

\*Oregon Country Fair  
\*Path Planning Committee\*\*  
\*Date:\* Sunday, November 15th, 2009  
\*Time:\* Noon to 2:00  
\*Location:\* Hub Yurt or check sign at Hub

\*\*Agenda\*\*

\*\*Preliminaries:\*\*

*/Introductions/*

Attending: Colleen Bauman, Chris Browne, Chewie Burges, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Dennis Todd, Jay Hogan, Jon Pincus, Kirk Shultz, Michael Richard, Paxton Hoag, Susanna DeFazio, Sylvia Fireman, Tom Churchill, Bill Wright, Anna Scott, Sue Moore, Peggy Fitzgerald  
I missed some guests names who didn't sign up but were welcome anyhow.

*/Announcements/*

Mar 14th will be a BOD camping workshop. Council of Elders will meet today at Alices, 4PM.

It was requested that people keep their discussions to 2 minutes and allow first time speakers before repeat speakers have another chance. Point of process to not read the emails but to add them to the minutes for discussion at the following meeting. It was felt that that might be too long to wait for the discussion. It was also pointed out that the emails should go to all the committee members. Some committee members are not receiving their minutes. It was pointed out that it is important to have a way to contact the committee only. One thought was that official communication should not be via email as that leaves some people out. It is thought we need to set up our own PP web manager to free Charlie from that onus. Some LUMP members are here to make a report to the PP.

*/Approval of Minutes/*

A **\*motion\*** was made and 2nded to approve the minutes of 10/18. **\*Passed\*** by acclamation

*/Public Comments (including letters and e-mails)/*

*/Agenda Review/Amend/Approve/*

Add a report by the LUMP members to old business.

A 2nd agenda that was for the full year was shown. Changed the prep for the

workshop to prep for camping.

A **\*motion\*** was made and 2nded to approve this month's agenda. **\*Passed\*** by acclamation

A **\*motion\*** was made and 2nded to approve the dynamic yearly agenda with the inclusion of a meeting on April 4, 2-4. **\*Passed\*** by acclamation. This is listed in New Business.

*/Staff Reports/*

It was hoped by staff that no final decisions would be made by the LUMP/PP without input to them.

*/Sub Committee Reports/*

Dean Middleton passed around his draft for the web page design. He revised his draft to match a suggestion from Dennis where the board statement was made easier to read and understand. It was questioned who would maintain the site? It was said that PP should include the public spaces and adjacent camping areas. Maybe clarification should be requested from the board. It was questioned whether the initial board motion was stated or a secondary motion. It would be nice to have a description of the motion. The web could have a link to the original motion posted to the site. This is a work in progress. It is important to get this on line as soon as possible.

A **\*motion\*** was made to accept the revised 2nd draft and 2nded. It was clarified that this would be added to the fair web site. **\*Motion passed, 1 opposed\***.

Kirk circulated an email that would be a general questionnaire to be sent to camp hosts and coordinators about camping areas. He plans to contact craft lot coordinator this next month. It was decided to have one letter go out from a unified group instead of from 2-3 initiators. One suggestion was to publish a questionnaire in the FF News and/or on line with the BOD making the announcement. This would allow it to be unified. Someone said that we need to provide the information to the BOD before their workshop. It was stated that the most important aspect is to gather the information whatever/whoever the methodology. Kirk and Chewie were designated by the coordinators and will coordinate the questionnaire along with other interested parties. The first article will be an overview of camping and will be published in the December FFN.

**\*\*Old Business\*\***

*/Attendance and Quorum Policy (amend/approve)/*

The motion for attendance policy was read and will be included in these minutes. It was discussed how to suggest a replacement if one is leaving.

**\*Path Planning Committee Attendance Policy\***

PPC is a large committee that must represent the interests of all aspects of the Fair. It needs active members who provide input from their unique perspectives and expertise, who inform and educate themselves and others, and who make informed votes on issues.

Because the committee makes recorded votes on important issues and a quorum is required, low attendance may preclude votes on committee business. Members who do not attend meetings or notify committee officers before their absences might have lost interest in participating in the committee and should be considered to have resigned.

