

**Oregon Country Fair
Path Planning Committee**

Meeting Notes (draft)

February 17, 2013

noon to 2:45 at Alice's

Facilitating chair: Justin Honea
assisted by co-chair Colleen Bauman
Transcribed *by recording*: Amanda Moore

Members Present:

Steve Wisnovsky, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Deane Morrow, Dennis Todd, Chris Browne, Colleen Bauman, Sylvia Fireman, Justin Honea, Dean Middleton, David Tipton

Absent: Kirk Shultz, Susanna DeFazio, Jay Hogan, Chewie Burgess, Michael Richard, Tom Churchill

Staff Present: Charlie Ruff, Steve Wisnovsky

Guests Present: Amy Hand, Gaelen, Sue Theolass, Casey Marks Fife, Benno Rogers, Hilary Anthony, DJ Rogers, William Wright, Jen-Lin Hodgen

Next Path Planning Meeting: March 17, 2013 Hilyard Community Center, Eugene
Work Session with future users of Crafts Lot.

Agenda: Unanimously approved

Announcements:

Colleen: A new scribe for the PP committee is absent due to her being a midwife and at a birth. The meeting is being recorded for transcription and Dean is taking notes. Chris, the PP board reporter is stepping down. How do we report to the BoD? The board can receive a summary of Path Planning meeting notes. Ensure this summary is sent to Kevin to be included in the Board packet prior to the meeting. The summary should be a general outline of the meeting and include who was present. Include information on how the BoD can access complete meeting notes for details on the Path Planning tab on the .net website. BoD likes receiving the outline. Many thanks to Chris.

Two members gave input on: Someone should be present at the BoD meetings to give an oral report and answer questions. This also serves as a reminder that the Path Planning Committee is present and involved. BoD liaison to give an oral report of PP summary at BoD meetings. Paxton, our liaison agrees to report to the Board.

Community Center Meeting is set for March 18, 2013 at Hilyard Community Center from 6-9 pm. It is a BoD work session and the community center committee will be giving a report of progress to the BoD and anyone is welcome to attend that meeting.

March 9, 2013 from 1-4 pm at the Hilyard Community Center is the Camping Work Session with Camping Crew. Logistics of moving campers discussed.

David T. reports the negotiating of showers for the South Side of OCF camping areas will be happening for 2013! Steve commented that location is still to be defined with consideration for access to services and such are still coming together. Location to be most likely near Ms. Piggy's camping. Management has heard this request from many

folks and they will make it happen this year. Infrastructure options were easy to consider. Thanks to Charlie!

May 19, 2013 is the Path Planners On-Site Spring Walk around at OCF.

Gil Harrison, potter and charter member, passed and his memorial service at his home is also on March 9, 2013 at 1pm. It is the same day as the dedication of the Coastal Safety Memorial Marker in Yachats and also the Stakeholders camping meeting. Many path planners commented how they would like to be there.

PP Meeting Minutes were approved from November 2012 and January 2013.

Nov. 2012: Approved. 2 abstained. Jan. 2013: Unanimous Approval

Public Comments:

OCF purchased 5 acres next door known as the Henderson property. Concern was raised about what was going to happen to the wrist-banded campers who have been camping there.

Staff Reports:

Steve W.: is concerned that we may have a wet May and June on the property. He further discussed the Henderson land purchase and is aware the space has been used for wrist-banded folks to camp and park. Management and BUMS would like zero activity on that property as they imagine what the space will be used for in 2014. There is a need to identify the how many and who the people are that have been using that space.

Henderson did not have a preregistration process, so outreach and notice of change will need to go out to those folks camping there. This land is still under review for how it can best be integrated into OCF needs.

Paxton, BoD liaison: Two reports have been received by the BoD recently that will take effect. One is the Barter Fair report and will be voted upon at the next BoD meeting in March. Unsure how it will work out, the BoD must vote and decide. The 2013 Pause will not be presented by the Barter Fair task force.

The Community Center report came back to the BoD which includes reviews and reports from hired consultants on where to locate it, the costs involved, recommendation being featured and a summary of the work that has been done. This presentation to the BoD will be done on March 18, 2013 meeting.

Charlie: The impact of the Barter Fair decision will impact the Path Planning process as it goes forward. Operations will also be affected. He expressed concerns regarding the transitional years and priority of Crafts Lot camping move into Ms. Piggy's as imperative. This big change will cause a ripple effect in many arenas and he feels that operationally, the 2013 Barter Fair would delay and impact the management process with the changes that are beginning this year. Barter Fair elements need to be pulled out of Ms. Piggy's lot this year. Ms. Piggy's must prioritize that space for juried crafters of the fair and for operational needs of that space. He believes it would be very hard to implement and have a smooth process this year to facilitate a new barter fair and transitions with craft lot to Piggy's. Already, management is anticipating a troubleshooting process to try and sort this out, and if we focus on two significant changes, this is going to be immensely hard. He strongly advocates for a 2013 pause in the BF.

