

OCF Path Planning Committee Minutes

Annual Path Planning Subcommittee round up Re: smoking

December 17, 2017

Noon to 3 PM Fair Office, Eugene

Attendance: Dean Middleton-Co-Chair, Paxton Hoag, Ann Rogers , Dennis Todd, Kirk Shultz, John Pincus, Amy Hand, Spirit Leatherwood

Guest: Bennett Rogers

Staff: Shane Harvey

Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements; Holiday Market; lots of Fair members have booths there.

Public Comments- Stage Left letter

Scribe (JG) read letter from Tim (Karamazov) Furst and the letter was discussed, there was some confusion exactly where the issue was with smoking in Xavanadu; determined it was a historical reference and perhaps no longer an issue yet the point is to think about what lies behind a designated smoking area.

Work Session

Shane gave an overview of the grounds stating there was no flooding yet. A river height of seven feet means water is low. No word from the County yet over SUP; planning a visit to their office this week. Everything is winterized. Painting Stephanie's office. Even wood world is cleaned up.

Dennis: Paxton/Shane to look at 2nd bridge sites, would you like to do so soon? Shane...maybe? Only two places possible: security peninsula and east of Hoarse Chorale.

Kirk would like to include topics on next month's agenda. Main Stage, 50th anniversary and capital projects

Subcommittee-Round Up Smoking Mitigation/Siting

The remainder of this meeting was spent discussion designated smoking areas used by the public at that Fair, identifying where the areas are, which ones are more problematic than others and a future course of action. It was mentioned that each year, there is a plethora of complaints about smoking and it's become a major problem for non banded visitors.

A review was done of the current locations of designated areas by referencing a large Fair map. There was a brief discussion on totally banning smoking met with a reminder that the Board had already voted this down.

There are 14 designated smoking areas on site (including Peace Parker which is on the map but the site is down. It was recognized the map is not up to date, but people still smoke there.)

All agree on where locations are identified on map.

Discussion:

- Jon suggests analyzing negative comments as well as getting a wind map.
- Paxton would like to avoid camping and booths.
- Spirit mentions that society is moving away from smoking, but always provide a place for smokers and reminds that enforcement is an issue for Security who are focused on more pressing safety issues.
- Board didn't specify how many smoking area we need; the thought is to reduce them.
- Amy suggests the committee focus on what's working and stays productive.
- Kirk reviews the smoking spots on map while all member follow along and discuss the functionality of each of the 13 sites. The ones "working" are marked with a check mark, the ones not "working" get an X, and the ones in question with a "?".
- Guidelines say "no smoking on the path"; adequate site size is important; the river side is amenable. Having ample numbers is important otherwise they get massive. Most agree that all sites need some level of modification.
- Ann suggests the notion of visitors having to pay for a smoking permit.

Sites that "WORK" (marked with a check) (River edge spots are the best)

- 1.Xavanadu; the most working
- 2.Chela Mela /Atrium
- 3.Drum Tower :could push closer to river
- 4.Ark park is a good spot that needs reshaped
5. Abbey Road/Pike street

Kirk moves to identify these five most viable spots to maintain and improve in 2018. Subcommittee feels these have the least impact Spirit seconds. Jon does not support motion. Vote: 1 opposed 6 in favor. Motion is passed.

Sites that do not work (four to be eliminated marked by X)

6. X Daredevil/Toad Hollow
7. X Still Living Room
8. X Shady Grove
9. Peace Parker should be transitioned out fully.
10. X Leslie lane was already eliminated,

Paxton/ Ann moved and Kirk seconded motion
Unanimous vote recommend to Path Planning, these four smoking areas are eliminated beginning in 2018 and permanently. All agree unanimous vote.

To be worked on/further discussion (marked on the map with ?)

10. Main stage: heavily used, important to keep: rework.
11. Admissions (Dragon Plaza): not well located as far as public path, may step it out.
12. Sauna: smoking is poorly placed at the toilet area.
13. Hoarse Chorale is Ok, could be pushed closer to the river.
14. Nirvana park (Upper River Loop)

Locations discussion

- Paxton reviews the sites and suggest looking at the questionable ones on the next walk about also shares an idea for enforcement- handing out a card with regulations, and map. Would like to discuss Sauna in relation to pocket park. Keeping this spot and moving it towards Watergate. Stating that fabric works for moving smoke.
- Ann states that mitigation should include education on the dangers of smoking.
- Spirit would like to bring feedback from security based on Paxton's Idea (card). Reminds all that regarding pocket park we had talked about having strolling vendors there.
- Dennis suggests mitigation should start before the Fair; free patches, smoking strongly discouraged at the Fair. White Bird to have nicotine patches available.
- Spirit: new business for next time/agenda: Dennis makes motion/Ann seconds. Put motion out to full committee meeting next month.

“Subcommittee recommends a program of education and prevention be implemented so Fairgoers know smoking is strongly discouraged and there are alternatives such as patches and nicotine gum. Program of clear education before entering the site. “ Vote: unanimous

- Spirit is against the idea of the Fair supplying nicotine patches and reminds that the carving area is very congested, worth looking at this area in regards to smoking.
 - Jon states the spaces that work are because of their geographic locations. We should not be trying to make more spots. Advocates for clear, color coded signage. Former carving area has direct teen crew camping and there may be potential around current Watergate.
 - Paxton is not in favor of developing a bunch of small spaces. Mentions the Main Stage and pocket park would be good spots for the kiosk.
 - Kirk suggests a walk about for the questionable spots and is not a fan of adding smoking in the pocket park.
1. Would like to look at the Open Sesame projects and the Main Stage; would like to look behind this fence and perhaps move around.
 2. Dragon Plaza: look at spot behind the trees.