**\*Attendance policy:\***

Members who miss three meetings in a row without notifying committee officers are deemed to have resigned unless they notify the recording secretary, in writing, within two weeks of the third missed meeting that they wish to continue serving on the committee.

Members who miss meetings will be expected to have read the minutes of

the missed meetings before attending another meeting. Members who decide not to continue with PPC work are urged to recruit another Fair member with similar affiliation or experience for committee membership. Members may take a leave of absence by prior notification. While on leave, they will not be included in the count of active members when determining quorum requirements.

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**\*A motion was made and seconded\*** to accept the attendance/Quorum policy.  
\*Motion passed by acclamation.\*

2009-2010 OCF Path Planning Committee work plan

Vote occurred during Agenda approval.

/Mass Meeting Planning (Pieces of the Puzzle)/

SEE ATTACHMENT AT BOTTOM

/Camping Solutions (Review, Discuss)/

A question was asked why some areas would be off limits. Rare eco types was the answer. What is the Pine area on the North side of the lot. An old nursery and would require a lot of work to clear for camping.

2009-2010 OCF Path Planning Committee work plan (draft v.2)

Oct 18: Mass meeting preparation, camping solutions

Nov 15: Vote on attendance policy, yearly plan; discuss camping with LUMP; prep for mass meeting (cont'd); develop plan for five replacement booths; appoint subcommittees, work groups

Dec 13: Replacement booths; plan something exciting for 2010

Jan 17, 2010: Final plan for five replacement booths; discuss archaeology; prep for mass meeting

Feb 21, Prep for camping workshop

Mar 14, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM: BoD/LUMP/PPC-sponsored All-Fair-Family camping workshop

Apr 4, 2:00 to 4:00 PM Prepare for Design Workshop

Apr 18, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM: All-Fair-Family Design Workshop/  
charette (AFFDW)

May 16, 12:00 - 3:00 PM: Review designs, refine with more charette

June 6: Hands-on work session to prepare presentation materials  
for fair

It was discussed to add the Intergalactic bypass to the discussion. Other things discussed by LUMP were: Secure storage, backpacker camp, Establishing an overnight area for late arrivals, the need for a central coordinator with the ability to assign, adding a bridge near shady grove, moving Barter Fair was one suggestion. Were any rough numbers discussed? Between 750-1000 potential camping sites (rough count) between South Miss Piggie's & middle parking road, moving the handicapped parking, tower lot (currently the tow lot). Some areas have clusters of cars parked where it is not necessary. Relocating the Barter Fair would simplify things. We need a better understanding of green areas and areas that need protecting, wildlife habitat buffers, future uses include compost areas. It was thought it appropriate to charge via footprint. Bigger area? Charge higher fees. It was suggested to consider creating a quiet camp. We need to think of camping needs ten years in the future. Camping areas need to be established as neighborhoods. We need to keep in mind that there are other species who have the OCF site as full time domicile. The Unorganized Territories contain areas that should not be touched. Some areas are natural boundaries and shouldn't be opened up. There was a concern that neighborhoods wouldn't necessarily work unless carefully integrated with current campers. It is felt that the Barter fair is almost unmanageable and a security problem and takes much more space than necessary. Buffer zones are important. Keep pristine areas. Strolling vendors need a concentrated area near their vehicles or maybe 2 areas. A motion was made and 2nded to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Passed with no opposing. It was discussed how long time campers have a feeling of entitlement and are not good about sharing or welcoming newcomers. Neighborhoods have value to the fair. Camp hosts are responsible to only their own campers, not to the fair as a whole. A neighborhood rep would be responsible to the larger fair. Native Americans used to burn the site and the campers don't do permanent damage. Burrow Pit? Do we have an impetus to discuss the Barter Fair and do we need a representative from them at a future meeting? Haven't yet discussed the adjacent properties, Malden property or types of camping needed e.g. RV & quiet. Visibility from the highway.

