

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Minutes 2/13/2016

Introductions: *Colleen Bauman, *Justin Honea, *Kirk Shultz, *Sylvia Fireman, *Jon Pincus, *Tom Churchill, *Dennis Todd, *Susanna DeFazio, *Spirit Leatherwood, Sue Theolass, Bear Pitts, Otis Gray, Shelley Hansen, Shell Bell, Shane Harvey, Robert 'Mouseman' McCarthy, Heather Kent, Moira Carr, D.J. Rogers, Ann Rogers, Bob Beebe, PeggyDay Fitzgerald.

Announcements

KOCF 96.5 fundraiser on March 5 to be a silent auction held at the Domaine Meriwether Winery starting at 6 pm. Live music provided by Etouffee.

Feb 21 will be a tree planting on Fair site. Meet at the Warebarn at 10 am. BYOL.

Two new committee members have been approved, Amy and Spirit. Welcome.

Minutes approval motion made and seconded to postpone the approval of the January 15 minutes as there is an issue with email addresses and attachments.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

Community Village would like to clarify that they will notify stakeholders when there is something to talk about.

Agenda review Agenda was reviewed

Reports

Staff:

Shane, There were no significant weather events since last month. It is still too wet to do anything in the lower areas so we are concentrating on the upper areas. We want help to eradicate an invasive plant, *Geranium lucidum*. It is being spread on the feet of campers walking around. We will train how to remove. There will be a long process of up to 5 years to totally eradicate it. We need to educate the membership on how to identify it. There will be photos posted on FB and OCF websites for identification and location. We suggest training different groups to assist, e.g. Elders and Path Planning. It crowds out the wildflowers. Trees have come down in Shady Grove and Blue Moon, Snivel and Smile. We will do management when it dries out enough.

NAG: Kirk, We are focusing on getting the capital project stuff together. The NA needs a substantial improvement to the dance pavilion floor, more porta-potties and better access. There are ongoing art and educational projects potentials. We are trying for good applications and it is on the Fair web site. We are trying to separate the art and education and there is lots of encouragement for projects. It is a bit more broad than just stewardship. An engineer is currently working on the dance floor and also working with the County. We are working on better sound and lighting. We are working on food. A call out has been made to the food committee. We are also looking for more food strollers to fill it out. There is ongoing conversation of moving things away from congested areas

into the new area. NAG meets irregularly and we are trying to wind things up. There is a real balancing act of moving food around and having it work for multiple different reasons. Food committee will work with NAG and also trying to educate non-compliant food booths. When all are in compliance, there will be suggestions made how to have a wide variety of selection. It's time for Path Planning to step up with a subcommittee to meet with NAG and involve food and other stakeholders to help this happen.

BOD Liaison, Kirk: The BOD Meeting was interesting. With the January meeting missed, it was a long agenda. The naming convention idea needs to be moved forward to come up with a policy. This year there is not enough time to name the new area. The plan is to table this until April. We need help to craft something to take to the Board. The PP minutes of October show that it was said that naming is an operational decision. There should be a listing of the process under discussion but with OPS being the final. Scales of naming should be addressed, small areas vs large areas. There are safety issues in play with not naming due to lack of being able to have emergency people know where to go. The Story Pole discussion was passionate. The motion concerning the Story Pole was read out. It was published that the pole is to be erected on July 2. What are we actually doing with the Sauna? Path Planning is not an enforcement group. We make suggestions to the BOD. PP cannot handle the enforcement of codes. A violation should be handled with the grievance process and not as part of Path Planning. There is a need to work on unchecked development and rein it in. We need to get it right moving forward.

Sub Committees:

Community Village : A new meeting is planned on March 20, 3:30. There was a Feb 8 general meeting. Questions: what are the boundaries? How are the needs being addressed? Stakeholders are being informed and we are waiting for responses. The Village neighbors will be in on the discussions when the decisions are made. They were notified and are welcome at the Village meetings. The process will be explained and followed. Maybe there needs to be a personal invitation issued by Justin.

Upper River Loop: UpperRiverLoop opened up a listserv for the group. A solution is needed for the bottleneck; people stood in the middle of the path and didn't allow AA passing. A walkabout is planned and invitation is being sent via the listserv. March 20, 10:30 am is the tentative time for the Upper River Loop subcommittee walkabout. We need to make sure there is full involvement with all booths on URL.

FOF: Needs to meet prior to PPC meeting April 17, 10:30

Path Repair: No information

Carving Area Restoration:: Add Archaeology to the stakeholders.

Naming: Waiting to hear from BoD and follow up with process.

Aesthetics: A guideline was submitted but pulled. It still needs time and work.

Sub-woofers: Letter from Amy (attached).

Work Plan Review

March Carving Area: Cultural Resources? Historical sites, protocols.

Smoking, Tabled

Old Business

Committee Mission: In general, we need to work with the BOD to write up “how do committees work” and recognize Path Planning is a template for Board subcommittees. Since PPC mission has expanded over the years, should it be codified by the BOD? On the site it shows the original BOD directive and then states what we actually do and we want the BOD to officially acknowledge the actual Path Planning role and also clarify the BOD responsibility to the committee. It should be expanded to the public experience with the path. Also, Path Planning should be a place where people can come to when there doesn't seem to be any other place to go. How should the BOD respond to the reports from Path Planning? Oregon state law requires the committees to keep minutes.

Action: Elders committee...send condensed Elder minutes to the BOD as Path Planning does.

Peach Power, Last Sunday monthly meeting, Liaison Dennis is helping to revive the Peach Power committee. The plan is focusing on expanding the grid-tied solar array. Money and motivation to put in an expansion. They want to incorporate the expanded array into shade and are discussing aesthetics.