3. Hoarse Chorale: look at camping behind the area. Spirit will verify if Security staffs this gate.
 4. Upper River Loop: map booth was taken down. There is less stuff there (only 2-3 booths)
- Dean suggests the theater seat areas at the Sauna have a hard wall in front of grey water. May be a good location for siting due to low activity.
 - Spirit states the notion of smoking in the pocket park is going in the opposite direction than desired and that the committee should communicate to sign crew to keep all the signs uniform for smoking area.

Paxton questions having a walkabout January with the meeting already scheduled at LCC. Dean suggests having subcommittee walk through before then. In preparation for capital projects. Kirk states he will go ahead and put in a capital project through construction for cloth and benches since these materials will be needed for the spaces that work.

Smoking kiosk design

Paxton's kiosk model on display. The original design was to be made of lath, with a battery operated or solar charged fan that pushes smoke up and out speeding up as it rises. Venturi design is simple. The kiosk is a 16 foot circle. Five stacked rings create the basic shape then lath 2 inch by 1/4 thick to cover. Bass wood bends for entrance. Shooting columns of air up higher. Easily identifiable smoking area.

Discussion

- Kirk: Suggests broaden the bottom, could resemble a cultural structure. Definitely will require a capital project. This is a permanent structure over 7 feet high and would require engineering and permitting.
- Spirit expresses concerns about affordability, maintenance and durability, how many we start with, and the impact of fabric.
- Dennis points out the cloth needs to go within a foot of the ground to get the venturi to work and is concerned about heat buildup.
- Jon says the fabric guiding smoke can create wind pathways and is worth trying to budget for one.
- Ann is concerned for child safety while parents are smoking and also states that if permanent, cannot go on any archeological sites.
- Paxton: needs to bring cloth down below the bench to get a good venturi effect. In favor of building one. Success depends on location. Was all lath, now fabric. Main Stage site could work and be attractive. Original; posts in ground to support benches with permanent structure on top. Use wood, then let it rot and rebuild. Pine available now for \$150.

- Dean is a fan of using muslin cloth to corral smoke, painted or starched muslin hardens and creates useful materials.
- Amy states that lightweight, bendable woods do not have longevity and come with significant maintenance cost. Recommends repurposing used tent cloths from other camps to smoking areas.
- Spirit is concerned about flame retardant cloth and noise from the fan. Says Nirvana may be a good site. Dennis replies the fabric would have to be flame retardant.

Guidelines discussion

Dennis' motion for recommendation re: education needs further discussion.

Amy reads smoking guidelines.

Discussion on suggestions for guideline change: Add water fountains, change butt cans to signage, Include e ciggs/vaping , include all tobacco products.

Ann: add drinking fountains, remove butt cans, and expand to cover tobacco/vaping.

Homework

Spirit: communicate with Security about smoking enforcement issues. Also going to bring up to Wren nicotine patch and education/liability.

Ann: submit guideline changes.

Kirk: map; will maintain this.

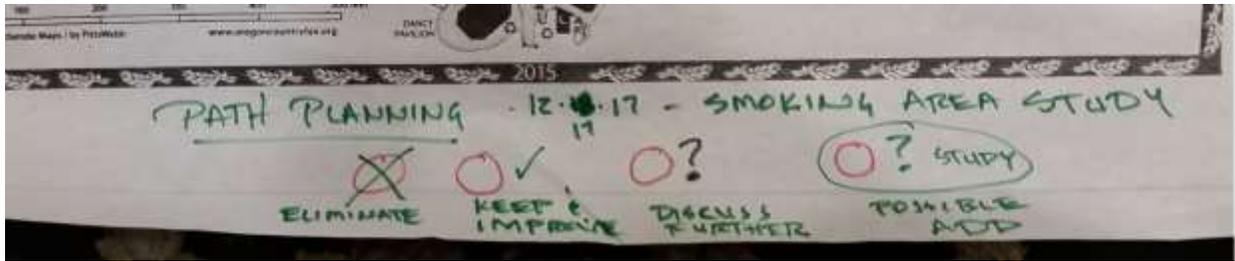
February and/or March for walkabout; go over with full committee next time. Get something in for capital projects. Deadline for cartography after March meeting. Early June for second map deadline.

Meeting review

Got a lot done.

Next meeting January 21 LCC campus building 02 room 214 12-3pm





Dear Path Planners,

In the current edition of the Fair Family News, it says
<<Path Planning has added the topic of smoking to the agenda for the January 21, 2018 meeting. We will be looking at locations, low cost mitigation ideas, education and other aspects of the impacts of smoking. If you would like to join in this discussion please bring your ideas.>>

Since I live in Seattle and will be unable to attend the meeting, I wanted to provide some input to this discussion.

As Camp Host for Stage Left, there was an issue when the Crafts Lot first became part of the public Fair and a smoking area was set up against the fence separating the Crafts Lot from our camping area. This resulted in some performers and marching band members being unable rest in or near their tents during the day due to the smoke drifting (and at times, billowing) over and through the fence.

As you discuss places to designate as smoking areas, please be conscious of what lies behind the fence, and try to avoid placing smoking areas adjacent to camping areas -- especially performer camps, where performers often try to rest in camp in between their shows.

Thanks for your consideration.

- Tim (Karamazov) Furst