

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Minutes 3/20/16

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Announcements Raffle tickets will be available at next month's meeting from Sue Theolass,

Kirk announced that new co-coordinators for construction will be appointed at the next BoD, Tom asked for Ann Rogers to take over as carving area subcommittee meeting initiator.

Minutes, review amend approve

January minutes approved with one abstention & February meetings were approved with one abstention and the January letters attached to February minutes on-line. If you haven't received email minutes make sure your email address is current.

From Registration, email was sent to all coordinators. Reworking the verbiage for Fair Family News, getting ready for registration to mail packets, they have enough volunteers for stuffing, There is 400 total. If you want to add anything to the packet, they are due in the main office by next Saturday 10am. June updates go out via email.

Next weekend is annual Easter egg event for Veneta.

Public Comments

Paxton recommends visiting Cuba.

WOW Hall annual membership meeting will be May 11.

A letter from Diana Gardner was read in January meeting and she was answered by David and responded.

We need to add that if anyone sends a letter to be read at the Path Planning meeting, it will be public. The question of how and when should neighbors of Community Village who will be affected by CV changes be involved. It is being handled by the process. Since the changes are not for this year, there is time for the conversation.

The public map will be done by Bear but he will be gone in April. There is a need to think about the public map and what needs to be added, changed, modified. Does the committee want a pdf of the newest, latest public map? Guidelines has a communications map, Peach Pit has a full public map on back. Last submittal to the map is June 15th.

Agenda approved Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Reports

Staff -- Shane: Crystalyn is not here so not much to report. There is a bit of flooding on site. Planted more than 125 trees. Filled 27 30-gal garbage bags with *Geranium lucidum*. There is a changing of email systems at the office so there may be a period of time where there is no email. Please re-send if you get no timely response. Next Friday is actual changeover day. We are accepting applications for a new Caretaker. A roofing project and Elder showers are up for rebuild to be started the end of April. The plan is to send a mass email to coordinators and committees. Booth registration is experiencing a high volume of email and they will be involved in the transition. It looks like there are no new tree falls. We are saving ash to be used for the aesthetic values. We are not able to review Ark Park yet. The log jam is changing, we don't know yet if beneficial changes or not. Strawberry Lane will require major work in the future.

XAG -- Kirk: We are continuing to communicate, usually via email. Progress is being made on various design elements. We are getting capital projects done, using creative solutions where there is not a full budget approved. The naming of NAG was done by Operations and it was Xavanadu which is now available for maps and Security. It was one of the submitted names. Dance Pavilion--Gary F. at Hang Engineering in town, readying a meeting to occur before the BoD April meeting and in progress to get ready to submit to a permit application to the County. Will need to have permanent metal frame permit and temporary annual permit for the rest of stage. A suggestion to add the second "n" to the name to be not so like the musical. Laugh.

Board Liaison – Kirk, Naming conventions not active at board level yet. If we want it as broad policy it can be submitted to the BoD. We need to get info from BoD about process. Do we need a Board approval or response? Does it need a Board motion? Shouldn't it just be a part of the Board report? A request has been made to rename Daredevil Stage. We need to get some feedback from the Board re naming and Daredevil wants to rename to current user. The next step would be process approval as requested last October. It was talked about but was not quite ready and needs more committee refinement. A motion is active with a recommendation from the Board to refine the process. None of the committee reports have been fixed or consistent by the BoD. There is much to be worked on in Xavanadu. Some things do not have a particular capital project. The six-packs by Main Camp will be urinals/herinals only in an attempt to reduce the stink at Youth Stage. We still have a naming process to work on and we need to get direction from BoD. We will add a future agenda item concerning naming process. Kirk is on a committee to review what the Board liaisons do and how they should report.

Subcommittee Reports,

- **Carving area** – the subcommittee had a meeting on the 17th at the main office and had GoToMeeting available. They had reached out to Path Planning and gone through the timeline and vision. Notes will be added and submitted to Path Planning for discussion in April. George attended with the history and sequence of events. We will reach out to stakeholders for input. The purpose is to analyze and come up with a final state. We have many visions of what people would like for the public. George has slides of the area, of the 2012 flood and it gives a sense of the area over time. The Sauna has always

envisioned it as a public area. They see this as a valuable event to come together with good results for the public. They will meet again in August.

