

**Path Planning Committee** March 18, 2018 Noon to 3pm  
Northwest Youth corps

Members in attendance: Dean Middleton, Colleen Bauman Sue Theolass, Otis Gray, Paxton Hoag, Justin , Jon Pincus, Kirk Shultz, Amy Hand, Ann Rogers, Dennis Todd

Guests in attendance: Fire Dic Fire Cat Tom, Bear, Shelley, Fire Pye, Laurel, Mouse Man Heather, Renee, Bill, Reggie

Staff: Crystalyn  
Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements:

- Suzanna is retiring; Colleen reads retirement letter to the group.
- A subcommittee list was circulated around for updating; you do not have to be a committee member to serve on a subcommittee.
- Justin: booth reg is stuffing next weekend so the deadline for additions is the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Saturday market opens April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets went on sale today at 10am.

Minutes approval: (Feb 18, 2018) minutes approved as written. 7 in favor one abstained.

Public Comments : none

Agenda review : motion to approve agenda as read. 8 in favor, unanimous vote.

Work plan review: no additions. Paxton would like to keep smoking area discussion continuing each month.

**Reports:**

Crystalyn Reports OCF closed on Vahalla last Monday! Have been looking at insurance for public shuttles. Looking to move fire show into the activity area and working with lot crew and traffic to figure this out. No word on SUP. Architecture students to come out and draw starting soon. Asking crews to email ideas for 50<sup>th</sup> to 50thocf@ or budgetcommittee@ocf.org and associated budgets by march 31<sup>st</sup>. So far for the 50<sup>th</sup> ...There will be some birthday parties each day during public hours, a photo booth has been approved and stories will be recorded. Birthday parties and craft demos will mostly impact path planning. It is not expected at this time that PP will play any role in Vahalla.

Board Liaison Report: Put forward festive-reative but it did not get funded. The small fund for smoking did get funded.

## Subcommittee Reports

Dust Abatement Bear says there has been very little activity; the DA subcommittee has not met. Renee with water crew reports studies have been done on the eight for the last several years. The entrance and the main hot spots are all analyzed by 4 people between 6am to 10 pm. She explained that much of the dust issue is due to the lack of root systems which is needed under the path to hold water. Community barrels are avail and are checked daily. They are filled in the morning unless otherwise requested. The misters do well for dust abatement being economical and portable; they can be on during the day.

Fire Pye also likes the misters and states here are some very nice options out there. Also, there is a truck available for watering exterior paths in the early am, but no one to drive it. Rental trucks are scarce. Another major issue is the water tables have dropped and are no longer reliable stating we will have to rely on the city of Veneta. The rains are not absorbing in and he foresees the need to ration water in the future or there will be no dust abatement. Looking for path planning support to water the outer roads as a necessity. This was recorded as an agenda item for 2019. Creating pump stations from water rights out of Long Tom is a long term possibility.

Crystalyn would like to discuss misters with Renee and mentions Shane's hydro seeding for 2018. We don't have adequate storage for vehicles during off season so this is why we rent. This is the first she heard about not having someone to drive the truck, and would like to solve this.

Paxton agrees that watering the outer roads is necessary and suggests scheduling rentals earlier to secure them.

Ann mentions that Archaeology watered a large area to Niverna Park pre-fair and reducing vehicles on Upper River Loop all helped to reduce dust and keep grass longer.

Reggie says the amount of pressure on the grass is damaging. Figure eight is actually a flood plain and by clearing the log jams, we lose the retention of water. He suggests getting back to long term land management organically and alternatively, to enhance water retention.

Kirk states dust management is critical and many respiratory issues were reported last year. Talk more about water and dust earlier for budget planning. Needs support from path planning to do so.

Fire Dic says water source is an issue as is equipment to distribute it. The big trucks can be unavailable regardless of a reservation. A dedicated water truck is needed.

Jon mentions the water table supports the understory and the understory is constantly being removed. Advises on the conservation of vegetation and suggests sharing a truck with another entity.

Dennis says the sunny areas without heavy vehicles have best sod retention.

LUMP is looking to process grey water for long term use.  
Is water harvesting possible with no storage capacity?

