

## **Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Minutes**

**April, 17th 2016**

Attending: \*Justin Honea, \*Colleen Bauman, \*Dean Middleton, \*Paxton Hoag, \*Suzanna DeFazio, \*Tom Churchill, \* Jon Pincus, \*Jay Hogan, \*Dennis Todd, \*Sylvia Fireman, \*Amy Hand, \*Spirit Leatherwood, Shane Harvey, Mouseman McCarthy, Gabrielle Hilbs, Otis Gray, Heather Kent, Crystalyn Autuchovich, Sue Theolass , Anne Scott, DJ Rogers, Ann Rogers, PeggyDay

### **Announcements**

Colleen; card for dahinda was passed around.

Tickets on sale for the Spring Fling raffle by Sue.

WOW hall Annual general membership meeting May 11, 6:30, by Jon

Get your Green wings On, Fair sustainability: May 23, 1-3 Office, June 12, 10-12 on Site, July 7 5-7, Energy Park. More info, contact:[Anna.Scott@comcast.net](mailto:Anna.Scott@comcast.net).

Booth packets are out. Pink sheets were left out and return envelopes forgotten. Emails are being sent out today regarding that, Justin

### **Public Comments:**

Gabrielle: "Wheels" is not happening this year. People are interested in other options, electric powered vehicle, tiny home. It is being discussed for the Xavanadu and maybe tiny home might work there. Start a conversation there. Send info to Justin and he will forward to the XAG group.

Anna: Question for Peach Power, is the future planning for something in the bus area something that should be addressed now or should it be added to the agenda for future discussion? ANSWER: This falls under the responsibility of another subcommittee, Front of Fair, so Peach Power will be reached out to as a stakeholder prior to the September meeting.

For Operations during the fair: There needs to be clarification. 1. Peach Power does not place booths, they steward projects. They provide technical support and do their best to "walk the talk" regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy and net zero goals and waste free goals. They provide information but do not influence what happens on the ground. 2. Energy Park has the ability to take in applications in a process similar to booth registration. The booths there dispense information and sell products. A piece of that is Energy Park Electric Company. This is an on-the-ground way to hook up booths and fair time equipment with as close we can get to a renewable resource, mostly electric. Several emails have been received and we are seeing real improvements in booths re: green resources.

Letter received from Brice to David Tipton re new Community Village path and read aloud.

Reminder the Track and Field Trials are overlapping the Fair and will impact hotel availability. Camping is becoming full in the neighborhood.

Crystalyn stated all the ticket sales are through the roof.

**Agenda Review.** Add Front of Fair and Food subcommittee and Cultural Resource to subcommittee reports. Approved as amended.

**Approve March minutes.** Minutes approved with no corrections. With Jon abstaining.

### **Work Plan Review:**

May: dust abatement and annual Pot Luck. Dress up for the photos

Discuss the URL walkabout re: the bottleneck. 10:30 meet at Library. Community Village walkabout May 1 at noon.

### **Staff Reports:**

Shane: First organized work party of the season. Site crew was working, Infrastructure project was done, tree crew was working, recyclers working, covers off Jill's crossing, a botanist is helping with identifying to remove invasive species. Will GPS all locations they are found.

Crystalyn: Crazy busy. Great ticket sales, possibly setting up scavenger hunt in Xavanadu with prizes being passes to the fair. We are planning to use it as a way to inform people about the fair besides just the entertainment, e.g. Ark Park, Community Village and Energy Village.

Board Liaison: Productive Board Meeting. A collaborative motion was put forth re the Story Pole. Read the FFNews for the full motion and the discussion around it. To listen, open section 5 of the BoD recordings. The overall opinion of the BoD work on this issue is very positive. The Ritz Sauna LLC as a limited liability corporation has interesting bylaws. Suggested that the committee review what this covers.

A maintenance fund was approved.

XAG: Walkabout was had with more planned. One will be on May 1 to review food booths after a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Continuing working on the art applications. Decisions are being made and starting to define what the art installations will be. Looking at the stewardship. Looking at 1-year booths and existing booths. Commemorative sales is looking at making Xavanadu "stuff" or logo for the area to sell. More bathrooms to be added. Adding a few water installations. Continued planning around safety and security with White Bird. A lot of stakeholders at the table, at the walkabout. Developing gray-water systems and shade structures.

Front of Fair: First organizational meeting was held. Discussed the work already done and reviewed study map. It needs updating. Notes were shared from meeting of 2012. Had discussion on defining the study area. Focusing on Registration to the front of the fair. Scope of short and long term options. What would happen if... Spent time generating a stakeholder list which could be everyone at the fair but it will be narrowed down in time. Discussed ways of studying the area during the fair this year. Paxton is going to help with the use of time-lapse camera. Will develop a survey that goes to stakeholders, one that goes out pre fair and one for during the fair. Looked at work plan ideas for 1016/2017. Will meet monthly before PP meeting if possible beginning in September

Cultural Resources: A conversation was held with Tom, Ann, and Jon and they identified two categories of resources. One is the type that would normally go to SHPO anyway and the other is our own resources. Not a proscriptive policy but an informational data base or map for people to use. The initial step would be to make a surveyor list of what might fall into this. No meeting has been set yet.

