

OCF Path Planning Meeting

11-15-2015 Minutes

Call to Order 12:11p

Scribe- Dean Middleton

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

Guests-Donnell Rogers, Heather Kent, Robert (Mouseman) McCarthy , Amy Hand, Kathryn
Wert, Michelle Blackwell, Sue Theolass

Announcements

Holiday Market starts this coming weekend.

Culture Jam fundraiser at the next BOD meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Kirk so moved

Dennis seconded

2 abstained

Passed

Public Comments

Letter from Melanie Morrison regarding Youth Stage smell issues from the Main Camp six pack
~No reason why we could replace them with Bucks

~Construction crew is evaluating them as well perhaps beefing up fans and rebuilding them. We
need to put in for capital budget to rebuild them.

Staff~ It gets pumped pre-Fair and it's challenging to get a pumper in during the fair.

BoD~ Capitol budget to rebuild it this year. Higher stacks and insure the fans are running would
help, this conversation needs to be pushed uphill.

~Rebuilding won't help if the stacks aren't working. Perhaps we might want to create a
committee to review how we deal with our poo.

~Potty placement has no official process, they stink worse even after they are pumped.

~Pumping and chemical treatment are needed. We should be able to get a pumper truck in there
but if not can we put a dip tube out to the front of Main Camp.

~We should express to the youth stage that we are aware of the issue, and perhaps we can
reorient the stage.

Guest- Three years ago I went with a friend to a performance and couldn't stay to watch it. These
are our kids and it's unhealthy.

~Perhaps we should seal it.

~We could put up a barrier.

~Vicks vapor rub!

BoD~ Lets keep our focus on this area and not go to evaluating the entire Fair

BoD~ December sub-committee round-up could take this on.

~Keep it or not--that is the question.

~Path Repair sub-committee has the assignment for December.

~Jen-Lin's feedback report is available. On the .net site is the feedback for this year, listed under
Feedback.

Agenda review
Kirk moved to approve
Susanna seconded
Passed

Reports;
Staff

Shane- Bale dams are in, haven't seen water go through the culvert yet. We are cleaning up Wood World again. We have hauled off dimensional lumber, even stuff that has been there for a decade or more. Booths are doing great and have cleaned up well, but we still have a few that are not in compliance so we are going around fixing them for them.

~When we first started booths had to leave a security deposit. I'm surprised we walked away from that process.

~I'm surprised that booths leave garbage.

~I think we should fine booths when they leave garbage and then ask them to leave a security deposit until they have complied.

~We could recommend the probation method instead of asking everyone for a deposit. We could assign it to those who present a problem until they get better.

~We tell people to remove their stuff by the teddy bear picnic. There are repeat offenders and they should be fined enough to make it hurt, these are folks that just don't care because the time/expense of removing the garbage is too high and a deposit might be cheap enough to be considered a removal fee by the booth owner.

~The site crew has to clean this up after the Fair and costs the Fair money.

~There should be a financial consequence high enough to get the message across.

~This is outside the purview of Path Planning and is an operations staff issue.

New Area Group (NAG)

BoD- Fewer meetings than last year because we want to sunset NAG but we do have some issues that need to be addressed. We are looking at a crew budget to get things set up, We need to add more food booths. We are looking at the set-up and take-down of the Dance Pavilion and Steward Ship.

BoD- We are addressing the food booth issues and re-envisioning the Steward Ship and how to make it more dynamic. We felt it was one of the more underwhelming areas of the new area. We like to continue to grow into that space. We have gotten negative feedback on the steel poles and are looking at that.

BoD- We are looking at adding a one-year educational offering similar to the one-year art thing.

BoD- Dance pavilion is still being addressed and how it gets used and to make sure the County is happy.

BoD-Liaison

BoD- Justin has been appointed as the new liaison--and Kirk and Sue even though she is not on this committee, officially Kirk and Justin are the liaisons

~The new diversity committee might want to be considered for the Steward Ship.