**\*\*New Business\*\***

Comes from the yearly agenda:

\*Dec 13: Replacement booths; plan something exciting for 2010\*

**\*\*Finalities:\*\***

*/Meeting Evaluation/*

Went well today but revisit the 2nd speaker rule and not have too stringent restrictions. Need to self-regulate. It thought the 2nd speaker rule worked well. Welcome to the guests and the notice in the FFN worked well.

*/Homework Review/*

\*Think about camping. A framework for the AFFDW(All Fair Family Design Workshop ) needs to be thought about.\*

/Confirm next meeting time and place: // \*December 13, Hub or Alice's, Noon-2\*/

A **\*motion\*** was made and 2nded to adjourn the meeting. **\*Passed\*** with acclamation

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\_ **\*PIECES OF THE PATH PLANNING PUZZLE** for Crafts Lot (CL) and Gypsy Way (GW) \*\_

\*Craft and service booths

Pu booths in clusters of related products and services when appropriate

Offer a variety of products and services

Provide off-path display and counter space for crafts booth browsers

\*Food booths, food courts, dining areas

Develop food booth line areas off paths

Site food booths in clusters with off-path access routes, hand washing stations, dining commons, and recycling stations

\*Stages

Develop off-path entertainers' parks

Site stages so audiences do not crowd paths

Site and orient stages to minimize sound conflicts; consider sound corridors

Provide at least two public entrances/exits and backstage access for performers

Make secure storage facilities available

\*Paths, parks, open space, rest areas, entrances, exits

Plan for the future

Protect green zones and archaeological resources

Paths should be at minimum 20 feet wide

Provide vistas of wetlands, green zones

Paths should curve to provide a feeling of intimate spaces

Make fences invisible but effective

Develop emergency exits for public spaces

Provide shaded rest areas

Allow no two paths to be visible from one another through the woods

Develop variety in path width, orientation, openness

Build in shaded areas when possible; plant trees for future shade

Use water features and natural barriers to direct pedestrian traffic and prevent trespass

Reduce vehicle use on paths

Develop behind-the-scenes paths for booth re-supply and emergencies

Design paths for service and emergency vehicle access

Minimize flood flow blockage (GW)

Stay within grandfathered land use area (GW)

Connect Kids Loop vendors' path to another path (CL)

Make paths alter-abled-accessible

\*Toilets, hand washing, recycling

Provide services close to food booth courts

Site toilets for off-path service vehicle access

\*Participatory activities

E.g., hula-hoops, dance stage, kids' tumbling, a puzzle installation, crafts demonstrations

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Info, first aid, security

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

#### EXISTING ELEMENTS:

\*Stage Left (CL)

Avoid sound conflicts with stages, play areas, other sources

Maintain vehicle access to Stage Left backstage or site new stage appropriately

Provide secure storage, backstage area, porta-pots, potable water, hand washing facilities, adjacent tent and car camping for 120 people and 12 vehicles

\*Kids' Loop (CL)

Site play area in shade or build shade structures

Design fencing and structures for security and safety

\*Mellow Space (CL)

Fenced, shady rest area for small children accompanied by adults.



POSSIBLE ADDITIONS:

\*Morningwood Odditorium (CL)

Participatory venue could be moved from Chela Mela

\*Theater in the Round (GW or CL)

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Multi-use Stage (CL)

Venue for Stage Left during Fair, second event performances at other times

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Dance Stage (CL)

For participatory and performance dance

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Child Care annex (GW or CL or Main Camp)

Secured child care compound near public entrances

Staffed gates and front desk, secure fencing

Barefoot- and runner-friendly site in shaded, level area

Close proximity to Mellow Space and Kids' Loop (or move MS & KL to new kids' complex next to new child care compound)

Porta-pots, drinking water, and hand-washing facilities inside compound

Consider acoustic conflicts with nearby venues

No staff camping needed

[Dimensions of current site needed. Current site accommodates up to 60 children;

satellite compound could be sized for 30 with possibility of expansion if needed.]

