

Minutes - OCF Path Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting – Sept. 26th, 2010

In which, “something” gets done...

Attendees:

Committee members:

Dennis Todd, Colleen Bauman (Co-Chairs); Steve Wisnovsky, Kirk Shultz, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Susanna DeFazio, John “Chewie” Burgess, Deane Morrow, Chris Browne, Michael Richard, Sylvia Fireman, Wally Jones, Dawn Scuteri (scribe)

Guests:

Charlie Ruff, Merrill Levine, Sue Moore, David Tipton, Mark Pankratz, DJ Rogers, Ann Rogers, Darby Shindruk

Announcements:

Chewie – Elections coming up so get out and vote – Board Elections, Path Planning Co-Chair

Meeting change announcement - Oct 16th for the next OCF Board meeting

Jon P. – Elections in general coming up – wake up and tune in

Sylvia F. – I would like to add my name to the June Minutes

Motion to Approve Changes to Minutes – Dennis moved to approve the changes to the minutes, approved by all w/ 2 abstentions (Susanna D. and Chewie)

Public Comment

Merrill Levine – representative of the Endowment Committee – they would like to be in a space where they can be seen by the public, would like it to be more accessible with a place to post info (wall space and “wishing you well” well & Jill Heiman info) – they don’t need a booth

Dennis – How much linear feet do you need?

Kirk – Some history here, a Galleria Philanthropia recap – the Endowment Committee had about 40’ fence range last year, but not good path visibility, they need more color next year

Chewie – They need to be more endowed...

Merrill – Yes, we would like to have some people who are more endowed!

Paxton – I would like to offer encouragement, would like to see them more out and by people, at the Cable Gate or Dragon Plaza. At the Hoarse Choral they were difficult to see; OK to be outside by the Dragon Gate

Merrill - We do need shade, though

Susanna – I couldn’t find it either. The entrance and exit by the bus is a good place, great info for at the bus line or by exit

Kirk – The Endowment Committee is on top of needs and design, ready to make adjustments

Agenda Review:

Colleen – I would like to have a place on the agenda to discuss how to proceed with our friends list, how to send out messages for them to find our updates on the webpage

Dennis – Let’s put that on continuing old business, maybe after we elect officers?

Paxton – I’d like to add to new business – to use one of the OCFs flip video cams to record meetings

(Colleen added that to new business)

Michael – I'm interested in dropping derogatory terms for naming, not use pejorative terms at all, it's a real issue

Dennis – That's a huge discussion, let's put it under review for committee policy, under Naming Conventions

Michael – I would like to craft language for the board, but I would rather we do it in committee

Jon P. – Stop and take a reality check on the agenda, there's a lot of items and it will take a lengthy discussion

Dennis – I don't think there will be too much

Colleen – You can always make a motion to table the item at that time

Motion to approve agenda – Colleen moved to approve agenda, second by Chewie, The motion passed with none opposed and 1 abstention (Jon P)

Staff report

Steve – We had a Fair, nice rains, everything green, there's a tree crew on E. 13th, give them space. Beyond that, clean up looking good, no flood yet.

Kirk – What's the status of the river banks?

Steve - They are stable

Charlie – High-quality fair experience, slight drop in ticket sales. We're starting follow-up meetings for new website in a week or two; it'll be a significant transformation from past website. norma is on sabbatical next Friday, back after a month. So in OCT, NOV, DEC no norma. in the office, we're taking the opportunity to document her duties – be patient during this time.

Kirk – I want to know if there are any results of the surveys taken at the Fair, published info?

Charlie – We have the data back, I'll get that out to the PPC Chairs, we'll get the summary data out, a lot confirms our previous assumptions

Michael – I want to know if there are scheduled meetings for the website

Charlie – We will have large public attended workshops; will have information out as soon as I know, I'm still working on it

Chewie – Are we working on a norma-in-training job description?

Charlie – That's a big step of the plan

Jon P – Regarding the design of the website – make sure there is a text-only option for those out of the urban grid, not everyone has DSL

Charlie – Good point and we'll make it accessible to those with lower bandwidth, but we're not going to limit the capabilities of the site

Paxton – I want to know if the Path Planning website is going to stay the same, can we still access the drawings? Are they online?

