

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Minutes

4-19-15

Call to Order 1:09 AM

Intros

Path Planners- Kirk, Paxton, Jon, Susanna, Jay, Dennis, Tom, Colleen, Sylvia, Justin, Dean, David

Staff- Charlie and Shane

Guests- Keith Herchberger, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Bill Wright, Bob Beebe, Tim Wolden, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Michael Gibbons, Renée Painter, Tulsi Wallace, Sue Theolass, Spirit, Christie Banks, Mikl, Bear Pitts, Shelley Hanson

Announcements

We are moving community village discussion towards the top of the agenda.

WOW Hall annual meeting is coming up.

KOCF LPFM is in a capital fundraising drive to raise funds for the transmitter and antenna purchase.

Vision Action Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26th at the Lane CC Longhouse, check .net site for details.

Jason and the mapping group have students doing an internship on the OCF site.

Gene Ehrbar is doing the communications map.

Approval of Minutes

Approved unanimously

Public Comments

Colleen would like to make sure that Path Planning puts on its agenda for 2015-16 about entering into a discussion with the BOD about PP scope and communications processes. Delayed until Story Pole discussion when Kirk and David arrive.

Agenda Review-good-

Approved unanimously

Reports:

Board Liaison

Paxton- Veneta is putting a path from downtown to Elmira and it could impact trees on our property.

The Barter Fair BoD motion to postpone failed so there will be a BF in the Dragon Plaza. Path Planning might want to look at how it works as a new entity and in the new space.

We might want to see how the space works for path activities.

A comment was made that Barter Fair is not the purview of Path Planning.

Staff/ General Manager Report

StoryPole

We are seeking a new motion from PP to get support for a new location for the story pole. The sauna would relocate the mushroom and locate the story pole to that location.

The new location has less impact archeologically and the cement base is smaller.

We'd like to get support from the BOD on this plan as well.

NAG summit out in the six acre woods a veritable Avant Garden. We are trying to figure out how we are going to tell this story to our public. After the meeting I felt better about the operational goals that we have set for this new space. We are going to need to figure out how we are going to work with Traffic to move folks out of the Fair. Loading in is not the issue, it's how we get folks out of the fair with the new allocation.

Dave "cookie Dave" said the dance pavilion seems to be too small. The tape we have on the ground is the dance floor it is not the overall bleachers and other parts. The bleachers have three steps. The dance floor is larger than the Vets Club hall dance floor. No change there. The SUP with the County has been submitted. It encompasses most of the Fair it does not cover our two agriculture-only zoned sites nor the Far Side.

We have a lot of support from the City of Veneta but we have to see what the neighbors have to say about the permit.

We have included many of our areas where we know the County has not taken a look at how we use these areas for about a dozen years or more. It does not address all of our areas. If this goes through we'll move the Fair closer to being in compliance with the County rules. There is a two week administrative review period at the County, the first two weeks of May. Then there is a period of time where neighbors and outside agencies get to comment. We'll see where things go from there. This document is multi-layered. We can make changes once the document has been approved.

Within the permit we have requested the ability to have single-day events that might look a lot like the Barter Fair or the Elmira Cross Country event where we are bringing people onto the site to use the facility. I hope folks get behind this; it is an important thing for the future of the Fair and this community. These usually take six month from beginning to end. We're not going to rush this. We have a Fair to put on right in the middle of the process. And we really want to have time to address all the questions that might come up during the review period.

Our land use permit is looked at in terms of layers. The 286 acre non-conforming land use permit sits as the foundation, and this SUP would become a second layer if you will. Then as time moves forward in theory we can add additional layers onto this so it's not a static process. What we end up with is a very specific set of terms and conditions that allow us to do a certain set of specified activities in different areas.

NAG Report

Saman wants at least a wall no taller than four foot so folks can see him cooking.

Justin –It was an amazing opportunity to have these one on one discussion with these booth reps. We also worked with Craft Committee and are moving some strolling crafters into permanent spaces and worked with each of them to find the right place. As we work through this meadowmorphosis we are allowing some vendors to build "permanent" structures and most will be temporary.

The Fair will be doing stick and bone (light construction booths) on 17 temporary booths.

