. The parking lots still have a lot of standing water. The tree work has begun with the sectioning into logs of the big stuff that is down to be carted out later. The debris in the trees will have to wait until the ground is able to handle some heavy equipment. Be careful out there and stay aware. The tree and booth damage report is being compiled. The red tag crew will start next weekend to allow the family as much time as possible for repairs. We will stick to the Red tag schedule for reconstruction and it probably won't be stable enough until the end of May. He and Kirk took a walk about. There is progressive loss in Ark Park. The stack of booth material from the Map booth has moved and shifted. A large chunk of Strawberry Lane is gone and they will do some bank restoration in that area.

Thursday, Chewy will attend a meeting of the survey Crew. The survey crew plans to do a very detailed study on who is camping in Crafts Lot, how many specific groups, how many car campers, how many tent campers, which should help PP with respect to signage. They will advise the committee.

Guests None

Old Business

Prepare for May Board Meeting

Colleen would like to have a report of what took place at the Board meeting be a regular part of the Path Planning agenda.

Chewy is having Paxton take over handling the Path Planning information given to the BOD. Dennis gave an announcement of this coming forward. The Board motion came up at the April BOD meeting as New Business and Indigo will present it in May as Old business. There will probably be a lot of discussion. The motion is as was presented to Indigo and includes the maps. It will be included in the Board packet. Do we need to give Indigo some clarification of what is expected of her?

Work Plan Review

We don't usually meet in June. At the May meeting we can address this. Do we anticipate any other needs or subcommittees or any other issues we can address?

Refine/Review the Flex map.

Current drawing of map was distributed to the committee via email.

Kirk apologized that it wasn't perfect.

The flex plan is close to the maximum use plan from the planning Charette.

A dance area was discussed. More detailed infill was requested.

The area where camping is listed is where it is wet very late.

Let's collect that kind of information on the map.

A lot of people near the service road have not been talked with and Chewy (Camp Crew) is receiving many phone calls.

He strongly suggests not to enter the woods. He reminds the committee that the Dog Pond will probably need to be moved and it will be a low impact move.

Some paths will be cleared for Emergency access only. There is a hard line at South Woods with no camping changes beyond it. There is a nice buffer edge around Decon Camp which would be a major large move.

Hopefully the CL space can be reimagined and be different every year.

There is a small backstage bubble with room for toilets. Trying to make more space on service road to allow fire trucks. Another view is that it should be only gater friendly.

Last meeting the dancers showed up and requested a stompable stage on the ground.

Maintain the greatest flexibility for the first few years.

The June presentation should show what and where so people can begin to decide and help remove people's anxiety.

Decon Camp should be left without booths close. We should be able to connect Ho/ Refer service line.

A service loop would be more safe in an emergency.

Chewy has a communications map that is much larger scale and will give an electronic copy to Kirk of PP. We will try to get a hard copy for the next meeting.

Question: Is there camping being proposed along with any booths? It is possible in the space behind. Speaking on Energy Park Annex, the fallen trees have not completely mitigated the need for solar area. They need to be kept on the map.

Another view is not to put the line at the trees. We are cutting the public off from the trees and they won't be able to experience trees. We also might need to attract the bigger booths with sites among the trees with structures that remain. The service paths are located in the wetlands and should be kept gater/cart/ped only. We have other options for emergency access.

It makes sense to move the Dog Pond away from where the public will be. The Northern tip has been being preserved as a green space. A sun angle study needs to be done to see if Energy Park is getting the exposure they need.

Energy Park is being managed with another area for solar exposure and has sunup to sundown exposure. As we move forward, it is a land use issue and we need to be prepared for reaction. We need to look at the greater needs of the Fair as a whole. No one has the right to put a fence around a spot and say this is mine and you can't change it. Remember to keep enough flexibility and patterns of use are light and moveable enough to be adaptable for a 2nd event. Our footprint needs to be a lot more temporary due to being in the flood plain. The part of the tree-line at the edge near DogPond and Decon has a successful tree-planting project that are someday going to cast shade into CL. More can be planned.

Ark has a quiet area and wonders if adding a large dance floor might change the area to loud.

The whole area needs to be clean up/picked up to make it barefoot ready. Some regions have chittum and hawthorn that can make people sick. We want to maintain the camping area as a group and some of our group drive long distances and have large rigs. It would be a nice area to have White Bird and Fire. Is there a plan to move Energy Park to CL. No, just an annex.

Reiteration of the necessity for access of large emergency vehicles. Let's not discuss the plant issues yet. The big trees are scattered and the area contains a lot of scrub. Ho Road is something that needs to be fixed, whether for service road or whatever.

