

## **Path Planning Committee**

January 21, 2018

**Noon-3 PM** LCC Campus building 02, room 214

Members in attendance: Colleen Bauman Co-chair, Dean Middleton Co-chair, Sylvia Fireman, Tom Churchill, Ann Rogers, Otis Gray, Suzanna DeFazio, Kirk Shultz, Dennis Todd, Sue Theolass, Justin Honea, Paxton Hoag, Amy Hand, Spirit Leatherwood, Jon Pincus

Staff: Crystalyn Autuchovich

Guests: Mouseman McCarthy, Heather Kent, Bear Pitts, Bennett Rogers, Stephen Brown, Kristie, Laurel Goerger, DJ Rogers, Vince Rochelle

### Announcements

Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Kareng Fund main fund raiser *Art Bingo* Sam Bonds Brewery on 8<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm  
Sue is now on the committee

### Minutes approval (Sept, and November 2017)

Sept approved 8 in favor, 4 abstained minutes approved

November approved correct spelling of Kirk's last name (Shultz)

### Public Comments

Vince suggests placing three water barrels by his booth X63. And would like sun mitigation. He should get in touch with water crew and make a request.

Agenda Review One opposed one abstained to approve amended agenda to remove the main stage discussion.

### Reports

Staff Architecture intern students have started recording booth dimensions. No word on SUP. Site has not flooded. No update on carving area.

Board Liaison Paxton and Ann are board liaison. Paxton: Community Center Committee set up a work session on March 3rd 11:00-3:00. LUMP is adopting *Avenza*, a mapping solution, to map green zones. This software requires gps on phones- no internet needed. PP has concerns about privacy and crossing wires with cartography crew, would like more information in this tool. Compost barn update: There was a general discussion about a new site, still up in the air but still relocating.

Subcommittees (Front of Fair, Safe Spots update, long term planning, anyone else? note: Smoking will report during Old Business).

Colleen gave Front of Fair update – They met a week ago and are now moving meeting time to mornings. Next meeting Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Collecting interview questions for co coordinators... give to Dean.

Kristi gave update on survey getting into fair- one negative comment. Places to sit and water were two main requests (front of fair) - they will be made available.

Coordinator meeting said the water in the lots does not get used. - may switch containers.

Safe spots- update from Spirit. She spoke with Wren who has a write up for info booths. Utilizing folks with radios – to escort where needed. Would like to get the word out to the booth people who to call... \*see attached letter from Whitebird concerning safe spots.

Long term planning- Ann, Crystalyn and Jon request to be notified when meetings happens. (Ann and Dennis would also like to join.)

Work plan review/update (add Memoria location(s) to March)

### Old Business:

Smoking (subcommittee report/discussion)

Kirk gives report – Smoking is a complex and contentious topic - Fair policy on smoking was discussed and is not going to be completely banned. Identified smoking areas and mitigate where possible. Successful use of cloth to direct the smoke has been noted in multiple areas. Fourteen areas are now identified on map. One is already gone

(minus Leslie Lane). River spots seem to work well. Recap of each area and the subcommittee disposition. Read recommendation in regards to education and alternatives.

*Subcommittee recommends that Path Planning put forward a program of clear education before entering the site; that 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.*

Also reviewed guidelines – alternative wording to "butt can" use.  
Recommend to de-invest from the four spaces that are marked with an X.

Ann goes over guideline change suggestions- she submitted changes before the deadline.  
#13- cigarettes to include "and other tobacco products,/chew /vaping/e-cigg."  
Smoking areas designation- to exclude drinking fountains, delete sentence stating "butt cans" (see below).

Jon reviewed a few additional points-Tim's letter, air stream importance and a reminder that the subcommittee supported Paxton's design.

Spirit spoke with Wren- There was a definite "no" to the patches/ nic gum notion. Cost prohibitive and a health concerns; doctors would not support this. Signage upgrade Crystalyn will talk to sign crew to make smoking area signs more visible and uniform.

