

Story Pole--OCF Path Planning Subcommittee 3/20/15

Path - Tom Churchill, Dennis Todd, Justin Honea, Kirk Shultz (go to mtg)

Ritz - George Braddock, Bob Beebe, Michelle Blackwell

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George's email of March 20 posed some questions, which framed the beginning of the discussion.

1 - Black Oak Survey? Tom says site location id'd through their observations, not officially surveyed. No pins, or boundaries officially determined. Archeology has observed boundaries. If above water line, it's considered within the archeological boundaries. At least along one edge where flood water is.

George: What's the protocol, are there different ways to identify where things lie?

Tom doesn't know if the flood map is a precise indicator.

Dennis: The deepest at Child Care in 1996 was 8 feet. Typically at Childcare flood levels are 4 - 5 feet deep.

Kirk: FEMA keeps 100, 500 yr flood level maps with various landmarks in that.

George: How do we capture the line so we can all have a common understanding? If we've got sensitive zone, what does it look like? How documented?

Tom says can't base these decisions on current flood line because some ancient uses were below line, like fire hearths found in the river bank at the chess board.

Justin says he thought he heard at path planning that the pole location might be moved out of the known archaeological site.

Tom says no state involvement, permit process, costs, archeo would just like to be informed and present for digging of hole, if we can move to garden or fountain area, there wouldn't be any permit process.

Justin says if we go there, what if something's found?

Tom says depends, flake vs camas oven vs human burial. Tom looks at land, knowledge of past uses to figure out where people will be at. Sometimes right on nose, sometimes way off. Get down to fountain or child care. Off high bank and into flood plain.

Permitting and archeo different issues, archy involved no matter what. But permitting and associated costs not involved if we get inside the edge.

George says install costs higher if we go down into flood plain. If we can just get inside edge of flood line near top, less involved to install. Archy involved no matter what.

George looked for similar area to qualities of what was done with fuel tank. Previously looked with George, Justin Dennis at junction of fence near mushroom. That spot is area that's been filled over 40 years. Natural break in bank terminated years ago. Initial cut where you pull in our area made years ago by Robert DeSpain for refer trucks. If we can agree on discretionary line, we've excavated in this area before and Tom was there and say it happen. Can we find sweet spot that's not up hill, close to edge, not likely to find archy, that would work for us, visibility for main path, Emery Blackwell's camp for years. One estimate was \$12k - 15k to put in pilings, talked to local outfit Oldham Crane

says \$5k to 6k. Second part George's question, if talking about limited disturbance re 10" pipe how much digging do we have to do? Corner has cool visibility from site. Kirk says it approaches surface more like diesel tank project, mixed component that diesel didn't have, corner has same aspects of putting pad on something, all have aspect of some sort of hole in ground. Realistic cost and minimal impact, if pile driver over there it's not tearing things up. Pad would have to extend below frost depth (18").

George circled back and reported that he had talked to Tim who is confident can put necessary engineering together no matter where it's located, with some overturning resistance on surface, tucked behind fence, whatever is exposed can be beautified, Tim willing to put his professional engineering stamp on line. He's already done some calcs and stamped it. Location and minimizing impact, if archy can get behind pole pushed in ground. Also notes Osprey has 3 poles down 8 feet, all in same area. Osprey lighter.

Tim thinks 10 - 12' on pole, surface cement pad just enough to create surface, most behind fence, overturn can be tucked behind wall and work benches around it.

Kirk notes an emerging compromise, Justin mmhmm.

Combo of pipe and surface slab. It's all an area that's been disturbed and filled, similar to diesel slab area. Beautify outer edge that shows.

George: Would move mushroom, it's just sitting there.

Tom wants to talk to archy crew and committee, at moment doesn't see any problem. To Tom, it's outside and they did a bunch of stuff in that area last year and it's all fill.

Concern is to make sure, be there, that's as far as we go into fill for pad and not into native surface under. If all we're doing is pile driving, Tom thinks its fine b/c a lot of fences are installed by pile drivers. No need to know b/c no hole dug, not in archy boundary. Pile right through. Even main gate last year, went down but all fill. Tom there watching fence, doesn't see reason why it can't go in there and not have a permit.

Tom will consult with archy and see what happens. Wants to be there but that's just normal procedure. He found two professional archaeologists who would be willing to supervise volunteers, for compensation. But the problem of asking for bids is that you don't know what's there until you start to dig. It's a crap shoot. It's best to avoid known sites. The UO bid was high because of high overhead. If he were to bid on a job like this, he would charge \$2K to 5K minimum for exploration of the original proposed Black Oak site for the pole.

Colleen joins...

Tom says decided to move story pole down near mushroom in area of fill and impact.

Pile driving so no excavation other than for pad and pad could go no deeper than fill, which is pretty deep, a good foot, b/c of that outside archy boundary. Tom caveat has to call archy Ann and DJ. Ann really knows and observed where cultural material found for that site.

Colleen: What's the process? Do we have to take this to the BoD?

Tom thinks he just needs to go back to path planning and say we solved it.

Colleen what about liability and recommending option to board?

Kirk, as board member, thinks we're making great progress and just wants to express nature of dealing with archy has been adventure, wonderful people w/wonderful mission but work interpretative, vs. the clarity expected by someone used to dealing with bldg codes. Doesn't work that way. Respect bldg efforts to get things done and respect archy interpretive ability. Kirk says next steps, go back to path planning with proposed solution and address and inform such concrete as is will be non-visible and arted over. Board part - ?

Tom says with the SHPO archy permit process the land owner, i.e., the board, must approve project. Now, not going through that process then don't need board for that per Kirk. Other path planners made point about visible large chunk of concrete, would have to get board policy exemption. But hearing in this strategy, concrete would look like the mushroom and not seen. Other reason Kirk can think of for taking it to the board is we've never done anything like this before.

Dennis recommends it go to board as a report, not as a request for motion.

Colleen doesn't object but believes it is Charlie's call. When he feels need to bump it up, courtesy/Charlie's call whether it's art so it doesn't or whether just wants board to look at it so it doesn't come back to haunt us. We don't take every art installation to board where it clears other hurdles.

Colleen, proceed with committee buy in, report to path planning committee, let Charlie opt whether to ask to report/request board approval. Justin says make recommendation for Charlie to do what he wants. Kirk says liability is operational, George says when engineer puts stamp on it he's liable, Justin says Charlie can get rider on insurance.

Colleen, is this now operational or back to path planning?

George says have conversation with Charlie, Tom checks in with DJ and Ann et al, then present all to Charlie, then a question for him. If it has to go to the board, have it happen sooner rather than later. He needs to push in pile in September do all work so it can set during winter and dry, George can reissue invites and go. Can't be here next April.

Colleen thinks report needs to get back to path planning in April because it's a big change, moved. George says in some ways off path, on Sauna turf. Justin and Tom agree. Get it to Charlie before the next path planning meeting.

Tim joins in. Said Ramjack could do the pile driving. George shared Tim's conversations with Jimmy, Oldham.

7:00 PM meeting adjourned. Smiles all around.