



What's Up with Path Planning?



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The path planning committee has begun to meet again this spring. The process of path planning is an ongoing one. The issues of congestion, erosion, living in a flood plain, County requirements, and concerns for our aesthetics, environment and safety continue. We have all been a little exhausted after last years efforts to get our new Chela Mela meadow up and running, (thanks all) so this years plans are quite a bit smaller. Change can be daunting and we want to keep everyone involved and informed.

This year we have a number of smaller projects planned in the meadow area including changes at Stage Left, (entry and performers booth), Hoarse Chorale (entrance and gallery), modifications to Rebo's Gazebo and on the whimsical side a 10 foot high drinking fountain and bench for stilt walkers! (is this the right height?). There is a search on for a dunk tank (we figured the Church of Phun might want to do baptisms!) and new activities planned for the kids (costumes and printing

projects). Also an additional small child area will be emerging next to the Kids loop. All this is intended to fix items from last years meadow project and to encourage our family to stretch out, play, shop, eat and explore in the Left Bank and Chela Mela side of our fair.

Back in the Eight, we will be finishing a second phase of work at the Junction and Shady Grove to address issues of congestion, erosion, and acoustics—look for a reoriented Drum Tower. Next year (we do try to think ahead!) the areas we want to study and propose projects in are Way Back Way, Sesame Street, Pike Street and Abbey Rode. The Void/Sesame area has aesthetic issues (that lovely row of porta pots comes to mind) and is large enough to provide us a few alternate booth location options to deal with future whims of the river.

The new Far Side river camping from last year adds new traffic flow issues along Abbey Rode and Pike Street. This has us wanting to give this whole area a compre-

hensive looking into. Nearby at Way Back Way (just down from Ark Park) we are proposing a food and dining area. The congestion and erosion along Shady Lane will have us moving some food and craft booths there next year and the options for food in this neighborhood will be limited.

We feel we have to maintain a minimum level of services, including nourishment in all our many Barrios.

We want you to comment, brainstorm, rant and rave, and generally share in this process, so some public meetings have been scheduled at the Fair Site: •June 28 from 1:30 till 3:00 at the Youth Stage •July 11 at 9:30 a.m till 10:30 at Way Back Way (close to Ark Park). •July 12 at 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 at The Void (next to Childcare). (Yes, we are going to meet during the Fair.) •August 22 at the Picnic, 1:00 p.m. at X-Ray Park (old Gritz La Ritz booth near Daredevil Palace).

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