Wait-share requests are at 70-80 crafters. This is the largest pool in recent history.

Seven stick-built plus 17 temps and 7 in the Casbah or about 25 booths total.

East of the Sun, West of the Moon gets about a dozen more one year only.

The two way communications could always be improved and we might want to look closer at what we are working on.

Public Comment- Community Village Discussion

Keith Herschberger with the Community Village: Over the last six months based on planning decisions from Kirk and David we have had heated discussions and debates in the Village around this idea of Village expansion. We want to remove the idea of "new path" because it brings fear and distrust. The Village has been stagnant in size for at least 20 years. We haven't received new passes and we are not here to ask for new passes.

It has created some upheavals. We have exceptional buy-in but we have members that haven't agreed. But that percentage is shrinking with time. Most of the concerns are about security, design, and quiet space. We've had hundreds of folks make comments.

The Village is making progress toward getting to consensus. We are glacial in our working toward consensus. We are asking for just a little more time.

David-I think this is a cross-over between public comment and a sub-committee report because we have been working on this as a sub-committee. I was told recently that the Village voted it

down so I moved on. Now I'm hearing that there is a possibility of it going through. The idea of having a cul-de-sac or a non-path path is not going to be a part of any design because we are trying to alleviate congestion and confusion. And a dead end is not allowed in the Fair LUMP documents. Having said that, I love hearing that there is consensus or movement towards it. I think this (Village expansion) is a good thing for the whole Fair and that what I always work towards.

Kirk-echoing David's thanks, we are glad to hear there is a possibility of this moving forward. We have a couple of booths that are interested in moving to the new space so some more space for the Village should be had. If /when this happens improving and widening East 13th becomes possible and is a good thing. So that isn't happening this year so why not take another year? The cul-de-sac in the village is historic but it is non-compliant with our LUMP manual. The Community Village has been a non-conforming area with the LUMP manual, so let's figure out how to make it conform. Maybe it doesn't have to be a big wide path, maybe we can have a small path that goes through. If we are to go forward then we need to find out that the Village is on board. We don't want to waste our time. Kirk moved that we extend our working date until March 20, 2016 for a commitment from the Village to move forward with the Path Planning subcommittee and then work with the Village committees to develop and design ideas.

Keith- we are not at consensus, there are four different proposals on the table. There is concern around noise levels during the Fair in the new locations.

Chelsey-I'm here from spirit booth, one of the outcomes that our group is possibility planning. We've been resistant because we didn't want something that is intrinsically beautiful to the village didn't get rebuilt in a way that didn't allow for that beauty to move forward. So slowing this process down has been a big deal for many of us and hearing that you guys are willing to allow that to happen is also a big deal. We've been on the resistance side but are interested in being involved in the possibilities design team. Now that we hear there is more time we can see that you are interested helping us get through this.

In the Fall PPC will re-create our sub-committee and we'd like the community village to participate on that committee.

Kirk moved that we extend our working date until March 20, 2016 for a decision from the Village to move forward or not with the Path Planning subcommittee and then work with the Village committees to develop and design ideas.

12- in favor

1- abstain

Sub Committees

Story Pole

A motioned for Path Planning to support the new location for the story pole and make that recommendation to the board.

Charlie- This will be a three pole installation and will be a much smaller footprint on the land also being in an area that has been impacted in the past.

Tom- the location is in the front of the sauna where the mushroom is located now. I have a problem with the fact that we have been asking for months now that we have an engineered stamped design and have yet to see one. Hats off to George to get it out of the archeological sensitive area so we don't have to deal with the State and we don't have to deal with any of the review that would go along with a State permit. Also the concerns around cultural appreciations was brought up. Some said we could talk with the Haida people but it was pointed out that they didn't live here. So we are asking George to consult with both the Siletz and Grand Ronde people. Legally it's not required but ethically we should have it addressed. But the Grand Ronde people and the many other tribes rolled into their confederation did not do totems. One more thing that I want to point out, with the erection of a totem pole there should be a potlatch in which the person giving the potlatch distributes their wealth. Someone commented "free saunas for everyone!" The archaeology committee will be there when the new holes are dug to monitor

what comes out of the holes and there could be something that could stop the process from moving forward. Having said all that, in this new location it's going to be really cool to see. It can be seen all the way from Pooh corner. And with the designs we've seen it's going to look really nice.