Bear says, on the upper river loop, the effectiveness of foliage dusting creates clear air by eliminating the dust on the plants and providing a place for more dust to collect.

Fire Pye also sees the need for proper equipment. Perhaps the fire crew can talk to lane fire authority. Is there a potential for OCF to partner with lane fire since they need the equipment year round? They also have a grant writer and may be a great resource.

In regards to exterior fire suppression, Renne says that if lignin is put down it would reduce some need for water. This is safe and biodegradable.

Still living room: Mouseman says the subcommittee has not convened but will have something by the next meeting.

Smoking: Paxton generated a map of smoking areas. There was a constructive walk-about yesterday. Each site was analyzed and identified on the map (photo attached) green circles identify areas that work, while orange X do not work and have been eliminated and the blue sites need work. A written report will be created to describe each site with a detail overview.

Kirk- \$2000 capitol project for smoking sites has been approved. Still living room and main stage sites are able to move. Crystalyn recalls already moving the site by main stage. Now we are discussing moving it back to create a chimney effect. The site by the drum tower will be moved 20-30 feet away from food booth. The drinking fountain can move only 2-3 feet. Renee was concerned about drinking fountain being close to the smoking. The fountain on strawberry lane is difficult to move. At main stage, it is drinking only, no hand washing.

There aren't any smoking site locations identified outside the dragon. The zone near creek is used for casual smoking and may be an opportunity to pre-train public by establishing it as a site and placing a smoking site map. Crystalyn would like it moved out a bit.

Otis is concerned about horse chorale smoking station since children go there. Jon would like to see smoking areas which are closed get changed over to seating areas. Still living room is unique and many would like to see the smoking area go.

Long term planning- there will be a report next month; an email has been sent.

Safe spots – no update

Red rocker- no updates but a few chairs have been donated. Peace Park was mentioned for red rocker, and also across from still living room.

Kirk – keep construction in the loop on red rockers.

Ann reminds that a rocker is not a structural investment.

Front of Fair ....Goals have been identified. Public surveyed has been reviewed, and no complaints noted. Archives and history may be displayed at main camp wall. Shuttles and trams looked into. Paxton is interested in participating in the photo exhibits.  
Homework Reports, (if not on the agenda elsewhere)

### **Old Business:**

Memoria there was a lengthy and passionate discussion on memoria installations. Guests had been invited and a letter from Jay was read expressing continuity and tradition; Spirit tower is recommended and now has an altar. Laura Stewart would like places of remembrance all over the fair. More light is needed at night, and cards maybe handed out. Reggie mentions the 2000 year old Yew tree used to preserve history and the environment. Crystalyn would like one central spot so all know where the Memoria is. States those installations should go through art application process.

Dean would like to put forth ideas of what shouldn't happen. Kirk struggles with one central location and would prefer to see a number of spots allocated. Mindfulness is key, people being able to tell their story and memorialize their loved one in appropriate locations for them. Paxton prefers multiple distributed areas as well. Is this even a PP issue then if there are multiple spots and awareness on where these spots are and general guidelines? The discussion concentrates on whether to have one central memoria spot or multiple. A metal tree in the labyrinth was mentioned as an idea. Ashes have been spread in the past which is a culturally controversial practice.

A walk about will be dedicated to identifying a few select multiple locations for memorial. A map and walk about, perhaps 3 spots; either this year or next.

### **New business**

Homework review/workplan additions  
Jg to put out committee email phone list  
Dean work on updated list for subcommittees  
Bear- a report on the GPS mapping for LUMP will be ready

Memoria walk before April 15th meeting. Last meeting this year will be May with walk about on both days. April and May onsite in the ware barn.

Justin – new strolling food carts on the path. Locations tba in April.  
Ann wrote memoria subcommittee

Meeting Evaluation: A few hundred pounds of forks were cleaned during the meeting.

Confirm next meeting - April 15<sup>th</sup> at the fair site, Noon-3 pre meeting walkabout starting at warebarn at 10:30.

May meeting scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at ware barn also Noon to 3 with pre meeting walk about.

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Eliminated  
Needs Work

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