BoD- Analogizing how the BoD relates to the committee structure. It was discussed during the BoD retreat. I'd like to see the Path Planning model as a norm. Both Kirk and Justin are on a

BoD committee that is reviewing this subject. We are working on the back and forth nature of how we can better effectively utilize the committee structure.

~The process of communicating back and forth between the BoD and the committee is a problem and needs to be improved upon.

~This committee has proven to be accessible to the Fair Family. Many other committees do not offer this level of transparency and accessibility.

BoD-The PP outline on what we'd like to see as a model for the back and forth has been presented to the BoD and has become a foundation for the future discussions. The board is considering building a committee "handbook" of best practices. We are also looking at the responsibilities of what the board liaison does. We are looking at the possibility of creating a new set of documents that would go beyond the executive summary that is currently in play, that would include direct feedback from the BoD to the committee of what they would like to see the committee working on.

Sub-committees

~Upper River Loop is planning to meet after the December committee roundup on site.

BoD- time was spent on Upper River Loop and Story Pole and White Bird. The possibility of enhancing the area in The New Area and how that could affect the old White Bird and its footprint. Story pole--we get to see drawings today. There's talk about strengthening the front White Bird, Tom G. is talking about taking the lead on Upper River Loop, there is misinformation on the goals of what is going on in this area, and we want everyone on the same page.

~Sub Woofers will report to the committee in January.

~The Upper River Loop will probably be approached as a one-day workshop.

Work Plan Update

Path Planning Sub Committee List for 2015-16

* designates subcommittees that will meet at the December Sub-Committee Roundup

** designates Convener

*Pocket Parks, Path Repair, Heritage Trees

**David, Susanna, Jay, Kirk, Jon

Night Lighting

**Paxton, Kirk, Susanna, Asia, Jon, Amy, Dean

*Naming Conventions

**Jay, Paxton, Jon, Sue, Tom C., Diane, Tom G., Bear, Cathy, Colleen, Justin

Front of Fair

**Colleen, Charlie or Tom G., Jon, Paxton, Dean, Justin, Kirk, Dennis

*Upper River Loop

**Bear, Tom C., Susanna, Jay, Sylvia, Justin, David

Sauna Story Pole

**Tom C., Justin, Dennis, Kirk, Bob B., Michelle

Community Village proposed new entrance

**David, Kirk, Justin, Sue, Jon P., Diane

Second Event Overlay (PAUSED)

*Aesthetics

**Jay, Jon, Susanna

*Sound

**Amy, Justin, Susanna, David, Indigo, Patty, Sue, Juice, Jon

Dust Abatement

**Christy, Susanna, Sylvia, Michael (the Elder), Jon, Renee Painter

Contact norma to get roundup on calendar

Old Biz

Story Pole

Michelle-Thanks for letting us participate in the process. We know it has been difficult and sometimes growth happens when we have challenges. Archeology is going to be there when we move the Mushroom, thanks to Tom and Darby who have been there all day long and we really want to thank them. The drawings have gone to the engineer, George is not concerned with the weather and the time of year, thinking we can move ahead with the County. What we have here are pretty drawings but the architectural drawings have gone to the engineer and to Tom Gannon. ~Thanks for coming and the drawings. The Ritz has met with Tom and has much of the liability piece has been dealt with. Let's abstain from building by committee.

BoD- Path Planning can make recommendations but management has the ultimate responsibility on see this is done correctly.

BoD-As an architect I understand the drawings and appreciate the efforts made. I do have a question about if the pole can stand alone.

Michele-The three carved poles will disguise the steel frame work that will be in place,

~What material is the roof and what material is the floor?

Michelle-The floor is slate, I don't know about the roof--it will be wood and whatever is available at the time.

~I have concern about flooring. What if other people were do the same to their booths? It kind of sets a president and I'm not sure how to address this.