\*Community Village annex (CL or GW)

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Energy Park annex (CL)

Site Energy Park annex with good solar exposure

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Tribal Way (GW or CL)

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*Private entrance (GW)

for fair family camping at Chickadee Lane

\*Garden space/agriculture demos (CL)

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

\*White Bird Annex (GW or CL)

[Description, design, dimensions needed]

**\*LETTERS\*\*\*\*\***

I see no reason that would not work, as long as the toilet pumping trucks can get close enough to pump out the toilets during the non-public hours and the water trucks can get close enough to fill the drinking water barrels. Our camping

vehicles are usually in place by Thursday afternoon and don't leave until Monday, so we don't need active personal vehicle access - just access for the service vehicles. We could also relocate the toilets and water barrels within our backstage area depending on where the service vehicles could drive.

- Tim

In a message dated 11/11/09 7:42:42 PM, writes

Hi, Tim--

Thanks for this info. It's detailed and concise.

Could SL campers live with vehicle access available only during the non-public hours? If the Crafts Lot were made into a public venue and SL stayed where it is (with the backstage fence expanded to include the current vehicle camping) as a "bubble" surrounded by the public but accessible by vehicle during the non-public hours, would that work?

Dennis

wrote:

As requested in the October 2009 Fair Family News, here is camping information for Stage Left.

The group currently camping behind Stage Left was asked by the Fair management to relocate there from Chumleighland (now WC Fields Stage) when the Left Bank opened. At that time, the Fair wanted "The Circus" to move to a new stage on the Left Bank to "anchor" the new path and draw people to the new area. Following a series of negotiations, the group of performers and marching band members

from Chumleighland agreed to relocate to what is now Stage Left in return for an improved stage and camping situation:

Vehicle access to backstage before the Fair to facilitate building the backdrops and sets, and setting up the show.

Service vehicle access close enough to the backstage area during the Fair to have toilets and drinking water barrels in the backstage/camping area.

A tent camping area directly behind the stage.

A vehicle camping area in the Craft Lot adjacent to the tent camping area backstage, with a gate connecting the two. Vehicles are used both for sleeping and for a secure lock-up for the musical instruments for the marching band.

Showers in or near the backstage area. (This never happened)

In 2009, the camping population at Stage Left was around 120 people:

we had 85 tent tags: 74 tents + 11 vehicles

Most of the people camping behind Stage Left are performers in the show, support people for the show, and members of The Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra.

There are also some other performers who used to be part of the Stage Left show but now do their own show on other Vaudeville stages, but the other stages don't have room for them to camp so they continue to camp behind Stage Left.

We also have a few performers from other stages who camp in their vehicles in the Stage Left vehicle camping area, since there is no other Vaudeville/Performer vehicle camping area at the Fair.

The booth people from the Vaudeville Central sales booth also camp with us.

For historical reasons, a few people with the Sign Crew camp with us.

Some people from the old Chez Ray food booth camp with us, since the addition of the Spoken Word stage at that booth over-taxed the camping area behind their food booth and there was not enough room for all of the food booth people and the spoken word stage people to

camp behind the food booth.

So overall, the campers at Stage Left consist of approximately

80% performers in the Stage Left show and Marching Band

10% performers on other stages

10% non-performers.

If the camp were to be moved, all of the Stage Left show people and Marching Band would want to move together. This would be close to 100 people.

If the Craft Lot were to become a public path, and if that resulted in no service vehicle access to the backstage area during the Fair (and thus no backstage toilets or drinking water), then the whole group would want to relocate to a new stage on the edge of the new public area in order to maintain what have become essential backstage facilities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

- Tim (Fyodor Karamazov) Furst

Stage Left Camp Host

(206) 419-2298 cell

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Hey there Path Planners

For Recycling part... we camped 219 people, in tents only, on our parcel and 1 vehicle camper, Dick Stewart, who has been grandfathered in and is the only vehicle allowed in camp. We have 5 potty's across the road.