Justin suggests utilizing signage to notify of former smoking areas which are now closed.

Paxton suggests handing out smoking area map/instructions as a means of enforcement. Two motions from the meeting were reviewed. Spoke to Jay who is concerned with no smoking on 13<sup>th</sup>. Found an area by theater seats to build the kiosk.

Crystalyn- not as concerned about e 13<sup>th</sup>..as long as there is one at main stage. How to let guidelines determined between vaping tobacco vs cannabis. It's impossible to tell the difference.

Vince- crew witnessed butt cans on fire.

Stephen states that tobacco prevention is a public health concern not so much because of second hand smoke, rather the example it sets for younger generations. Put pros altogether for the Fair to go tobacco free- it was passed overwhelmingly by membership- this was 20 years ago...still same discussion. Many events in Oregon have gone tobacco free. Many of them have had these same discussion and struggles. The response is always that it is the easiest solution, and the transition has gone smoothly without problems. Second-hand smoke is not an issue at an outdoor event. The social acceptability of tobacco and the impression on children is the main risk on public health. Advises to make a strong statement to change the perspective on smoking. The brave thing to say at this point.... the path is a tobacco free area and no designated areas for smoking. Tobacco free is much easier to enforce. Take the stance that tobacco use is not an acceptable behavior- prevents kids from starting smoking in the first place. Kids being exposed to smoking behavior is the issue. Smokers want to quit and wish they never started- 90% start as children.

Colleen responds that our customers are there for over 8 hours.  
Stephen comments that cravings to smoke peak before the expected time that smoking is permitted.  
Justin- clarified guideline around "vaping" – Ann clarifies "vape/ecigg."

Crystalyn – questions differentiation between tobacco/cannabis vape pen since you can't tell the diff. What about main stage? Ann- we are adding drinking fountains, the audience part was already in there.

Paxton- our task is not to ban smoking it's to make the sites more functional. The discussion to ban needs to be at the Board level. Colleen reminds that subcommittee can take a recommendation to the board.

Stephen thinks it's great that four sites will be eliminated this year. You can have a significant impact on what the smoking situation is at the fair.

Bennett- shares his perspective as an adult who grew up at the Fair..." I've never been offered tobacco at the Fair, but I've been offered alcohol and marijuana. It's not on us as a community to prevent kids from smoking. Don't use children as a battle if you don't know what it's like to grow up at fair."

The committee tried to ban tobacco and some of us really support that, but we've been directed to do this work.

Jon strongly agrees with Stephen's theory- points out it is a medical concern.

Kirk- States that as a smoker, he doesn't believe in a temperance movement or banning. Rather, we can improve the status quo.

Spirit speaks on behalf of security- "We rely on smoking areas to avoid fire issues. Otherwise people just smoke in porta potties."

Mouseman states the mission of the Fair is education- and setting a good example is ultimately important.

Motion. A motion is made and passed to recommend to operations to eliminate five smoking sites: 1 Daredevil 2. Still Living Room 3. Shady Grove 4. Peace Park 5. Leslie Lane, starting at the 2018 Fair and permanently.

Unanimous vote to eliminate the five sites.

Five sites to improve. Kirk to make a motion to adopt the subcommittee's recommendation.

Jon seconds

Motion needs work- agrees to continue work on motion and bring back to February meeting. Kirk does not accept this.

Kirk amends motion – accept recommendation from subcommittee to mitigate and improve five locations and to continue working on additional four or five areas for future.

Jon accepts amendment.

Kirk amends to drop Nirvana Park from this motion or continuing study.

Vote- one abstains. Unanimous vote.

To be worked on- main stage/admissions/sauna/hoarse chorale (NOT nirvana park).  
Crystalyn thinks these need to move faster to meet deadlines.

Nirvana Park is currently not a smoking area and some would like it to remain smoke free.

Adding Leslie Lane makes 15.

Last recommendation on education- patches/nic gum is no longer an option.  
Crystalyn reminds committee that staff also need to abide by smoking areas.