~Craft booth and food booths have guidelines that have to be followed and would prevent the installation of permanent flooring,

~Perhaps we should create a separate of the set of guidelines for the sauna and like booths. Also, I'm concern with the depth of the footings because where you are placing these footings is very near the waterline and could become unstable through erosion.

~I agree with what has been said but any concerns about design should go to the staff. I am concerned that as an inspector of safety for the Fair that we can't inspect the sauna, I have been doing this work for a very long time and for whatever reason I have been told to look the other way. Which is very challenging for me. When I see this loft that was built without permission it looks well built but anyone else on this property that built a loft without me or Kirk knowing about it we'd probably tell them to tear it down. This is really touchy. Charlie told me this one subject was the most difficult thing that he had to deal with during his tenure as the executive Director.

1:32:00

The plans clearly say reinforced concrete slab but it's outside of our guidelines. I think as a Path Planning committee member I should say has policy changed? I have concerns about this being precedent. When someone violates the guideline it degrades the import of the inspector! I felt hypocritical because we don't have common standards.

~A concrete slab that ensures the public safety is one thing, but if you do it because of design that something we need to question. Also the topography has been modified in a way that we haven't seen before on Fair site. This goes outside of our ideal of living lightly on the land. Because this facility falls outside of our standards and practices we need to have a standard for it. BoD~ Having different standards for different areas and types of installations is appropriate. We already do that with booths and Fair structures. So developing formal standards for these different areas might be a good idea. As inspectors and not being allowed to inspect because the Fair and the sauna have an MOA that is okay and but the loft was way out of the norm and still violates all safety. We need you to put plywood over the stairs so it can't be accessed. That's for insurance purposes. So if you guys can tackle that It would be appreciated. But in the long term it really shouldn't be there.

Michelle- Thank you for bring that up. We'll take a look at that.

BoD~ Does the slab have a structural consideration or is it just for aesthetics?

Motion~ We accept the triangle support as seen in the designs and drawings and being presented with continued discussions about the finish materials. Question: Who is going to continue the discussion? Well perhaps I'm not ready for a formal motion, I think there are some issues about the floor that need further discussion.

~There is an MOA. George called it a memorandum of understanding and we'd like to know what the details are so we can understand the nature of the relationship. We'd like to get that MOA back to this committee.

BoD- The MOA does allow for some need to work outside of our standards but we do need to make sure the public is safe and so it's important that Construction knows when they can access the Sauna. We need to clean up this relationship. Clearly we need to define the rules of engagement so we can protect the public safety. Were acknowledge that you (sauna) are trying to work with us and we need to walk this down the road to completion.

~ I want to remind everyone this (storypole) has been Board approved so we are just moving this ahead. If a motion is born out of this it is to hand off to the folks that will help get the project completed.

~I'm not ok with cement being used, if Main Camp can do it in the dirt then perhaps the sauna can too. This is clearly now on the path and I'm concerned about the progression from the gravel around the seating area and then the crushed rock around the carving area. I got more concerned and now with this slab I got angry, I'm thinking why am I on Path Planning if anyone can do whatever they want, I thought we were trying to maintain a "vibe" on this land.

~Cement slab is way outside our standards and should be reevaluated if it's not a part of the engineering issue. If slate is the desired flooring I'm okay with that but it can be laid over crushed rock tamped down.

Michele- I will check the slab issue in with George, I want to acknowledge the concerns of your inspectors, but the MOA does allow us to do our own thing so it's not within the purview of Path Planning,

(outburst from the room with expletives) So why can't we agree to disagree? This is a conversation that we will engage Tom on. Let not do this design by committee and stay focused on what we are here to do.

~ I want to clarify that the reason we need to know about the MOA is so we will know what to stay out of. The new location of the pole is in the sauna camping area and is not in the path. This is almost like a booth redesigning its interior to give public better access.

~The placement of the of this does clearly put it in the public space and clearly that is the purview of PP. I agree we need to see the MOA, and there is nothing proprietary about it. We are a 501c3 which makes the documents public documents.