Jay- One of the things that slowed down my enthusiasm for this project was that it seem kinda like a land grab. This was formerly a green zone and all of a sudden there was soil fabric down and covered with gravel and a cinder block wall around the back side of it. I'm hoping that once this pole finds a new space the cinderblock, fabric and gravel go away rather than this just becoming new space.

Charlie- I have been telling George that once the pole is up that space comes back to PP to talk about the future of that space.

Justin pointed out that this should be on our Fall work plan.

Colleen pointed out that George is planning to have a celebration for the story pole, a salmon bake I think.

Jon was hoping the motion was only addressing the location change and not that we supported the engineering plans because we haven't seen them.

Justin called for the vote on the motion- " for Path planning to support the new location for the story pole and make that recommendation to the Board."

12 for

One abstained

Sound-SubWoofers

Sue is providing a report from Amy who is traveling in the LA area. A survey is being posted on the .net site by this coming Wednesday to provide feed-back for the work session. The sub-woofers plan to hold a meeting on the week of the 27th to plan the work session. We have been waiting for Indigo to return as she is the BOD liaison for the work session. Input from PP is welcome and invited. The location of the work session is the Hilyard Community Center, the date is May 17th and it starts at noon with a potluck, followed by the work session from 1-4PM. It's open to everybody.

Jay-I want to thank Amy for taking this on, this has been a problem for years, this started as an aesthetics subcommittee but it's been over- shouted by the sound policy. Next year we need to refocus our work on path aesthetics.

Colleen – Maker sure the aesthetics sub-committee is pulled back into next year's work plan.

Colleen brought up the idea that PPC's last meeting of the year was going to be this work session. How will Path Planning get its work done in May?

Amy and Sue will try to work some time into the meeting for PPC to take on final business for the year.

We may want to do a working lunch.

Colleen asked with is the role of PPC in the sound workshop? Are we just there as guests?

David commented that we have been waiting to finalize our schedule until Indigo returned, then will do our timeline and agenda.

Kathy- would like to have Path Planning make a recommendation from the work done at the sound workshop and present it to the BOD.

Lighting Sub-committee

Paxton--We didn't get a subcommittee together. Tim Holt developed small LEDs lights for the recycling kiosks. Food committee meets Wednesday. I can work with them this year and then next.

Dean- I'd like the lighting sub-committee to create documents or recommendations that show how much light can spill out and what footprint is allowed. We have booths on the path at night that can ruin your night vision for fifteen minutes because of spillage. I'd like to see that we formalize this process a bit more.

Sue-Food Committee meets soon and I can bring this forward to that committee.

Naming sub-committee

Jay- we met this morning we and we would like to remind PP that we decided on a name for the new area "Avant Gardens." I dare you to use the name. None of us get to control what the family calls the new area. Other names: A few paths and roads do matter; we have names for the two vending areas, "East of the Sun" and "West of the Moon." Two roads exist, "Ruff Road," and the "Wingate Service Road." West of the Moon goes to Blue Moon Plaza. "Phun Road" goes east-west at the south side of the area.

The Breeze Way would be a good name for Stage Left to Blue Moon path.

There is a motion to adopt Ruff Road, Breeze Way and Wingate Service Road

11 yes

2 abstained

Work Plan update no update

Old business

Dust abatement

Susanna-The dust seemed to get out of control last year. Near the Upper River Loop junction across from the library, we lost our source of water and then we depended on water barrels and they didn't get filled up until Thursday afternoon. By then it was too late; our camps and booths our products were covered with dust. It looked like Sunday afternoon. Not sure what happened.Ideally we'd like to have our spigot back. So to summarize our neighborhood lost access to a water spigot and our water barrels need to be filled on Wednesday morning.