Member and Guest Response:

Discussion/response to Charlie's report surrounded the Barter Fair: it is understood that changes from Crafts Lot to Piggy's as the most important thing. The Barter Fair proposal includes some procedural changes and will simplify the event. The logistics need to be defined if BoD agrees to having a 2013 BF; but should not be too complicated. Three proposed maps/sites were recommended in the report, which include Snooze Pass and the North fence line of Piggy's, which management directed the task force to focus on in their design charette, but Charlie does not see them as viable. Charlie thinks the mapped locations are too close to Ms. Piggy's which will be hard to specify the changes coming this year for barter fair people. Mixed messages can be the result of a close proximity barter fair event; folks will still arrive with box trucks and such, which we are discouraging as part of the Barter Fair event. We need to sort out folks who are just here to vend at Barter Fair. The preregistration process is supported by many and Justin feels that it is feasible, but implementing an internal process may need more time. It is already late in this year's process. Management would like more time to clarify the guidelines and realities which is still not accomplished prior to holding an event.

Charlie said he will commit to a long term process and find a home for the Barter Fair with the proper structure implemented. He believes it may take a few years to sort the transition and to repurpose these areas. Path Planners appreciate the discussion of BF at the meeting because it will certainly be a part of their planning. Charlie believes that the Barter Fair event needs a clear definition and direction to become a permanent part of the OCF landscape.

Discussion surrounded mixed interpretation of the BFTF presentation packet to the BoD. The BFTF was supposed to focus on a 2013 event and now its getting pushed back for a year or longer if a 2013 pause is implemented. Clarification of the word "pause" was discussed. 1): No BF in 2013? 2): No public development in Crafts Lot in 2014? Charlie responded by saying that there are good reasons to try to get CL open on schedule our 45th Anniversary is in 2014 and its what our Board resolution says we are to do. However, a pause will give us time to be thoughtful and not just react, but to implement a refined process for 2014. We also need to get the BF communication and outreach happening this year. The BFTF packet has good recommendations, like the walk-in day event and preregistration process, but many fine details need to be refined and implemented. We also need more communication from stakeholders and participants. A point was made that BF folks may just create an unofficial barter fair, as people will bring barter items to fair for this event.

Justin said I'm excited to see that the Monday Market can be a beautiful thing if done properly, but we have to do it right if we are to move it forward. The registration process is paramount to that process and those details need to be worked out as well but not at the cost of the CL.

Chris asks about the rezoning process related to the SUP. Charlie responds that he is awaiting the Phase 2 motion from the Community Center prior to requesting the SUP. He would like to have a preliminary site plan and details organized to present to Lane County before going through the SUP process. This would help in the success of a full permit as desired rather than a modified version of what we are permanently requesting. The goal is to have a site plan by Fall 2013 and to move forward with SUP process.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Village Reports: David Tipton spoke with the members of Community Village and presented maps and concepts of the possible new entryway into Community Village. The report was well received and had positive response with open minds. opportunity was seen by folks with this suggested change. He plans to return at a future meeting to address concerns and answer questions that may arise after presentation. Sue T. commented that the Village people appreciated the presentation and David's understanding of their process. Most see it as a good opportunity. Concerns regarding the Pyramid structure to remain in its location for historical purposes and a quiet spot for the tipi where classes are held.

A spring walk around with interested parties would be good to really understand the proposal. Having David at a council meeting would be good for the council to better understand the intentions as they deal with operations. They should be invited to the spring walk around with the path planners.

Comments on CV presentation: The path change should not be a chute, as education is a big part of Community Village. Folks need a place to have gentle flow.

CV is an archeological site and the buried treasures under the CV pyramid were done prior to this classification.

The "pocket parks" walk around prompted some good discussions and ideas with a lot of work done on the ground. We should do this again together. This is where this original idea came to open the CV walkway over a year ago. It is good CV open to change. Thank you for being open and receptive.

Colleen suggests adding an August PP meeting to the agenda for the anticipation of the busy workload 2014 will bring. The work plan may be amended in April to add an August meeting.

Old Business:

Justin reports on the sub committee for the Selection Process and Criteria for Booth Placement:

The Goal/Draft of the Mission Statement reads: It is the goal of this path planning sub-committee for the "selection process and criteria for booth placement" to meet and provide feedback to Path Planning. Our purpose is to develop the criteria to evaluate possibilities of booth movement within the Oregon Country Fair. This committee will prioritize the movement of existing booths into the new Crafts Lot or by trading out a new location within existing booth space within the Fair. It is our goal to establish priorities for movement of booths that are fair and transparent. Throughout this process this committee will meet independently and report recommendations to Path Planning. This committee will be represented by many areas of the fair, including but not limited to members of Path Planning.

It was discussed that representation from crafters/booth people needs to be on sub-committee to represent crafters.

Justin discussed priorities for booth movement ranging from compensating for river bank erosion to requests for relocation. We should establish criteria and rules prior to movement and outreach. The what, who and how will be defined on with communication.

Comments on this report included: Food booth criteria being considered? A zoning

process for food booths is being included in criteria. Deane is willing to represent crafters for the subcommittee as a charter member and long time crafter. He brings up the point that Charter members will say they get first pick of available spots and it will come into movement discussion. The Charter discussion will need to be resolved with criteria/rules/process under a balanced subcommittee.

