

Oregon Country Fair
Path Planning Committee
September 23, 2012
Time: Noon to 3 PM
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Introductions

Welcome from Colleen and a reminder to turn off phones.

Present: Colleen Bauman, Justin Honea, Laura Stewart, Charlie Ruff, Sylvia Fireman, Michael Richard, Steve Wisnovsky, Laurie Childers, Bud Chase, Janet Chase, Susan Bryan, Bill Wright, David Tipton, Jay Hogan, Paxton Hoag, Cathy-Coulson-Keegan, Katie Cousins, Deane Morrow, Jon Pincus, Dean Middleton, Peggy Day F.

Committee members, please turn in any contact changes.

We have 3 Path Planning members running for the BOD.

After quorum arrived, the motion was made, seconded and passed to approve minutes of May 20, 2012.

Public comment.

We need a place to dance.

Motion was made to approve the Agenda.

Suggestion to move stakeholders' premium later within the work plan. Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the amended Agenda.

Staff reports

Steve:

Been busy since last we met, had an event or three and they went well including the Path Planning developments. Been busy on site since after the events. We are now back to full staff on site and are done with the summer events and finally putting things away. We've done a couple of things , busy landscaping and rehabilitating with grass coming up well, thick green and lush in Kids loop. The "ditch" is now gone. It was unnecessary and after consulting with archeology it's now smooth and reseeded and ditch no more.

There is lots of firewood to give away. Some planting was done in Crafts Lot pre-fair and Balance Nursery in Lorane gave us bare root ash trees and they were planted in the perimeter of Crafts Lot and will provide good shade. Some fallen trees were pointed out and it was said there is continual work being done to clear fallen and falling trees. Is there continued removal of the larger fallen trees? That is the firewood we mentioned. The tree crew guys took care of a hard job.

Charlie:

When it dried enough to get in there, a lot of work was done. All in all, a pretty amazing and challenging year. The work plan before the year was ambitious and that was before the trees fell, the river flooded and the snow storm and other unforeseen events occurred. Proud of the way the family pulled together. Year 1 of new Kids Loop was a resounding success. The fact we got half way through the Kids Loop development considering the challenges was incredible. The cross-crew support we normally get was diverted to fix major damage issues. Construction stepped in and carried a lot of that. Kids Loop really changed the dynamic and had a new feel. Now we need to talk about the next phase. Year one is not the finished product and we have many other issues to resolve.

There was an awful lot of work done by crews to gather data and information. We are going to bring that data back in a more digested form. From a staff perspective, our attention goes undividedly into the day to day of the event mechanics but as soon as that is over we have a full year of organization and planning. It is our expectation to have a very good report together for the October meeting. It includes a lot of what we are planning for next year.

The Kids Loop was a small step in a series of big steps. Thanks to the committee for participating. A lot of the direct hands-on was done by Construction with Kirk and David and we thank them. Almost all the people who worked on the project were new to the Fair and this was their first experience.

Today we do not have time to do a full debrief of Kids Loop so we will try for the October meeting.

Jason: Brief comments on new Kids Loop. Amazing watching the construction and all the people putting it together. Watching the kids play and seeing it both day and night was amazing. The Fair collectively did an amazing job. I brought many people to see it and it as a beautiful addition to our great "Love Flow."

BOD Liaison report:

Paxton is to back up Deane. He is going to ask to be appointed as the full liaison.

Subcommittee reports

None today

Old Business

Elect officers

Recording secretary, Peggy Day

Secretary, Dean Middleton

Co Chairs: Colleen & Justin

Update Committee contact info

Yearly work plan amend/approve: After discussion that follows, the motion was made, seconded and passed to approve work plan as amended.

New Business

New Kid 2012 Debrief/feedback

There were beautiful lanterns made for Kids Loop but they didn't make it there this year. There was surprise at the wideness of the path, perhaps it should be called Kids Plaza.

There were some criticisms of the process but most liked the outcome. The Music Underwater was well received and a wonderful addition. The back gate used an LED light and is there any feedback on that, is it too bright?

Other opinions were that the wide area was welcomed and helped alleviate crowding. The extra entrance was well used and appreciated and took pedestrians off a dangerous road.

We need to make some changes to EZ gate. There needs to be a change. It is right next to the honey buckets and makes it unpleasant for the staff who have to work the gate.

The decision to make the wide path and how much vegetation could be saved was based on the original plan which had more of an Elders focus. The ability of a parent to see their child in a distance allows the parent to let go of their child's hand. The character of child focus is very different. There still is a full canopy overhead.

More debriefing will happen at the October meeting. Don't forget to bring notes to share, what worked, what didn't work.

There were complaints about a smoking section right at the entrance to Kids Loop. It didn't work well.

Paxton has walk-thru videos of the new Kids Loop on Youtube. Search for paxton.hoag or infographics.

Stakeholders have an interest in an area or motion or are impacted by decisions. Identifying stakeholders is extremely important so people don't feel left out.