Kim- Just to give you some background. When we try to fill barrels early some have not been "adopted" and if they get filled and are in the wrong location they have to get emptied before they can be moved. Getting water in before Thursday, our crews are not paid before Thursday. We do not have a pre or post Fair staff. We have a staff that shows up a week before the Fair and work their asses off, we install drinking fountains, and we sanitize the water system. We do sanitation testing to make sure our system is all up to code. That process is a 48 hour process. We deliver water to ten booths on Wednesday, BOD approved. These are the only food booths that get water early. We start at 7am Thursday morning and deliver water to food booths, which is our priority. We fill once or twice a day always in the evening. Most will have some water in the morning. We try to fill dust barrels half to 3/4 full for fire protection when doing our food booths fill up. We have a reservoir on the upper river loop that we use.

We have a water capacity Issue! We (The Fair) ran out of water last year on Saturday afternoon. We had to call our carts that fill up barrels and booths and tell them to take a break. We were waiting for "Biggie," we are out of water. So, at this time increasing volume of water for anything needs to be put on the back burner for awhile.

Michael--fire crew dusting early I have a little step-side pickup that I deploy the week before the Fair. I have a 165 gallons on board. Since 2000 my crew said we are not on shift, let's go do some dusting. We have been doing that since then. If we do not we get calls we aren't down there watering. We don't have a schedule of what, when and where we are dusting, because it's not our gig. We are doing it as a volunteer job. The big part about dust is the dust that comes from the parking lot drifts over the Eight and settles on it. We have rental water trucks that we use to water the parking lot. Eight years ago it was realized that "Peachee" could no longer keep up with the work. We rent from United Rentals, we almost didn't get a truck last year because they were all rented out. We put down between 50,000 and 75,000 gallons of water a day on the parking areas. We don't own that water, we get it from the road pond. If this is a two year drought we won't be able to get that water. It doesn't matter how much dust control you do on the Eight if the parking lots are dusty--it will drift over the Eight and get everything dusty!

Because of the fire danger water trucks all over the state are being rented for the season.

Nobody is going to hold a water truck for one week in the middle of the summer for the Oregon Country Fair. I've done some research on prices for a used water truck. They are out there for

\$20-35,000. But I've been told there is no way the Fair is going to spend that kind of money on a water truck. And if we take care of it, and we do it will last us the next 25 years. We spend \$1500 a year on a rental.

Justin-Thanks to Michael for what he does and the rest of his crew.

Susanna- This is a big issue. Perhaps the Water Crew can use the PP committee as a liaison for budgetary needs with the BOD. It sounds like the crew is under-supported, underfunded and perhaps there isn't the recognition of the importance of the work they do. I think this is a "to be continued" story and perhaps next year we can have you come early on and we can come up with some BOD recommendations.

Jon- Obviously there is a big infrastructure need for improvements and additional capacity to the water system.

Dean- Communities around the state are being told to have mandatory water conservation. Perhaps we need to also look at our water usage. Perhaps there may be some other solutions to dust than throwing an additional 50,000 gallons of water at it.

Justin- I'm recommending that we create a sub-committee for next year. I do see that your infrastructure does need to be addressed. You need to figure out how to spread you upgrade over two three or four years of capitol requests.

Tom-recommends that perhaps the neighborhoods work together to deal with dust.

Michael- wanted to remind the PPers that this is a two crew issue. Water Crew and Fire Crew. Fire Crew does the big stuff outside the Eight and Water Crew deals with inside.

Colleen- we need to place dust and water usage priority issues on PP work plan for next year. Subcommittee for next year to study dust abatement and water mitigation recommendations.

Susanna

Sylvia

Justin

Christy Banks - convenor Workshop 503-828-4601

Michael Gibbons-Fire Crew

Jon

Renee Painter

Michael' elder with barrett

Sue

Dean

New Business

Homework review

Justin and Colleen will work with sound board

Meeting Evaluation

People like you inspire me

Thumbs up

Happy villagers!!

I feel productive

Good meeting

We love you

Good information learned today.

This meeting was great!

I thank you guys for taking on some of the things that nobody else has wanted to take on. You have a good group of folks that care about the Fair, that's what's really important.

Committees are valuable to do the detailed work that needs to be done.

This committee has evolved and has become a very functional committee.

Thanks to our secretary- Dean his work is essential to getting our work out to the rest of the Family.

This is kind of a wrap to this year's work, there is much we discuss and sometimes we have to ask is that our purview.

Next meeting (May 17th) noon potluck
Sound Board workshop Hilyard Community Center

Adjourned 3:53 PM