Just passed us, off the fire road, I believe there is room for more organized camping and it's bonus 'cause it's under the trees. The forest back there, in my opinion is underused... Maybe because it's out of site out of mind, maybe because folks don't like contending with the mosquito's, which do swarm in our little swampy area, but we've gotten accustomed to it....and so could others.

My two cents... Feel free to contact me if you need more detail...

lara

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I am responding to the article in the news. I am the camp host for the wristband crew camping, which is between Gypsy Stage and Snivel Lane. I would like to be involved if you need input. We love and cherish our camping area,

thank you,

Cheryl Henderson

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hello kirk et al.--

Craft Inventory Crew uses space along the main path through the woods on the Far Side, and our particular space is full and fully used. around us is the same. I can't imagine using any more of this forested area between the river and the big meadow without deforesting; we sure don't want to start being "developers," eh?

best wishes with all the planning!

Jeff Harrison, Craft Inventory

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Hello,

Ruby from commemorative sales here. When the "eye of ra" booth was given to a vendor who had lost their space due to erosion, we lost a good chunk of our camping space. A new booth was built for us just across the way with very convenient backdoor access to main camp, our yurt and merchandise. So it was perfect when we were given the space behind Rabbit Hole (the old pony booth loop) by the fair to make up for lost camping space. We also share this space with History Booth crew. We love this space and hope to keep it- its key to have our crew closely located to where our booths are and to main camp.

John Pincus came into camp this year and let us know that the path planning committee was looking at this space for potential new use.

We hope that we can remain users and stewards of this area. I have a crew of 22 and usually try to limit our use in this area since it is so pristine. I try to keep it to 5-7 tents for our crew, and then history usually has 3-4 tents. We are very mindful of the awesome trees and foliage in this area and only set up tents in spots that have been approved by Chewie a la Vegmanics, and we don't put tents up where there haven't been before. Our other camping space, behind the left bank booth, has a pretty limited area for camping and definitely does not accommodate our whole crew. Also an issue for us there is that as we all start having babies, which we are, it is a pretty dusty and unhealthy spot because of all the dust generated on the other side of the fence from admissions. This makes having camping in an area that is more out of the way, less dusty, but still close and accessible, very important for our crew.

Thank you for considering our issues!

Ruby

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Greetings, Path Planners!

My name is Greg Rodenburg, aka 'Camp Boy'. I saw your invitation in the FFN today, and wanted to give you my \$.02 regarding how we - Camp Faerifairia - do it in the Craft Lot.

\*Background:\* There's a small section of Craft Lot (see the sketch) which in my experience has always been 'reserved' for Strolling vendors. Admittedly, there aren't many Strolling vendors anymore; but one of them is my mate, Fiora Mountain (Face Painting, Leaf Masks, aka "Hornucopia & Faerifairia").

Here's how Fiora likes to go to Country Fair.

\*How many camp in Faerifairia?\*

Fiora arrives with quite the brood in tow!. She usually has 10-12 Faeries in her camp - her daughters, or course; and their friends/partners, sometimes a grandchild or two. And the neighbors. And me. So it should go without without saying that Fiora doesn't want to see Faerifairia split up!

\*Vehicles?\*

Oh yes. 'Isabo', Fiora's 1970 VW camper bus, anchors her camp. Isabo brings in our Art, all the pillows & blankets, and the breakables.

**\*What kind of camp is Faerifairia? \*Big. And fun! And with \*lots\* of creature comforts. We bring in a truck, loaded with stuff - costumes, shade structure, rugs, furniture, our own kitchen....yes, it takes us a fair amount of effort to set up and strike each year...but we think it's worth it!**

\*What do we do with our camp?\*

All kinds of things! We try to make Faerifairia more beautiful & inviting each year! We're sort of a 'destination' camp anymore; we often have impromptu get-togethers, singing, horn-making sessions, costume exchanges, parties....we like to spend a **\*lot\*** of time in our camp! And we cook yummy meals, too.

\*How'd we end up in Craft Lot?\*

As I understand it, the Strolling vendors were given the strip along the north edge of Craft lot years and years ago, so they could easily get into the Fair with their carts. (After all, they don't have booths to camp behind!)