Food Committee: There are three carts. Already on top of Fair Trade, Non-GMO, local, organic, etc. One cart is Elegant Elephant, local gluten-free bakery, Buddha Chocolate, raw dark chocolate, Eco-mate, tea cart. Food booths, smaller with minimal water needs. 1. Raw, serves raw foods, 2. Northwest Empanada. Two food booths wanted to move but the recommendations by the food committee are for them to stay where they are. Discussion about maintaining aesthetics when placing the food booths. Discussion about whether to decide on moving or not based on booth behaviors or path improvement. They should be separate issues. Removing the pinch points should be the first priority. Xavanadu is

the final opportunity to have a place to move booths that create pinch points. The food booth footprints will be made smaller as decided by Construction.

It looks like a process problem. Two different committees are disagreeing so do we need mediation. Maybe schedule a visit to the site with both committees to confer on the subject. We will work on joining forces. Committees are to make recommendations to the BoD and some of this is actually operational work, should there be a food booth crew for on the ground work?

We do need more handwashing before the aesthetics. We seem to be losing our opportunity to make some changes that can benefit as identified by Path Planning years ago.

A motion was made to arrange a joint meeting with the food committee and Path Planning. It was withdrawn and can be handled in a different manner.

Does food committee locate booths? They work with menu and location. Yes. The May 1<sup>st</sup> walkabout will happen; will they consider the stated Path planning goals regarding congestion?

Food Committee is meeting with the food booths and carts on April 27<sup>th</sup> around 6:30 pm at the office and it could be suggested to start the meeting early to get food committee business taken care of and have some time to come to an agreement. Path planning and food committee will discuss to their mutual goals.

There is an overriding theme to not lose the old booths while we bring in more new and exciting booths. Review reducing the footprint.

Want to make sure the PP goals are not lost when moving the booths around. We appreciate the work the Food Committee is doing and are not being critical.

A suggestion was made to have Path Planning to have a workshop with the BoD about the overall plans.

Question, should we post the audio file of the meeting?

Would it inhibit discussion? Not many people ever listen to the audio files of the board meetings.

Do we need to worry about things taken out of context?

A motion was made to NOT post the recordings of the meetings. Called the question. Motion passed 9 to 3. Meetings will not have audio recordings posted.

Long term Planning: Encompasses 3<sup>rd</sup> child care, recycling docks, etc.

Path planning is a subsection of Long Term Planning and we should utilize the GM's skills in making a long term plan. The process needs to come through the GM. All previous Long Term Planning Committees have failed due to self-interest.

Where do we go from here? Hoping the leadership will come from the GM.

Mainly looking at what should the Path Planning next address? Should be come back next year to address?

We had maps and reviewed with stakeholders and did some long term planning a few years ago and it is possible for the committee to do it without self-interest. We can put a subcommittee together to review what we had before and what new is here. Maybe for next year.

It should be the greater committee and not just a subcommittee. We can't just count on the GM, it must be more involved.

A lot of work has already been done by the BUMs looking at the overall fair and possible ways to expand the path and it can be valuable.

All the smaller groups can't be called for self-interest but they are the specialists in their domain.

Plan for a work party next year.

FoF: Is there something for this year we need to talk about? The pedestrian path and the big white tents in Dragon Plaza should be looked at.

The non-public entrance is going to be looked at.

The Joyful Entrances has done a great job and it has changed dramatically since this was started. Festive Restive seems successful. Are we planning adding more stations further out?

One problem with Joyful Entrances is that the domains are overlapping and no one wants to give up any space.

### **New Business**

Gather work plan items now and bring to meeting to review and not wait until Fall.

Would like to add a bird-watching station at Upper River Loop.

A bird walk is happening on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

A re-segment analysis around E 13<sup>th</sup>.

Need some smoking areas planned.

Interpretive opportunities: Log jam constantly evolving.

Look at the meeting minutes to find new work plan items.

Shady Grove is not shady anymore.

Smoking and sound corridors

Take an inventory of what interpretive experts we have at the fair already, who is doing it, who would like to do it, how should it be managed. (birds, log jam, habitat, etc.)

Elders are always discussing that we want a larger Still Living Room.

Medium term planning when river takes away Shady Grove and Ark Park.

Explore looking at temporary docks in river.

### **Displays for Fair 2016? NO**

Questionnaires at entrance to collect information?

Could it be incorporated into existing rest stops?

Don't make a display just to have it. Have a reason.

Interpretive displays... should be in work plan and include stakeholders (sign crew)

### **Homework Review**

Spirit: checking further with other pertinent people .

Sue: checking with Food Committee

Justin: Talked with Crystalyn and Paxton about surveys and getting them electronic.

Dennis: Will post the slide show on Story Pole

Dean: The six pack and herinal had a large discussion. Should this be a part of the minutes? How do we report on letter input?

Shane: Reach out to sanitation and discuss with operations.

**Next meeting Homework:** Colleen and Justin will bring back a work plan draft

### **Meeting Evaluation:**

Good good good

**Next meeting:** May 15<sup>th</sup> noon to 3:00, Pot luck and photo op!