#### Motion

*Subcommittee recommends program of education and prevention be implemented so fairgoers know smoking is strongly discouraged and there are alternatives.*

Vote- 6 in favor 4 opposed 2 abstain

The motion passes. – will work again on February agenda.

Where is motion directed? Board or operations...who does educating? Paxton- by default it's to the Board.

A movement is made and seconded to remove motion to rework it.

Vote- 7 in favor 4 opposed. 1 abstained. Motion is passed to rescind motion and rework.

Guideline motion- #13 adding "vape and e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products," Also add "drinking fountains" to smoke free zones.

This only applies to *tobacco products* (Marijuana is covered in #12)– Ann will email out the guideline changes.

#### Red Rockers

Are we collecting rockers and where do they go? Shane and Shelley can be contacted with them.

Originally started as a family station and are well utilized in Xavanadu.

Path planning to help identify locations for additional rockers.

50th Anniversary/possible projects?

Crystalyn- access to lockable power for secure recharging.

Fifty people talking about fair experiences – building a booth next to bus admissions to access Main Camp power with no need for wristbands.  
Craft demo area set up for 50<sup>th</sup> – maybe in a pocket park, maybe power is needed.

Colleen – would main camp work for a location?

Bennett – budget committee would like to know general concepts –we'd like to know this March for capital projects. by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Paxton – video crew has quite bit of videos and their location has power by ware barn.

The photo booth would be a long term project. Would like to do so this year. So the stories and portraits could be used year round for promotion.

Justin – be aware of portraits available at the craft booths.

Plans to work on main stage orientation and invite that crew to collaborate with PP, so the reorientation included their input. Maybe next step is a liaison to give report to PP. This should include the whole area. Colleen asks Kirk to be the liaison to the main stage. Kirk...yes and included David Tipton and Crystalyn. Will reach out to main stage and report back to PP.

Main Stage/2018 Capital projects requests? We don't have any at this time. Kirk will put in a small CP for cloth and smoking site supplies.

Colleen/Spirit...Front of Fair additional cloths for shade. Kirk states that we have that cloth already.

### **New Business:**

Fire update from Sue – Their new installation in Xavanadu--they'd like to do a pole and canvas fire station to hide the new ambulance and separate Little Wing from dust. Landing pickup zone site improvements was another item. Facing out on the Miss Piggy side. Permit issues? This would go to operations.

### **Homework review**

Ann- will email smoking guidelines  
Front of Fair questions to Dean for co cos  
Communicate with BUM (patty row) pedicabs  
Kirk plans to be on the ground to look at site BEFORE Feb meeting.

### **Meeting Evaluation**

Confirm Next meeting time (Feb. 18, 2018?) no objections.

Walkabout before the meeting 10am-12 is walkabout. Meet at Ware Barn Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting is 1:00-4:00 LCC bldg. 2 room 214

## **Proposed Guideline Change to Guideline 13. Presented by Ann Rogers**

At the December 17, 2017 Path Planning subcommittee on Smoking areas the following Guideline change was proposed and is submitted by Ann Bennett Rogers.

Existing Guideline:

### **13. Cigarettes**

#### **SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.**

No-smoking areas include, but are not limited to, dining, stage, audience, and Child Care areas, anywhere there is hay or straw, as well as all paths. There shall be no smoking in Main Camp areas designated as Quartermaster, Construction Desk, fire pit and dining areas. If there is no can nearby for butt disposal, you are in a no smoking area. Please help enforce this guideline by directing smokers to the nearest designated smoking area.

The no smoking areas shall be in effect all times.

Proposed Guideline 13 Changes:

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**WHITE BIRD AT OCF – MORE THAN YOU PROBABLY THINK**    Provided by Spirit Leatherwood

Almost all the Fair Family know that White Bird has been providing exceptional medical care at The Oregon Country Fair since the beginning. I am always surprised though, to find out how few folks know the depths and breadth of our service.

We want to spread the word!