Dennis – Go to our site, go to the maps page, they're all there

Review 2010 Fair and letters details:

Colleen – Regarding the survey - the summary only went out to the PPC. There were 16 letters that came after the Fair, and 1 that came in a little later than that that didn't get sent out to the PPC. There are repeated concerns – no one wants to move.

(Colleen read the letters – a recap from the email sent out to the PPC.)

Kirk, Dennis and Colleen would like to thank all for sending letters

Susanna and Deane would like to thank the PPC (Dennis) for writing back to the senders

Michael – wants to know if one the letters that didn't get a returned email, was there a typo?

Dennis – No – the SPAM filter is set really high, it's the right email address

Colleen – It's our policy to respond to all letters

Dennis – Are there any questions or comments?

Jon P. – The letters reflect his personal conversations, opinions are all over the map, there needs to be more public functions where we talk and all hear each other

Chewie – I'm really glad, I read all the letters, I had many of the same concerns, change happens, in terms of path planning I hope we take the 17 letters we got and realize that 17 letters compared to 13,000 passes, it's a small amount of voices, but we all have to acknowledge something has to give, be aware, though it's good to hear feedback, and more public forums is a good idea but I don't want to discuss the same thing...

David – I had some maps posted on my school bus on crafts lot, spent a lot of time listening to comments and informing people, the biggest confusion – people don't understand the process – they don't trust in the committee and the process, the theme with a lot of those letters is they're just misinformed, they only want to know what's the option for us?

Kirk – Thanks, BTW, David for letting us post those maps there. I feel it would be more useful to put together a history in the Fair Family News to help people get their heads around how long this has been going on, what's happening, to have more info available about the past will help people get caught up.

Dennis – This committee really can't do very much about camping, but we bear the brunt – LUMP is not taking the lead to publicize the efforts, though I've heard there is high-level discussion of it on the OPs level.

Kirk – Can we have future items – can we have an education sub- committee?

Colleen – Appreciates all David has to say, but we need as a committee to clarify our goals and lessen fears, wants to make sure we all on the same page.

Kirk – We have to educate ourselves first,

Colleen - then the membership

David – What about Chris' speech for Design Charette? That was so informative, if we could put that on the website it would be really good.

Charlie – Comment on camp implications – the formation of a camp crew is coming, I have been pushing for one for a couple of years. Before you ask anyone to give up their space, have an option for them, some choices, it takes away the fear to have that plan in place, first.

Colleen – What's the timeline of when that might happen?

Charlie – Form by the next Fair, in full force 2012 Fair

Chris – Plans developed so far – most are warned about where they're being sent, don't know where they're going to go, will be able to develop area that are as good as or better so we can develop new spaces without negativity

Deane – nothing will begin until camp displacement is discussed

Chris – Somewhere – we need to start doing something – please!

Jon P – Charlie exactly right – nothing will happen without presenting camping options, I've been hearing it needs to come from LUMP, but think it must be part of our process for it to happen. I appreciate the notion of a camp crew, but we need a process first. If we make it happen and present good options you may find a lot of places vacate voluntarily.

Paxton – I really like the idea of a Path Planning FAQ – history, timeline, limits. Really like the response of the Committee for Morningwood, continue the story and go to the

FFNews. Disagrees on meetings, we need to have a lot so people get the info they need, disagrees with the length of time we've been dealing with the issue – last year was our first. Also need a workshop – should/how do we grow? Talk about land issues, zoning, we can't make changes unless we change our zoning. Neighborhoods are part of the solution to the camp problem.

Ann – We really do need a FAQ sheet, I was asked to talk to KLCC (assumed about Archeology) and I got questions about the Fair moving! I really wanted to talk about the geomorphology of the Long Tom. Whoa, I was not prepared – we need one.

Chewie – I have to disagree - this has been going on for 18 years, not 1. Camping crew has been helping people for years. It's my impression the purview of camping is LUMP and OPs, PP is not the camping end-all, but path planning is the front piece, I'm disappointed we're not further along. I walked around at the Fair and there are people everywhere (camping). We need to get a grip on the camping issue in terms of Path Planning. Morningwood has taken a lot of liberties and needs to be figured out, anything this Fair does needs to be more than what we are just looking at.