~I think the carving area was camping space but now it is public path.

BoD-Path Planning does need to understand the MOA and needs to request it from staff, It's not the sauna's place to make it available for us. We just need to request it from staff. Then PP has to fold that into our understanding of how things work. I agree with Michelle pushing back on that, we are not here to rewrite this agreement. Before I make a motion I want to say that the concrete slab is the only thing that is an issue. I'd like to see softer designs so we can have storm water soak in.

Motion- Kirk would like to move to accept the triangle support concept as shown by sauna drawings presented today, with continued discussion with staff about finished floor configuration.

Justin seconded

Discussion of the motion-

BoD~ There are many positive aspects of the new design that I support and other than the slab fully support, I think it's great that the sauna is making more public space, I think the look is going to be beautiful. I think we've been able to move this discussion down the road so we can give this project a thumbs up.

~I'm confused about the continued discussion part of the motion, does it mean that PP continues the discussion or is it staff?

Kirk- Yes that's my intention.

~I can't support the motion without the removal of the concrete slab. Its about the nature of the site and I would like to ask for a friendly amendment, with the exception that staff find a way around using the concrete slab... the discussion around the slab issue continues...

Another attempt to add the amendment into the proposal but it failed...

BoD-If there are structural supports tied to the slab then I'd like to call without the amendment. I'd like to call the question.

~The friendly amendment did not pass.

A re-reading of the motion "Kirk would like to move to accept the triangle support concept as shown by sauna drawings presented today, with continued discussion with staff about finished floor configuration."

~BoD called the for the motion

Discussion suspended

5 supported

4 abstained

Motion passed

Carving area-

Michelle ~We need the carving area this years because it's a staging area for us to be able to raise the pole that we are going to raise on July 2nd, and continue to do the carving the following year. We would like to work with PP to see if a booth can be created that would create a space that helps continue the creative interactive arts that we have nourished with the creation of the story pole. We have estimated that over three hundred people were involved in the carving of the pole. Clearly the sauna has put up energy and money to clean up the space which was just blackberries and so we'd like to have a voice in the conversation of how the space get folded back into the commons.

~That space is not part of the sauna. It was previously part of teen crew's camp. Some folks call it blackberries and others call it understory, which is a part of our forest that begins on the edge of this space. The space should be returned to the Fair so we can treat the ground like we do it everywhere else. The loft structure has to be removed. It's clearly outside of our guidelines.

~Thank you for coming today, I'd like to see the gravel removed and the cement blocks removed and the loft removed before the next fair, I'm ok with the carving at the next fair but I want the industrial look removed. What's wrong with wood chips on ground?

~We are talking about the timeline to restore and return the area to the commons. I am very supportive of forming a subcommittee with the sauna being a part of to decide how this is to happen and would report back to this committee. It's appropriate to include the sauna because this committee has a history of including stakeholders. I would like to ask the subcommittee to report back to this committee as soon as possible why the gravel was put there and if it's still needed and try to focus on getting the gravel out of there just as soon as it's not needed.

~I'm also concerned about that area being used again by the sauna for the 2016 Fair. Will you be carving poles in the space during this Fair? If not it will be an empty gravel lot, not very aesthetically pleasing.

~Michelle- I don't know if we are going to be carving at the event or not but our focus is the staging that it takes to raise a pole of this size, the ropes and pulleys, I'd like to continue the discussion and find out some of the answers that have been asked and report back. The loft is an important element for the lift. I don't know about its uses after July 2nd and those are some of the questions that I'd like to research and then report back.

