

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee
Nov. 13, 2016 noon to 3:00 PM at Alice's

Present: Sue Theolass, Susanna Defazio, Ann Bennett Rogers, Tom Churchill, Crystalyn Autuchovich, Colleen Bauman, Kirk Shultz, Dennis Todd (scribe du jour), Shane Harvey, Jon Pincus, Amy Hand, Dea Lisk (from CV), Mouseman McCarthy, Doug (Vegmanec co-coordinator), Charlie Johnson (Pre-post), Heather Kent, DJ Rogers

Announcements:

The committee needs a scribe, as do many other committees.

The WOW hall is raising funds for installing historic street lamps.

Minutes approval was postponed.

Public comments: Mouseman: Feedback forms distributed to neighboring campgrounds could facilitate a survey on the welcoming entrance questions.

Agenda reviewed and revised.

Staff reports:

Shane: Cross-country meet was held in wet conditions. Six and a half inches of rain fell in the preceding week. Some of the lots were flooding. Used Trotter's to park visiting cars. Buses were sent off-site. One bus and many other vehicles got stuck. Great volunteer effort. Kids had a blast. Race keeps getting bigger every year. Will be in early October next year. In the loops, gravel was removed from the Creamery.

Crystalyn: Budget committee is busy, as is Community Center committee. Hope to have a decision from the County on the SUP.

BoD liaison report. Ann: Shane and Crystalyn are sharing management responsibilities until a new GM is hired.

Kirk: No discussion at the BoD retreat on committee structure, support, expectations. BoD members have spent a great amount of time and energy on personnel issues and little energy has been left over for other topics.

Colleen and Justin met with CV and neighbors to develop mutual understanding with CV about proposed new entrance.

Dea: It took three years to develop consensus in CV, only to find that neighboring booths on E. 13th weren't in agreement. Discussion continues. Action should be tabled for this coming Fair to allow further deliberation and negotiation.

Kirk: Fine-tuning of the plan has been done, but keeping those two booths in place would limit the overall benefits of the plan. We should vote as a committee to postpone action until 2018. Further development and discussion is needed.

Susanna: We are aging. How many booths have succession plans? Should we include in our planning an inventory of booths represented by the older generation who might retire?

Ann: We should include the individuals in the booths in our inventory of resources.

Kirk: Most of that personal information is accessible to construction crew coordinators and red-tag inspectors as they work with booth holders.

Susanna: Shane told her that he was getting rid of the gravel left at the Creamery. Lots of other detritus is left in booths after the Fair, seems like a bad use of staff resources.

Kirk: XAG report. Group had a meeting, focused on budgets, other housekeeping and permitting issues.

Susanna: Library path is still problematic. Traffic flow is slow, the route includes an acute turn, and it seems like a dead zone. Moving the entrance to Daredevil Stage helped. Were it up to

her, she would change the whole Book Arts layout to open more path space. Better sight lines would help patrons find the path to the Upper River Loop.

Jon: We should move the Library to another location.

Kirk reviewed the history of path re-routing over the past few decades in the area between the Library and the Daredevil entrance. A big stump must be removed to clear more path space.

Doug: Removing the big stump would affect a nice stand of vine maples that surround it.

Susanna: Vine maples can be pruned and trained to make benches or living sculptures.

Amy presented the report from the aesthetics guideline subcommittee. Discussion: Banning plastic would keep us from using shade cloth. Some art includes plastic. Encouraging creativity is important. Who inspects and enforces? The background stuff, like fences and support structures, is sometimes flat, straight, and boring. The construction crew works hard to be creative but is often under time and budget constraints.

Kirk addressed congestion at the BoD retreat.

Review of E. 13th and fire breaks. Shane: we should delay consideration of fire breaks until we have more clarity from the County and other government agencies about requirements. Kirk described the original firebreak requirements that we considered years ago. We should try to preserve parks and open spaces, especially along E. 13th, to provide fire breaks.

Minutes review: Jon wants to add a statement to last month's minutes re: cultural resources.

The committee vote approved the minutes.

Path segment study, E. 13th: Numbers of booths and services in the original study need updating. Cut the sections about developing a new path west of certain sections of the existing path and about adding smoking stations. Most of the rest of the document is still relevant. We still need more hand washing facilities along this path segment.

Main Stage: David should lead the recruitment of subcommittee members. Jon and Amy volunteered to help. We're not ready to issue a broad invitation to stakeholders--we need a small PPC group to begin the study.

December 11 subcommittee roundup: Library, Main Stage, E.13th/CV area, Aesthetics, noon-3:30 at Alice's.

Homework: Kirk and Ann will forward maps.

Colleen will talk to Water crew and food booth committee about hand-washing stations.

Take colored pens to the December meeting for drawing on maps.