Kirk – Camping needs to be resolved at the level that we're at, don't get lost in all the details before we've settled on the loose plans. What about Middle Camp and Miss Piggy's? Why can't we tell people they'll be going there? "No answer" is inaccurate. Regarding "We've Done This Dance Before" – there's a balance point, people need to be informed, but it can be abusive to not let people know something is happening, it's mistreatment. People are in anxiety.

Wally – We've got to parallel things, camping/path – we've got to organize so we don't bog down.

Chris – This reminds me of South Pacific – The Talkie-Talk Song – we keep doing it and doing it. My personal experience is that the most effective with public and Fair Family is things that people can touch, like the mini-mall (or the 6-pack) and the Dining Room. Let's not lose that – let's do "something" this year. Keep putting things out like that.

Michael – agrees with Paxton, but we have 15,000 many more people now, would like us to move on in Gypsy Way this year, and we're still waiting for transition maps from LUMP.

Steve – OPs can create camping spaces – the sooner the better. All the projects haven't added much square footage. We need results soon! When was the last major addition to space for the public? Chela Mela took the pressure off for a few years. Look at the growth of interior population – every year, overcrowding – we can't keep having meetings and nothing showing on the ground. If we can't reduce the population, then we have to increase the square footage. We're getting serious overcrowding safety issues.

Michelle-Rose (guest, craftsperson) – I have been moved. We went out to our booth one day and our booth was no longer there! What needs to happen is outreach to booths that will be moving, for years we heard we were going to move. We also didn't see anyone asking us what our needs are! Our needs have really grown; we have around 40 people now. Selling-wise, it sucks out there (Upper River Loop), but I'm not here to make money. I like it out there, and we have actually gained land. But if I knew what I was being offered it might be different, but just to be told I have to move is not very exciting to me. I like the quiet, and what I was shown a couple of years ago was not quiet.

Dennis – Kirk is the point-man for all booth stuff, he'll work with you and is very good at it.
Jon P. – Who in OPs is in charge of not allowing people to camp where they shouldn't?

Charlie – We've had this conversation before, there's no simple answer, and we're all responsible.

Jon P. – It seems like there should be someone going around checking it out.

Charlie - The Camping Crew!

Jon P. – We need to work with people who need to move, rethink how we present things with regard to success. I love all the things that were successes before. The mini-mall, etc, that was a different scenario as those were small, not large geographic areas.

Paxton – I would like to make a correction – 17 years ago we had 10-12K people here, not 3K. That was a legal thing. It's only recently that we felt able to admit how many we are. The overcrowding was the worst in 1995-96, and it went down 10K people after banning alcohol, no complaints this year.

Colleen – Our meeting is half over, let's stick to our task of reviewing the 2010 Fair

Kirk – Can we talk about the successes?

Colleen – The dining room was a huge success, thanks to Construction! Good work takes a long time, but does bear fruit – yay –thank you very much, but don't lose sight of the other things.

Paxton – The maps were very successful.

Suzanne – Sunday was the most pleasant in many, many years. The path was not crowded and I'd like to see more days like that.

Kirk – Success' this year came about – but they're not easy, not organized – it was extraordinarily fucking hard! The dining room came about because of path crowding at the junction and working directly with the booth person in that space. One booth at a time we can work it out. Little projects have a lot of power; one urban renewal project inspires more. But – our 1-year booths have been depleted, our pool is very weak. Gypsy Way can provide a pool of 9-10 new spaces and we can get ahead on this. We can spread out the crowd and have more booths.

Jon P. – You went in and worked with people and that's what I'm talking about. I have 10 booth spaces I can offer you now, ready to go. One thing that wasn't a success – The Kiosk – I ran out of steam, but we can use it for future functions, it's available for use.

Old Business/Elect Officers

Dennis –1st item on old business – election of officers – 2 co-chairs and 1 recording secretary, Peggy will be gone for a year, suggestions on how to proceed?

Jon P. nominated Dennis for Chair, Dennis recommends he be a co-chair

Colleen – were you talking about recording secretary?

Jon – What about the pool of secretaries you were talking about creating?

Colleen – We call it a Scribe Tribe. When the committee needs them, they will show up.

Dennis – Dawn, do you want to sign up for a year?