\*What would make <shudder> 'relocation' work for Camp Faerifairia?\*

**Well, just like most everyone else, we certainly don't \*want\*** to move. Still, if I had to bet....I'd bet our campsite sits right in the middle of the next Path expansion. Yikes! Tell you what...I'll put our cards on the table, in the hope that you fine folks on Path Planning can make a little Fair Magic happen for Faerifairia. I'll admit it: Faerifairia won't be an easy camp to relocate. But there's three things that could make a move work for us.

**\*Vehicle Access.\* We'd \*really\*** hate to lose Isabo as our anchor - she's a member of the family, she's covered in Craft Lot stickers, and having Isabo to sleep/dress/retreat in makes it a lot easier for Fiora to make it through the week. We'd also want to continue to have vehicle access for the truck - because our gear pile is way beyond the peach-cart level.

\*Proximity to the Paths.\* Fiora's shoulders just can't take long pulls on the

Hornucopia cart. She needs to easily be able to get from camp to the paths.  
\*Lebensraum. \* Faerifairia erects a central shade/rain structure, which gives us a 'living room'. Add in the kitchen, the costumes, the bus....! We make excellent use of whatever space we're given - but wherever that space is, it needs to be **\*open\*** space.

Again, thank you Path Planners! for asking for our input. I'd be happy to participate in some Path design workshops this winter - please keep me posted. I know Mark Pankratz - just met him this year, really, but we've become good friends - maybe we'll drive down to Eugene together for some fun and problem-solving sessions.

Really, I'd love to help - and not just because I want to make sure that Faerifairia gets a good home next year!

Yours from Chehalem Mountain,  
Greg Rodenburg

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How many people in your camp? as few as 10 and as many as 15

Camping vehicles? No

Is your camp primarily a crew, booth or entertainer-presenter based camp? Booth

Was your camp placed in its current camp location by the Fair operation function or was it self-selected? Self Selected over 15 years ago

If your camp were to move, would the campers need to move as a group or could they appropriately be dispersed? We would like to move as a group, many of us are blood family and others are family of choice.

How do you utilize this area during the Fair? Since the space behind our booth is wall to wall people and tents, 15 years ago we chose to camp in the Craft Lot. It is wall to wall people with a lot of the same folks being neighbors from year to year. We've seen those noisy teenagers grow to noisy adults.

Generally the space is used for tent set up -sleeping/napping before shifts, socializing, light cooking, refuge from the "storm", kids escaping the "madness, dust and crowds.

Thank you for asking,  
Louise



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ear Path Planning Committee (we hope):

John Cloud here, with an email with a few brief points about the last Path Planning Committee minutes.

(1) We at Stage Left find the minutes kindof sketchy and confusing, more a shorthand of the meeting. We're still not sure if Crafts Lot is now New Business or if it isn't, and what does that mean anyway?

(2) If I or anybody replies to an email from who gets the reply? The whole committee? One person? etc. For that, I'm including a couple PPC people I know on this, as well as cc'ing Tim Furst, the Stage Left camp wrangler, who should be in on all these discussions, plus Tom Noddy because he's sort of our fairy godbubbleguy.

(3) A major developing point in our own internal Stage Left evolving discussion about coming changes in Crafts Lot and a possible move to a potential new stage/new camping area, given that acoustics issues are really important to us, is that OCF "planning" as such seems largely restricted to physical space (like Crafts Lot), but acoustical issues travel far. Before this year's fair, nobody asked us nor told us anything about "Pirate's Cove" (and no doubt nobody needed to tell us); nevertheless, if that giant really amplified evening stage continues in that site another year or two, it will be like it's been there forever, and will be taken as a given. If so, that will really impact any possible plans for Stage Left establishing a new stage and camping area, even closer to Pirates Cove than we are already.

(4) Hence, we are really trying to participate in this process, but things seem to be changing rapidly in ways that are being "planned", but not so much by Path Planning Committee, it seems. Or what's y'all's take on these matters?

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