All the information is being pertinent and vital but maybe not all the details are needed at this time. We are now trying to get the BOD to approve the conceptual design. The minutia can be handled at a later time.

The portability of the booths makes me wonder if we need to explain what kind of building guidelines to avoid having a Saturday Market Booth situation. What crafter will want to be in a booth that changes every year? The idea of portability needs to be better defined. We need to have an area where you can build a booth in the country fair motif and still be portable.

That is the conundrum in terms of structure. What is permanent and what is portable? The edges are the key to the physical architectural success. Model booths didn't work as they were too flimsy. How do we create booths that say 'country fair'. This is a huge and challenging project to have removable but maintain character in the booths. Some earlier designs might be applicable here.

We hope the whole Southside does not become one giant wall. We need to incorporate the trees, especially the big trees. We need to maximize the beauty. You need to go there to make the decisions. We will need to plan on moving off the River and need a place in-land.

Whatever we have to do to dress it up, we don't want a big wall. It is worth being careful about vegetation that makes people sick, especially if White Bird is there.

Having crafters are here for a focused idea. Long term staff has a much stronger

The Cascara Giganta and is not a bad tree. You have to chew on the bark to have any symptoms.

We need to vote to present this or a modified version of the flex map. Where will use this space and will not use that space. I think that needs to be decided so I can give information to the people who will be required to move. The Southern edge should be a backdrop, not allowing the public access into the woods.

A motion was made to call the Southern line at the tree line and not move the campers from the woods.

I would prefer to walk the area before making the decision and it would be a mistake to do it without looking at it.

I don't feel we should draw that hard a line. The edge moves in and out of the woods by 5-20 feet. The current campsites already have a buffer. We do need to look at the site.

A show of hands for walking around the area before the decision is made and possibly tabling the motion until after.

2 of the heritage trees in particular are right behind where the drawing shows the toilets. A lot of people camping in the trees are aware of the possibility of a move. The survey to be done this Fair by camping will make sure who knows about the coming move.

We should not be worried about the hard line of the trees and it should be handled by operations. It is not worth getting hung up on a matter of 30 feet one way or another. We should leave some flexibility. Operations mows to a specific edge and there is short grass and tree-line. The board needs to know some things are not fully decided yet. One solution for the service roads is logs, corduroy road.

Do we want to go look and come back? We have a lot more meeting to finish up.

A show of hands to see if we want to look at the area before voting on the motion.

Our biggest concern is if we can explain to the board and tell the campers what is going to happen. It is only 'Fair'. I want to let people know whether they need to move or not.

We can say this is the boundary and if you are within 50 feet you might need to move. 50' is a lot.

A motion is made and amended with a second to say 'Hold the new use to the tree edge to be described as approximately 50 feet into the woods from the mown edge' and people might or might not need to move. The question is called and seconded. Motion passed to stop the discussion.

1 opposed, 1 abstained, motion passed.

A great time for a follow up meeting would be July 4th.

We need this vote before the next BOD meeting when the statement will be presented.

It is felt the motion is general enough to keep the flexibility and keep it open.

Statement for Board: The Path Planning Committee recommends that Crafts Lot be opened to the public in 2014 following the principles of maximum flexibility as expressed in map 4 and incorporating Fair Family feedback.

New Business:

Work Plan and Fair Presentation.

Kirk can make modifications to the flex map (4) up to the time of the BOD meeting and will revise the drawing to incorporate the discussion at the meeting.

We need to review the broad strokes and do they need to be changed?

We need to make sure the map is an example of the concept.

The operational details remain to be worked out.

The maps 1-3 were reviewed and map 4 was chosen by the committee after careful consideration.

Should we include the other maps?

Should there be a narrative page to explain why we chose map 4?

The co-chairs will do a brief history at the presentation. There are goals written and available for questions.

Remember to make copies of map 4 for the audience.

1. Present statement and map concept. Map needs to be given at least a week before the meeting to be included in the packet.
2. Inform via presentation more than ask for ideas It was said it would be appropriate to make a brief presentation for the BOD.
3. Maybe a larger notification scale.
4. 2 different issues, camping who will go where and who will fit where in CL

5. No dates are available yet and the BOD meeting will set forth a start date).

Prep for (Crew) Stakeholder meeting concerning CL.
Meeting to have a Q/A.

Homework Review:

Getting the package together.

Meeting Evaluation

Still time for a walk. Kudos to the group for a good meeting.

Confirm next meeting time/place

May 20 noon to 3, Alice's or Hub.
No official PP meeting in June.
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 in CL.