Dawn – I'm not ready for that, but I will sign on for 3 months

Motion to table selection of Scribe Tribe - Jon P. – recommends we table the selection of the scribe pool issue for 1 month the idea of a Scribe Tribe, 2nd by Dennis

Deane – It's a good idea

The motion passed - all in favor, none abstained

Cont'd Nomination for Co-chairs

Susanna nominated Kirk; Kirk said Yes

Colleen nominated Susanna; Susanna said No, I'll be traveling a lot

Paxton nominated Michael; Michael – No, I would rather think about it for a month

Jon P. moved to table the co-chair nominations for a month until people have a better feel

Steve nominated Chris Browne, Chris said Nope

Colleen – commented we have a motion, 2nd waiting, and I'd also like to wait for Jay, so I'll second the motion

Dennis – Do we want to table the election of co-chairs until next month?

Kirk – Will Dennis need to chair alone?

Colleen – let's keep talking about options...

Paxton – would be happy with Dennis and Kirk as co-chairs

Deane – I'm also in favor of Kirk. Next year, we can find another booth person to co-chair

Jon P. – I would rather see 2 willing people co-chair

Dennis – that's why I suggest we wait

Kirk – I'm very willing, I just don't want to be seen as pushing an agenda, but if the committee has someone they feel comfortable with that's fine

Chris – There's a motion w/ a second that needs to be voted on.

Kirk – My only concern is the interim.

Colleen – I'll help

Susanna – How will we let the others know?

Dennis – I'll call Justin and Jay personally

Deane – Kirk! DO it now! He can take us in to the future.

Dennis – He's already doing a huge amount of effort and work. The chair position would restrict him. I support his reluctance to be chair.

Motion to table elections of co-chairs for one month– motion by Jon P., second by Dennis

The motion passed, no nays, 1 abstain (Colleen – who does not get to move to the other side)

Motion - Colleen moved we send an email note to the Friends of Path Planning – please check into the website and be able to see our agenda and minutes, second by Sylvia .

Deane – Great idea!

Colleen – Presently email communications are not working for us, but the new webpage is working, it's beautiful and simpler

Jon P. – I'm for it, but inform people when they can see updated material

Paxton – likes the idea of an announcement to look at the website

Kirk – disagrees – the Friends of Path Planning list has its merits, will go to whoever the Fair has as a list which may not be some people who have a specific interest, email is more personal

Colleen – That's why the motion was about agenda and minutes, a public place for people to get that info, but I don't want to count on an email (FPP list) for agenda and minutes

David – What about the FFNews? Click on it and they can see it? That's easy.

Wally – I haven't received a thing all summer (his name is on the email list)

Jon P. – My name is not on the email list (will be added)

Dennis – Do you always check all your email accounts? I'll make sure you're on my email lists

Wally – Correction - I didn't see the attachment, but I did get the email.

Chewie – I don't want people to get lost, we need to let people know who are on the list, too

Deane – Can we ask Charlie to give us control of FriendsOfPathPlanning mailing list so we can get the list out directly?

Jon P. – I'm for that

Dennis – There's concerns about privacy, we can use the FPP list for special events

Colleen – I don't want redundancy, a monthly reminder in my email box would be redundant

Dennis – and we can still use the FPP list for special events

Jon P. – Mary Kay (sitting next to him) lives in Portland, and I want to know how she gets info?

MK – I go to website when I need to find out things, I'm not on anybody's list.

Kirk – I'm coming over to your idea Colleen, though I know there'll be some months of transition

Colleen – Let's just do it for a couple of months

Deane – Can we part it?

Motion – Vote to send an email note to the friends of the path planning to look on the website for agenda and minutes

The motion passed – all for, 2 abstain (Michael and Chewie)

Work Plan

Dennis – If we want to get any proposition to the board this year, we have to hustle so budgetary issues can be added, by the November Board meeting. We need to have them together by our October meeting

Paxton – that's why we need to target 2012, we're not ready to move on anything as most have camping implications that we need solutions for

Jon P. – Last year we (the Board) voted in February. Capital projects are at the tail-end of sequence in December. The timeline is not that compressed

Colleen – It has to do with Old Business vs. New Business

Dennis – If we delay, they won't have enough time. We are ready to move on Gypsy Way. We need to implement a phase in timeline, with camping replacement plan recommendations. I propose we put together a 2-3 year development plan to phase in these projects.