BoD~ This is not a new conversation about the restoration of the area and the removal of the ground cloth and gravel and cement blocks. I like the idea of a collaborative subcommittee. I can understand the need for the area as a landing zone for this year but it saddens me but having a collaborative plan to restore the area and to put it down on paper so we can see what the restoration looks like. Regardless of whether it was a land grab or blackberries or forest understory, I would like to move beyond that and come up with a plan between us of what a realistic time frame, what's it going to look like and how do we get if back to the commons. If it doesn't have a pole sitting there or carving is not going on there it's a sore and getting it restored is a big win for the sauna because it shows that sauna has that as a goal and can work with the Fair just like the rest of the family.

Justin ~I would like to move to establish a subcommittee in order to set goals around the restoration of the carving area.

Susanna seconded

~Speaking to the motion-This subcommittee is different from the story pole subcommittee, because that committee will be done when the pole goes in the ground.

~I agree that this is a different committee because it is about that space.

BoD- I can't support the motion because, it's too soon to put that on the sauna by 2016 Fair.

~Justin- the motion did not have a date associated with it on purpose.

Question restated Justin made a motion to form a collaborative subcommittee with the sauna and Path Planning and other stakeholders to establish goals and timelines for restoration of the pole carving area.

9 yes

~The motion passed

The new shade area in The New Area near the food booths.

~Hilary sent an email that NAG and operations are working to design these. Josh and Saman are working together and Justin will make sure they know who they're funding source is.

~Blue rooms (portable toilets) at the south end of the new area-

~The signage to the blue rooms near Hoe Road needs to be addressed.

~ Another issue was brought up that post Fair this area became a dumping ground because it was hidden. It was agreed that signage could influence people's behavior. Shane heard the issue and was aware of the problem and will address it at the 2016 event.

~Another set of blue rooms is needed in the South Woods down Hoe Road. The population in that area has grown to the point where this is necessary.

Shane-the grey water bladder worked really well and we plan to do it again. The capacity was good, the piping worked well, the central pumping point was great because the truck did not have to enter the meadow.

~The improvements to Refer Pass worked well in that area.

Dance Stage-

BoD~The NAG group has taken feedback and gotten Jen-Lin's and all those things are in play. We have about 20 items that may need to have capital improvement budget items. But many of them are small. Gates need to be changed and other little things. We plan to meet on the ground with stakeholders and talk. We will talk about Wind Gate and the problems that happened, we'll talk about shade lines and then more booths to build and then I personally want to see that both blue room corrals need to be increased in size and capacity.

Specifically on the Dance Pavilion we are currently working with the structural engineer who is checking the numbers so we can fix anything that needs it and then get permits with the County. It's a work in progress. The reason the new bladder system worked so well is that the new food booths were adjacent to the Love Canal and we didn't have to trench.

Shane~ The new food booths will not be able to use the bladders because they are not on Love Canal and we can't run a pipe to them. We will either have to trench so we can lay a pipe for central bladder clean out or we'll have to bring trucks into the meadow for clean out. If the vendor exceeds bladder capacity it becomes a health hazard..

~Can water that has cooked rice be used for dust abatement?

BoD~ Generally the feedback for The New Area was amazingly positive

Committee membership

~We have 12 active members and that is really a pretty big committee. We recently checked our constituency with regards to the Fair and we are missing young folks, folks from Security, BUMs, Peach Power, the Diversity Committee, Food Committee, etc. Are we supposed to have representation from these groups?

~I think we are supposed to have 14.

~side comment 18 is where we started.

~It is difficult to have representation in all sectors and engineering the membership of the committee isn't practical. We should put out the word that we have vacancies and if a group has a burning desire to have representation then they should approach us and we'll try to make it happen.

~We do have history of approaching the BoD because we needed to have input from a certain area and made appointments that way.

BoD~ We have hand picked committees in the past and have had success, We might need folks from entertainment, and security and we'd really gain if we had recycling and would like to add Amy to the committee.

PP Committee co-chair~ would agree that Amy would be a good addition to the committee and would like to ask Amy to be a committee member, and that we forward her name to the Board and another name I'd like to add is Spirit because of her security background. She has come to meetings and provided input, she's also been named to help Fair Central, which we don't have representation with.