Yearly Work Plan:

Co-chairs met before the meeting to go over the work plan and are presenting the draft.

On the plan, we have scheduled two stakeholder meetings. The first in is focused on infrastructure and would have interested speakers do presentations about their area and in March is the Puzzle Pieces Invitational. We would do outreach and show what we can offer and invite feedback. As with all Path Planning meetings, it is open to all.

Sept 23: Today's meeting

October: Barter Fair update, camping crew report, survey crew report from last fair, old kid next steps, new kid/new kid loop plans, Kids loop debrief of 2012, Crafts Lot event venue (non fair weekend event), zoning of Crafts Lot, planning and tightening up of round one.

November: Focus on our infrastructure stakeholders.

December: No actual PP meeting (subs can meet)

January: Debrief the stakeholders round one, define the plans as needed, to accommodate what was learned from the infrastructure people. More on New Kid/Old Kid for 2013, budget work for the 2013-capital projects.

February: Selection process and criteria for booth placement would probably be a subcommittee and they would do a report so we could start to nail down in this area. Annual BOD mandate to provide for five booth spaces and where that will be. Plan for March's Stakeholders Invitational round two.

March: Planned stakeholders meeting Round 2

April: More camping update, how we plan to find homes for everybody. Debrief stakeholders round two. Refine the plans bases on what we learn from them.

May: Post our plans around kiosks, feedback forms and process. Begin the next work plan draft.

October will be a long meeting. November will depend on how many crew and others show up. We can set up a private meeting with crew if necessary. Invite John of camping crew to the October meeting and it can be scheduled so he doesn't have to stay the whole meeting.

Suggestion to move the October meeting to Oct 21 to allow people from out of town who will be attending the General Meeting on the 20th, to make only one trip. There will be a vote at the end of this meeting.

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Stage Left has been very positive about the changes to Crafts Lot.

Why are the PP meetings not being advertised on the OCF Calendar or Fair Family News Calendars? It will now be the Secretary's responsibility to get the information to the Office so it can be added to the Fair Family News Calendar and the Website Calendar.

Suggestion was made to add Sound Study to work plan prior to locating specifics, January sounds good. Smoking areas in all paths needs to be addressed.

Add to February. The craft committee wants to come to Path Planning with suggestions regarding the old fence between booths 225 & 233. It is a perfect hangout for all evening and could be a green space with sitting. It is being discussed already and could be added to a new subcommittee

We are starting to keep attendance for the Committee members. Perhaps the secretary can send out email to members who don't make it to the meetings to say "Now's the time to renew your commitment and decide whether you are going to be on the committee. With our large membership, it is difficult to meet a quorum if some are only attending once in a while."

Smoking: there is more and more comment about "Do we allow smoking at the Fair?" Perhaps this could be a topic of discussion at BOD meetings and/or retreat. Does the State forbid smoking in any public place including campgrounds? Many are allergic to cigarette smoke and it is time the Fair took a stand.

Friends of Path Planning. It worked and needs to go through Charlie. This could be managed by the Secretary.

Construction wants to add a path change in Community Village to the work plan to alleviate the dead end at the campground that violates the recommendations in the LUMP manual. Construction has come up with a plan to make the path more flowing and wants to share the maps. It is suggested for January and added as path study.

Subcommittee assignments:

Establish subcommittee on booth placement, process and criteria to report in February and to include: Justin, Kirk, David, Charlie,(reps from food committee, craft committee, staff, operations). Need to meet to talk about how to alleviate pinch points in the Fair, e.g. Upper River Loop, Solutions; displaced booth crafters needing a home; making the eight more viable for the public in terms of removing pinch points; pocket parks. Need to define a clear criterion. Need to decide what is needed in Crafts Lot re food booths. Need an understanding of zoning. How do we want Crafts Lot to be run?

Subcommittees can meet with stakeholders, interview them and bring data back to the full committee. They are doing the legwork and homework and keeping the full committee informed so the full committee can make the final decisions.

Want to make sure the family knows we are not doing Crafts Lot with all new booths, that we will be using the booths that have been admirably serving the fair for 35-40 years. They will have first right to choose. We now have an opportunity to do something different. The ability to design the space and put requirements and agreements into place. Adding the thought that additional small events might be something that booths might want to participate in.

We also need to keep in mind that we could have a catastrophic river event requiring that mass moving of booths.

Keep in mind that charter members have first choice of any spots if they want it.

Dance Pavilion(Jon P, Kirk), Pocket Parks and/or Heritage Trees, maybe under Path Study, Indigenous Peoples area(Dean)

Stakeholder premiums

Secretary to post agenda, on-line calendar & FF News

Homework Review

Bring feedback Think about New Kids Way and what worked and didn't

Subcommittees

Gear up for October Meeting

Meeting Evaluation

These meetings are great but have a lot of information. Please keep to topic and allow everyone to speak.

Confirm next meeting time/place, Oct. 21, noon to 3:00