Susanna – I would like us to work on compressed timeline for changes to the 2011 Fair.

Colleen – If we compress the timeline, we need to add more meetings for sub-committees

Chewie – Agrees with Paxton, would like to see a plan, but agree with Dennis that Gypsy Way is do-able now. One thing he hopes we do is "something" before the end of this year. Last year, the budget got carved forward to March, by end of the year it will be fine, I don't want to be squished in terms of how we're operating in this process to make it happen

Mary Kay to Dennis – What's the urgency about 2011?

Dennis - Since 1996 that we haven't done anything about this, we've have complaints that we aren't doing anything

Kirk – The sooner we put together a plan we can clear off our deck and free ourselves to get to future items, Dragon Plaza, segment studies, etc...

Paxton – I want to clear up a misconception. Gypsy Way (in '96-'97) was the 2nd choice, Chela Mela was the 1st. I voted Gypsy Way down as I feel it is a better green space, and I still feel that way. We need to talk about the other options.

Deane – I favor doing something this year, I'm being talked to death about Gypsy Way. Jon shows where there are 5 – 10 booth spaces; Crafts Lot is too much, too soon. But I've also heard the Caravan Way is do-able.

Wally – It's inevitable Gypsy Way will be considered, and I hope we do it in a way we aren't too attached to the results, that we discuss it rationally and try to get it through to the board or not – but we don't do it in such a way that it stops us from working on other things.

Michael – I support moving forward on this, I don't think it's fast-tracking

Jon P. – The reason it's taking so long to discuss is the fixation on Gypsy Way. Lots of people don't think it's a good idea. I have some other ideas; there are some other possibilities, maybe even double the amount of booth spaces, without moving Crafts Lot or a giant disruption. We need to have another meeting in which we look at more than just that option. There's resistance because there are several other ways to look at the design of it. People need to know what it is we're recommending.

Dennis – We have that down as a future item – but we spent all last year doing that, coming up with designs

Susanna – It's not just about finding booth space, it's about public spaces, too. I move we approve an agenda for the next 2 meetings that will get a timeline to the board by Nov. 14th meeting and have a proposal ready for the board.

Chris – motion 2nd

Dennis – explained the meeting dates – meetings for sub-committees, design Charette

Jon P. – Does the motion include all dates of the year?

Susanna – The motion is just for the 1st part of the work plan

Colleen – Is this to present plans for each area or to narrow it down?

Susanna – The motion is for the need to move on; I'm satisfied with presenting just the Gypsy Way option

Kirk – I have a suggestion – I love where you're going, we need to know, it's time for us to hand out something official, but we've jumped ahead – we're on approving the work plan, the asterisked meetings are the times for brainstorming

Susanna – I'd like to change the motion – I move that we approve the proposed work plan

Colleen – We don't have one. Last year the work plan came to you in a draft created by Dennis and me. This year, we need a better sense of where we're going as a committee before we can address what we do each month

Kirk – I want to see everyone be aware of what the idea of the double meetings are, so they can commit or not

Chewie – We need to work up a plan draft, but are we discussing the motion or the work plan? The motion should take precedent

Paxton – I have no problem with the work plan, I'm happy with the dates. The future items need tending, but the work plan sounds good

Dennis – We've got a motion on the floor – to organize the next two meeting dates – so, do we want to vote on that motion?

Motion re-defined - to approve a work plan for October and November that leads to a recommendation to the board – Susanna, second Chris

Motion Passed – no opposed, 1 abstention (Jon P.)

Dennis – We need sub-committees to gather info from crews affected by the budget, design refinement, crafting the recommendation to the board

Paxton – As a board member, I want to see some choices, not just one solution

Jon – Choices about different areas?

Michael – I would like to invite LUMP to the next meeting.

Ann – I would like to add the FAQ to this

Dennis – We don't need a motion on FAQs, but send me FAQ and answers so I can make up a document and post it on the web.