- **Naming- Kirk** will email to Jay about what has been done so far regarding the naming process.
- **Peach Power – Spirit.** Nothing was funded for this year. We are still gathering information looking to expansion. It needs to be set back 100 feet from the creek. A drawing is being made. We want to add to existing array. Path Planning front of fair meeting will include Peach Power. We want to include shade for the public. Kirk says the current location is 100 feet and complies with government requirements. A SUP with neighbor input is needed. We need to meet floodplain standards. We do have a new art group working on a new Peach Gate this year. It is now a segment study for the whole area. The scale seems to be large. Solar panels are industrial looking and don't fit into the Fair aesthetics. We have a goal of joyful entrances. It does not have to look like an industrial solar array. It is the cheapest but not the only option. Some feels it is too big for that area. That it needs more work on it as part of the bigger project of FOF. It will need a SUP because it is changing the electrical service and the size of the array. There is the option to move that large array out further into the lot and not create an industrial look at the FOF. Drawings should be sent to Path Planning. This will happen next year. We would like to see a design contest for Peach Power array. It is so big it needs to include multiple committees and they need to get together.
- **Upper River Loop –Bear Pitts,** The scheduled meeting was canceled because of high water and now there is concern, Mary and Jay talked about re-purposing the old path. Construction can work on another fence. Bear wants to put together a proposal to submit to the group. GIS professionals meeting on April 2nd. Need to have Kirk, Jay, et al. to put something together to share with the group. Put out map with outline to people where they can return with info at May walk about/meeting. Ask Bear for some feedback re possible meeting times. Jon feels it needs a bigger vision for the Daredevil Stage and what it should be in the future. A walkabout was done and a lot of possible solutions were put into the plan. Now they want to invite feedback from the stakeholders. Jay feels coordinators and stage managers should make the decision. He felt the solution is simple and could be a fix by operations and wouldn't require a capital project. Justin says the subcommittee is focused on the bottleneck. The extension is to include Archaeology but that is a larger vision for the future. There are multiple brainstormed future visions available. The larger stakeholders will be involved in the larger future vision. Request that it happen before the next Path Planning meeting. The Library bottleneck is one issue, the possibility of missing a full section is another issue. Start with the group we have and expand as needed for the bigger picture. Librarian thinks it is imperative to include all stakeholders for the boots on the ground. Everyone is glad when there is actual Path Planning being done.
- **Aesthetics – Amy.** A quick guideline proposal was drawn up in the last Aesthetics meeting. How to create verbiage and intentions with construction to not make fences and cattle chutes. Subcommittees should give their reports to Path Planning for them to review before disseminating to the larger community. Next year more can be worked on and put into guidelines. Some crowding is desirable.

- **Community Village – David** is trying to synch up the meetings with the CV. The “measure the space” meeting today got canceled. Need to have the area flagged to let the CV look at it and make their own measurements. Maybe should have 2 meetings next month. There is a separation of PP and CV issues. It will not stay the same so we need to be mindful of feelings. Offer a list of options for next year. The stakeholders should be on the ground and not managed only via email. Hopefully next month we will have the data. When it's time for the design meeting, we need to remember it does not work with too many people. The design group should be small with both groups represented and the design vetted by the larger group. A straw vote shows a much larger group thinks it should be just a report from an OPs decision. Should it be a full blown agenda item for Path Planning on 9-3?

Work Plan Review

Feb, no new child area review so moved it to March, April. Long term, dragon plaza joyful entrance April, April/May traffic, invite Warren, operational is tracking traffic patterns. Seems in process and only need a report. Should only be a staff report. Need to help pass report to larger family.

Old Business

Revised Committee Mission – Dennis posted on web site.

The Mission: The Path Planning Committee advises the Board of Directors and operations personnel on conditions of the paths and other public spaces at the Oregon Country Fair, emphasizes the importance of the public fair-goers' experiences, identifies needs and goals of Fair Family and the public, and recommends changes and additions to enhance and improve public spaces and infrastructure.. The committee is charged with designating replacement space to compensate for booth areas lost to river erosion or other causes.