Charlie wants to give the Crafts Lot a two year timeline to clear and grow into the space. He is hoping for a 50th anniversary celebration in Crafts Lot. Hilary shared her experience with implementing Chela Mela, as it went through some changes and evolution before its current incarnation. We have to give Crafts Lot some time to settle.

BoD mandate for 5 replacement booth sites for unforeseen circumstances. The old kids' loop has room if needed where the old play structure was for emergency booth placement this year.

Plan for stakeholders Round 2 sub-committee were unable to meet due to Charlie's very full schedule. Will meet March 5, 2013. Volunteers are needed for: Outreach to stakeholders (Justin volunteered); FFN announcement (too late); make sure it's on calendar; contact registration; folks to set up the room at 12:30 pm; someone to staff sign-in sheet and welcome folks; and clean-up.

Colleen will email volunteers for help on this day.

The idea is to open with a welcome and agenda review and answer questions.

1.) Answer questions 2.) Introductions 3.) Why/Need/Vision (Chewie/Tony/Justin) 4.) History (Dennis) 5.) Plan Review & Maps (Kirk) 6.) Open forum for stakeholders for comments, feedback & input 7.) Close w/summary and how to follow progress.

Information gathered from this meeting will be discussed to refine a plan at the next PP committee meeting. We would like to schedule guests to speak at March 17, 2013 meeting to address specific concerns. For example, we would like Hilary to speak on the implementation and history of how Chela Mela unfolded. Hilary agrees to come and speak.

Dennis has created a preliminary list of stakeholders to invite. They include: crafters, ambiance, internal security, dancers, food booths, Stage Left, Spoken Word, Vaudeville, Entertainment, Shady Grove, Stages, Archaeology, Community Village, Energy Park, Refer, Decon, Mothership, Morningwood Odditorium, Puppet Theater, neighbors, food committee, craft committee.

An RSVP for head count would be ideal. Dennis will send out RSVP. Justin will help with contacts.

It was reminded that we are gathering together for information exchange and input. Not for arguing or defensiveness. It is an outreach moment to initiate conversation. Not meant to solve problems at this meeting.

Will Energy Park and Community Village be allowed to display information in Crafts Lot? It will be an informational annex. Bring your dreams and feedback to the Path Planning Committee.

Tobacco Users/Cigarettes:

A large discussion surrounded tobacco use areas within the fair for path planning. Pros and cons were discussed regarding creating space for tobacco users. There is no simple solution for this debate. Enforcing policy concerns would be heightened if we abolished tobacco use altogether. Many fair family folks use tobacco, so this would apply for everyone, not just public space. It is not realistic to ask tobacco users to leave or to be in parking area as this is a fire hazard. Multiple spaces need to be committed for tobacco user which is a Path Planning task and process. The medical marijuana issue was discussed about how the fair would like to care for medical card holders. Discussion came up that even though a card holder may privately use marijuana legally, marijuana is still not legal. Medical marijuana should be considered since OCF is progressive and to create a space for medical card holders to use marijuana for medication purposes. Options were presented for tobacco use: a hookah style booth, a tipi-style tent that serves as a chimney (which had been used in traffic camp), a solar fan vented station/booth. It was pointed out that the smoking station near Gypsy Stage and the new Kids Loop will be removed this year. It was not a good location for tobacco use for the children. If the Community Village path is approved, this will eliminate another smoking station on W.13th where there are a lot of booths and people. However, OCF should maintain and enforce smoking stations at the river fence where there are already five mapped smoking areas. Other smoking areas include Main Stage by toilets and one in Chela Mela, there are butt cans here and the least amount of foot traffic and booths for exposure to non-smokers. Also a good idea for fire concerns to be near water. Least amount of overall impact in these areas. Smoking areas need to be easily identified and should be easily found on the Peach Pit map. Charlie pointed out that it is not for Path Planning to decide whether or not the OCF allows or bans tobacco use as a whole. This is a policy level decision and affects all OCF participants. Two areas are removed this year and two areas need to be considered for tobacco use in 2013. Visibility, consistency and clarity on defined smoking areas is crucial so folks know where to go.

Colleen suggests a subcommittee on smoking areas for 2013 to identify, design and build tobacco use areas. Jay Hogan will head this sub-committee and a report is due back by the April Path Planning Committee meeting. Smoking committee members: Paxton, Jay, David, Casey, Amy, Jon P.

New Business:

Nothing on this agenda

Homework Review:

Smoking Subcommittee report by April

Prepare for March 17 meeting: Colleen email volunteers for assistance, Dennis to outreach stakeholders

Snacks and coffee to be provided at meeting

Evaluation:

Please no side conversing during meeting. Appreciate Charlie's presence at meeting as it helps a lot. The committee might want to change the committee meeting times to 12:30; this would allow Charlie to attend the whole meeting. We get stuff done; appreciates the

volunteerism, transparency and enjoys the civility within the group as it stays positive; nice attendance; good quorum and work progress; April meeting will be a group picture at Alice's, wear your finest!

Path planners walk with Steve to tour new Henderson land purchase.

Adjourn