Colleen – We have very little time, I hope the sub-committees will be making reports in the next two meetings so it's not sprung on us before our deadline and gets derailed.
(Michael left the meeting)

Dennis – With regard to the sub-committees – we need one to get costs for the crew affected, and one to formulate recommendations to the board, and report at the November meeting. There should be a representative from the Path Planning Committee at the BOD retreat, and there should be a formal presentation.

Chewie – I'll do it.

(Chewie left the meeting)

Colleen – I want to see clarification - is the subcommittee bringing it to us before the board has a recommendation?

Dennis – Bring the draft received to the committee with 2-3 options

Colleen, Susanna, Kirk, Jon P., Paxton and Dennis – will meet October 3rd are the design sub-committee

Dennis – Another sub-committee needs to be formed for cost estimates from crews; recycling, security, water, construction, child care

Ann – Archeology needs to be involved in this, too

Dennis – Will your crew need to be expanded? I'm looking for the budget implications.

Jon P. – Gypsy Way has not been surveyed

Ann – Will we be able to schedule a crew. Will we put in waterlines, gray-water, post-holes?

Kirk – There are often options for temporary crew, a couple of passes...

Colleen – Steve and Kirk have volunteered to help us, and Dennis, for fiscal crew cost estimates

Kirk – I suggest options be in by Oct 3rd, also the cost estimates aspect can be emailed

Dennis - Future Work for subcommittees:

- Redesign Morningwood Odditorium

- Refine Crafts Lot and Gypsy Way designs

- Ongoing work on camping issue

- Long-term plan for whole site

- Evaluate pedestrian and auto traffic paths

- Dragon and entrance upgrade

- Site and design pocket parks

- Conduct design Charettes for affected neighborhoods

Need to have an OPs team to represent Path Planning Committee during the month of the Fair

Jon P. – We should wait to appoint these...

Dennis – Oh yes, it's just to whet the appetite

Colleen – It's more of a yearly work plan

Dennis - Timeline – October 17th – next meeting, Reports and Drafts from sub-committees, Nov 14th – Vote on recommendations to the board. October 3 – work

session – recommendations to the BOD, budget, October 31st – subs refine recommendations to the BOD

Colleen – Don't lose sight of the other things we need to do – our hot-spots, someone can also work on those during these other meetings. And put on October 17th – Elections

Kirk – The most valuable thing we can all do, we should all do, is sub-committee work. Look at the path segments along E 13th, walk about, think and dream.

Colleen – Dennis and Susanna already started that

Susanna – The notes on that are in the meeting minutes

Dennis – Who wants to take on E 13th?

Sue, Colleen, David (will lead the committee members) and Sylvia will get together after the meeting on the Oct. 17th and do a walk-about

Dennis – What else do we need to accomplish?

Colleen – I hate to say it - camping – we need to put the pressure on whoever is in charge so we can say “something” to the BOD

Dennis – I hope that LUMP will draw that up that plan, with cost estimates

Jon P. – When LUMP does that can they include a list of potential amenities?

New Business:

Colleen – We need to know who the committee members are, who's continuing.

end of recording

Dennis - We need to review the committee policies. Should we video record the meetings? Do we have a code of conduct, a mission statement? Would it help or bog us down by naming conventions?

Paxton – Regarding the video thing – let's just clip-on a camera on the wall, and let it run, it's just something for me.

Old Business:

Co-chair elections – postponed until next month

Kirk – add to new business – future work plan approval

Final Camping Survey results

Kirk – speaking for Chewie – he did a walk around and talked to a lot of people

Jon P. - I talked to the crafts lot crew, spoke with some people but didn't get numbers (of people camping)

Dennis – Can you write up your survey? JP – Yes

Kirk – Attendance policy reminder/review? If you miss 3 consecutive meetings you get placed on inactive reserve status

Colleen – Can you email back to me if you still want to be on the committee?

Meeting Evaluation-

Dawn - mentioned that while it's great to agree with what someone says, she'd rather (as a note taker) not have them repeat exactly what another person just said, just say “I agree with...”

Paxton - disagrees, as one time in 1996 he only said that he agreed with someone but not what for, and it didn't get entered into the minutes

Steve – would like to find ways to encourage committee attendance

Jon P. - thought the committee policy was different

Susanna – it seemed like a really good meeting, appreciates everyone's participation

end of meeting