New Business

Send subcommittee requirements. Bear to contact Christie re dust abatement. Plan to contact stakeholders re Upper River Loop.

Homework review: Suzanne to listen to last BOD meeting to catch up and to start an email meeting concerning the carving area, Justin is to send all stakeholders info and be on site for all meetings, Jon will attend meetings and provide template, Kirk will continue with naming convention process, participate in CV meeting and Upper River Loop meeting and food for NAG and fix the BOD.

Meeting Evaluation: much approval and thumbs up for the meeting.

Confirm next Meeting (Mar 20, Noon-3)

Adjourned at 3 PM

(Letters are attached below.)

Hi all,

I am not going to make the next two meetings as we are traveling in Mexico, leaving Sunday and returning Feb 24th. If there were Go to Meeting I could log in from Mexico for the Feb meeting. I will be in the air for the January meeting.

I also have a report from Peach Power. They have passed a motion recommending a 25KW solar electric project to the Board. I suggested it should go to Path Planning and LUMP as it is a significant impact to the entrance to the Fair. However Peach Power thought that was not necessary at this time.

There was no BOD Liaison at the Peach Power meeting so I am passing the info on.

It is planned for the same area as the current solar array and would be a 2000 square foot structure at the entrance of the Fair. The current structure would be replaced with newer gear. No solid location has been selected yet.

I think this is a classic example of why we need Path Planning. This project would have significant impacts and needs to be discussed in a larger Forum. It is visionary and, with work, could be integrated into the entrance to provide shade. All of the structure would be on poles in the ground (Anna thinks steel in concrete - I think wood OK) and elevated in the air.

It is just a proposal at this time but the Peach Power Committee unanimously voted to propose it.

I think Path Planning needs to work more on the entrance to the Fair as a next project.

Can this please be read into the comments section of the meeting.

Thanks with Peaches,
Paxton

(received by Path Planning Committee Feb. 2016)

January 2016

Path Planning Peoples and Whoever else
this may concern,

My name is Michele Rose, I am
the booth rep for booth #465 and
have been for 35 of its 38 years,
my mom was the booth rep for the
first 3 years. Our booth, Serendipity,
represents three families. Booth 465
has lived at the top of the eight
for its entire 38 years. Sometime
before 1982 a slightly altered path
was bulldozed and we moved our
booth forward, closer to our neighbors
because the path no longer went
by our booth. Our first post and
large log are still where our first
booth was but now that space
is our camping area. Over the past
38 years we have watched and
respected the Long Tom doing its
thing. In that time booth 465
has survived the charging river.
Shade trees have grown, trees have
fallen, brambles have found holes
to fill, people have died, Trilliums

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have flourished a beautiful beach grew, as have our families. From the original six we have grown to a tribe of 35+ people who call booth 465 home.

We have treaded lightly on this precious piece of land that we share. As the physical layout has changed we have adapted.

Once upon a time there was no shade, now we do. Way back when we had an open grassy area behind our booth, now there is a large maple. Our back forty, the camping space, has gone from a grassy point to an overgrown Oregon micro-climate, yet we still find places pitch our tents without, cutting, mauling, hacking, we tread lightly.

Way back when we choose our booth space because it was "out of the way", "off the beaten path", it still is, that is what we love and treasure about it!

We really appreciate all that you all do! For the fair and during the fair, it/we especially understand that

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Being a volunteer is a thankless job and is most often done because you care deeply about something. In saying that we respectfully ask that as you (PPC) entertain new ideas and solutions to obvious problems concerning the Upper River Loop you keep us in the loop.

We are eager to do whatever it takes to steward the area so we can continue to sell our wares and camp in the space fondly referred to as booth #465.

Thank You for your Time.

Michele Rose
and Family

Greetings,

This is Diana Gardener, I have been the booth rep for booth #210, Dancing Tree since 1993. I recently heard about the talk of the expansion of Community Village quite by accident, and just read some of the discussion notes on the Community Village Site. I was shocked to see that in all the plans my booth has been eliminated. It's equally disturbing that I have not heard one peep from anyone in an official manner, considering in every map I've seen my booth in nowhere to be found. I am feeling really saddened that the "loving spirit of the village" hasn't thought to include the other booths affected in the discussion, and/or that path planning hasn't contacted us. Since I can't seem to find it in the dialog, I am not sure what you all had in mind for the booths that have been eliminated on your maps. As you may imagine I do not want to move.

My clothing business, Dancing Tree, is my sole source of income. I raised my son, as a single mom with this business, and he grew up as a part of the booth. I design and sew every piece that I sell, and my booth at the fair provides a major part of my annual income, thus it is very important to my livelihood. The name of my business "Dancing Tree" was partly inspired by the dancing tree that lives in front of my space.

The booth was first called Lost Coast Artisans, and I still share with an original member. He says we are a charter booth, one of the originals, and that this has significance. Earl, who I imagine has no idea about the "plans" either, has the booth next to be, by the Peace Parker. He is 84 years old, and has been in the same area as long as I have. He also benefits from the income his booth generates. I'm sure it would be hard on him to move as well.

Since I have not been included in the discussions, I am not sure exactly what the motivation is to create these changes anyway. The village already has 3 entrances, not sure why you need another. You all also already have a stage. I may be wrong, but I don't think anyone there derives much income from their booth there, and it seems inconsiderate to jeopardize others who do just for convenience.

In conclusion, I really hope that all concerned will take the longevity, livelihoods, needs, age and feelings of ALL concerned in this proposal into consideration. If this letter needs to be seen by anyone else involved please forward it.

Thank you,
Diana Gardener

(received by Path Planning Committee February 2016)