Our Meetings – We usually meet thirteen days after the first Monday of the month on the Fair site at Alice's or The Hub yurt, September through May. Our meetings start at noon and last three hours. The committee is a conduit for the Fair family to give voice to path concerns that are conveyed to the Board and operations personnel. Anyone can make comments or recommendations during the “Public Comments” agenda item or during the discussion of other agenda items.

Motion to present this to the BoD. Motion passed, None opposed. We have revised our mission statement to better reflect what Path Planning actually does.

Should the liaisons do a straw poll to see what they think? Does the BoD need to accept as a Board directive? Kirk will present to the BoD in New Business April.

Cultural Resources – Jay spoke about problem on US campuses around this. An event was to have a henna tattoo booth and was shut down. We are always going to be criticized especially where it comes to art and music. This is about the OCF culture. Different levels are in play. We have two different kinds, some that fall into State Law and archaeology and symbolic cultural meaning for us, the Fair. We are rapidly approaching our 50 years. Need to provide some discussions around these issues. For our own culture, we start with identification. We want to start conversation around what to do with things. Maybe some statement crafted with information about how to manage it. Historic preservation seems at odds with our temporary presence. It can be very limiting to be on the National preservation archives.

Motion made to extend the meeting 10 minutes. 3 against, 10 for. Meeting was extended.

Yes to local and no to national preservation. National Registration is confining and restrictive. We want an internal database and/or map that shows what is important. Subcommittee setup with Jon, Tom, Ann, Paxton.

Smoking/Vaping – Jay, eight years ago he started putting crew into smoking. With the large signs, butt cans, the main observation is that has improved. It is being used. The landscape around smoking is changing, including in State Parks. It made Jay the de facto point person regarding smoking. Any complaints or suggestions were forwarded to him. He does not want that role. Do we walk our talk? Can the Fair be tobacco-free during public hours? Do we need non-smoking paths after hours? How does vaping tie into this? Still need a subcommittee? Future issue.

2:30 Childcare future -- Guest Speaker Gabe Trout

Gabe read the mission statement of the Child Care crew (appended below). State of the crew: Last year we cared for over 1200 kids. Estimate we close our gates and have a waiting list 25% of the time. Our thoughts and dreams for the future to serve the capacity issue--we would like to locate a third child area in the South side of the Fair.

XAG has had conversations about this. One thing is possibly expand New Kids' Way. They are looking and have submitted a capital project to expand and help with capacity. Looking at multiple types of spaces, could just be a mellow space off the path. Is there a need for another area that might be unfenced? There has been some discussion of that. Maybe two or maybe a combination. Kirk in XAG planning has included that type of space. Long range planning needs to keep this in mind. Already planned is a Red Rocker nursing mother area. This year the fence line is being moved out. With the fence moved out, camping will be turned into kids' space. Need to work with Archaeology to help meet the needs. We love the New Kids space, it is just too small currently. Shane sits on multiple committees and the question is what are the real numbers, how many children are from family and how many from public. Gabe: 60% FF/ 40% public. Neighborhood response team deals with lost kids and they always find them at Kids' space so it is well liked by the kids.

New Business

Provide Audio recording of meeting?

Homework Review - none

Meeting Evaluation – Thanks for the patience and management.

Confirm Next Meeting April 17, Noon to 3:00, Alices.

Child Care Crew Mission Statement

The mission of the OCF Child Care Crew is to enhance and enrich the Oregon Country Fair experience for younger members of the Fair Family and visitors to our event with the goal of elevating the Oregon Country Fair to be the preeminent Family Friendly Festival in the world.

Program Summary

We offer safe and entertaining child care programs, at two locations, to both the Fair Family and the general public. We don't endeavor to provide an open-ended daycare facility, but rather a guided Fair experience for potty-trained age kids and up. We ask that parents limit their children's stay to 2 hours at a time. Our programs include opportunities for kinetic play, face painting, dress-up, crafts, books and games, as well as a wide range of scheduled entertainment. Our crew hopes to take pressure off of the whole Fair by making it easier for families to enjoy.

We also maintain family friendly areas or "mellow spaces" for families with small children. These spaces, adjacent to both existing child care booths, provide a comfortable, shady rest area off the path and are stocked with some basic hospitality supplies like water, sunscreen, etc.

Finally, our crew is officially on call 24 hours from Thursday at noon to Monday at noon to provide care to lost children and provide support for other child-related emergencies.