BoD~ If we have our new membership then maybe we are done but I would like to see a call out for an additional member.

Colleen~ I would move that we invite Spirit and Amy and do a call-out for one additional position and that interested parties send letters to the BoD.

BoD~ Can I recommend that the letters go to the PP committee and then PP would select the person and send that to the Board, similarly to what the Community Center is doing?

~PP would vet the letters and make recommendations to the Board.

Colleen~ I'll accept that as a friendly amendment.

BoD- You might want to target who you are looking for.

Motion~ Colleen moved that we recommend the Board appoint Spirit and Amy (they should be sending the BoD letters of interest) to be on the PP committee and we are requesting to be able to do a call-out for one additional position and that interested parties send letters to the PP who would then vet the letters and make recommendations to the Board.

Motion passed-

NewBusiness-

BoD~ We are going to be adding one or two new food booths and one or two new carts. The application will be on the dot net site December 1st, and the deadline is January 16th. The focus is to place the booths in The New Area. But moving food booths from the 8 may take precedent.

BoD~ We need to have the PP list of path repairs/narrows areas shared with food committee.

~Path repair is a priority and we see this as a big opportunity to allow for this.

BoD~ The word on booth street is that Avant Gardens (The New Area) is the place to be so it is likely that we'll see folks want to move.

~Before the Food Committee offers a booth in The New Area we need to go to the booths that have been identified as an issue because they are in a narrow corridor and their food lines create traffic jams. One of the reasons we worked for the last four years on creating The New Area is so we could work on moving some of these booths.

~It's critical that we leave room for path repair before we fill up The New Area, we said we were going to take 3-5 years to fill up The New Area. Remember fleximum maxibility!

~We are asking the Food Committee to pause so we have this opportunity to decongest the path, food committee member nodded.

Traffic move in move out

~I have never heard us discuss traffic issues before and I question whether its in place to do this?

~These are Pre-post, JYD and Quartermaster responsibilities. Perhaps the real question is why isn't this a traffic responsibility?

There was a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Passed

~In addition to the issue of gridlock on Monday morning, recycling needs to have access to the 8 before traffic is allowed in because if we don't empty the bins and remove them people have free license to leave there stuff rather than take it with them.

BoD-We might want to request a report from operations about the flow and how they feel it's working. My understanding of how this works is on Monday morning the BUMs and Fair Central meet and decide how they are going to move traffic in and out, which gate is in and which gate is out. The decision is made based on weather and a host of other things. That is then relayed to Pre-Post to implement. It didn't go as smoothly this year because Tony wasn't there to coordinate it.

Shane~ We knew The New Area was going to cause some problems, we tried to save the back lot and keep traffic moving on load-in and load-out days. We also knew South Park was going to be a mess because of all the campers. We also had a truck breakdown near Main Stage with a trailer and it took several hours to get it moved. We will be making a new plan for 2016.

Management, Internal Security and Pre-Post will all be involved in that planning process. Pre-Post pretty much runs the show.

~It sounds like a BUM is calling the shots on this and I'm guessing that same BUM does it each year, so does PP really want to add this to our list of things we are looking at or are we already working with a full plate? If we really want to discuss this perhaps we could invite the Back Up Managers involved and get them to share what happens and we could have a dialog if they want.

~One of the pieces of work we are looking at is our future role, If we get too far afield and then ask about what it is that we are supposed to be doing it might not set well.

Homework review:

Colleen~will contact Spirit

Kirk~As a liaison I want to look at what is our scope, and our core work.

Meeting evaluation:

~Too long

~Good job on tough stuff.

~I don't regret what I have said today, I don't feel like I was supported today, I have reduced stress in my life and I think I'm going to continue to be honest with my opinion.

~Thank you for being honest and I don't want you to leave this committee.

~It's great that we can express our feelings.

December 13, Sub-Committee Roundups

Adjourned 3:20p