White Bird offers a lot more than just care for your physical health! I like to say, “We don’t just treat broken bones; we treat broken hearts and broken spirits too!”

Half of all White Bird crew provide Crisis Services. - That means over 100 folks with backgrounds and training in Counseling, Social Work, Addiction Treatment, Mental Health, Sexual Assault, Intimate Violence, and More!

We can help with Depression, PTSD, Anxiety, Psychosis, Relapse, Mediation and just plain feeling Overwhelmed!

White Bird provides a Safe Space for folks to process feelings and troubling thoughts; to seek shelter when you don’t feel safe; to help you find your own answers and to point you towards ongoing help in town. We are a client-centered service – that means our goal is too help you find your own way and your own strength to carry on. Every thing we do is both confidential and free!

We can help you make a plan for tomorrow when you feel too confused to think, or keep you safe while you sort through the chaos – and you don’t have to come to us. We will come to you!

There has been some discussion lately of the need for Safe Spaces at Fair.

I say all of OCF needs to be a Safe Space; but if you ever don’t feel that way and need support – Go to any Booth, or Stage or Crew Person and ask for help. Tell them to call for us and we will come to you. Everyone on radio can reach us. Our TinkerBell is 92. We are a phone call away and we love you.

*Health Care is a Right, Not a Privilege – In the end; All we have is each other!*

**Tobacco and Path Planning**

I realize that the Path Planning Committee is not the forum to expect a decision on whether to allow tobacco smoking at the Fair. As the Oregon Country Fair Family however, any decision about issues of whether, when, or where, concerning tobacco use, must be informed by our collective values. We don’t share all of our values or even the same hierarchy of values, but there are some that are high priority for all of us. One family value that is high on

my list is protecting the health and well being of our children. I have attended all but one fair since the beginning and all of my children have grown up attending the fair. So I have some historical and personal perspective on the issue.

Death statistics are often used to express the horrible life diminishing and life destroying effects of tobacco addiction. The number of people who die each year from tobacco use in Lane county is the equivalent of two fully loaded Jumbo Jets crashing and killing everyone on board. It is by far the leading preventable cause of death. It is also important to keep in mind that for every death from tobacco use, there are 20 people who are suffering from a serious tobacco related disease.

Research shows that the more a child observes adults smoking, the more acceptable smoking is to them and the more likely they are to initiate smoking. Research made public just this month found that at least two thirds of children who smoke just one cigarette will begin smoking daily. The great majority of people who smoke long term, start when they are children. Tobacco addiction is an addiction of childhood. Being enslaved to an unwanted addiction initiated at 13 to 15 years of age robs children of their freedom and the potential for a healthy life.

The Fair is faced with the dilemma that if we are not tobacco free, then we are providing a tobacco industry friendly environment that puts vulnerable children at risk by encouraging tobacco use. Do as I say, not as you see me doing, is not an effective prevention strategy. Education as a tactic is notoriously ineffective at preventing tobacco use.

Preventing children from becoming addicted should be our priority. We should also have compassion for those people who are already addicted. Gallup polls show that 9 out of 10 people who smoke wish they had never started. More than two thirds have made one or more attempts to quit. A compassionate approach to nicotine addiction is not to provide more opportunities for smoking or to lecture people on why or how to quit. A compassionate approach must include the provision of tobacco free public spaces that will help the great majority of people who smoke, who want to stop, to be able to quit. Tobacco free public spaces also help our children and grandchildren to not start smoking. Providing education and not being tobacco free makes no sense. Assuring tobacco free environments is the most effective cessation resource we can provide and far outweighs the negligible benefit of education.

The Lane County Commissioners have made the Lane County Fair, and all other County property tobacco free. When Lane County Commissioners are making more progressive and evidence based policy decisions than the Oregon Country Fair, it is time to pause and reflect.

The paths are designated as no-smoking areas. I would strongly recommend that the Path Planning Committee keep the paths smoke free by not providing designated tobacco using areas.

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