

Oregon Country Fair

Path Planning Committee

October 22, 2017

Ware barn: 1:04pm -3:11pm

Introductions

Members Present: Colleen Bauman(co-chair), Justin Honea (co-chair), Dean Middleton, Paxton Hoag, Ann Rogers, Susanna DeFazio, Dennis Todd, Sue Theolass, Jon Pincus, Tom Churchill, Spirit Leatherwood

Regular attendees/Guests Present: Bear Pitts, DJ Rogers, Mouseman, Amy Hand, Heather, Laurel, Kent, Joe Newhall, Bennett, Shelly, Emma, Heather

Staff: Crystalyn Autuchovich, Shane Harvey

Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements

Board election results: Diane Albino, George Braddock and Jon Silvermoon. There is a tie for the final seat on the Board with George Braddock and Jon Silvermoon. There will be a drawing of straws to determine who will be the voting member and who will be the alternate.

Spirit/Dean: Falcon Football radio announcement

Dean: Scribe task Force

Crystalyn: Scribes can now earn pass for Fair. Not a crew; not Board appointed. We are looking for volunteers; 60-80 hrs avg. We have not had anybody reach out. Submit blurb to Randy. Write up something for the news.

Justin: non Fair news. Puppy (shadow), Grandchild!

Colleen: 2 hour meeting. Minutes posted but weren't sent out so need a motion to postpone approval of Minutes. Justin moved to postpone approval of minutes. Unanimous

Minutes Review: Motion to delay vote.

**Justin Motioned. Sue Seconded
In favor (9) opposed / unanimous pass**

Public Comments

None

Agenda Review Amend Approve

Colleen: Amend draft Agenda; Signage for Library. Would like the committee to come up with wording.

Motion to approve: Dean motioned, Paxton Seconded. Unanimous

Elections (Path Planning, Co-Chairs, Secretary, Scribe)

Nominations: who did we nominate that was not at the last meeting? Dean

Co-Chair: Colleen, Dean: Both nominated

Sue nominated Justin, Spirit Seconded

Spirit : are you both wanting this? Dean: as long as I don't have to scribe. Justin: Will remove my name. Colleen: Are you sure? Justin: Yes; I support you, I am comfortable. Sue: Will you continue to be on committee? Justin: Yes. **Vote in favor: 9 Opposed 0 (Dean/Colleen Abstained) Unanimous**

Secretary: Dean; the secretary helps, connection with Fair office, post meetings, place to meet, logistics.

Crystalyn: remember wristband for Scribe: some of those duties are Scribe.

Nominations for secretary. Sue nominated Spirit, Susanna seconds

Justin nominated Laurel. Sue Seconded (is it Ok to nominate if she's not on the committee? Yes)

2 nominations for secretary. **Laurel voted in as secretary;** backup to scribe. Spirit to backup Laurel.

Electing Scribe: no need anymore as one has been assigned.

Projects: Main stage, Carving, (Front of Fair)

50th anniversary updates and projects. Main stage?

Crystalyn: Waiting to hear back from Brian K and the architect on crew. Our goal in 2019 is to unveil the new stage for 50th.

Work Plan Review

Colleen: designated safe spots through the Fair; what's the plan?

No objections to add to work plan

Justin: what's a safe spot? CB: place for help. Let's first reach out to the Fair what resources already exist.

Bear: was once a program, used to have a light at the booths, hasn't been for awhile.

Amy: yes, we should add to work plan; all agree it's a great idea.

Spirit: Whitebird is not just emer. Let's see what they already offer. Ann: Talk to Fair Central.

Colleen: Let's talk to security. Mouseman: rather than creating space, let's mark an existing space.

Crystalyn: Mgt team is in discussion a lot already, hoping it can be all over the Fair. All staff should be able to respond whenever needed.

There is a strong interest to add safe spots. Decision was made to find out what resources already exist between Whitebird and Fair Central.

Justin: Add to work plan: Red rocker area for Nursing Moms. Would like debrief toward expansion? Keep forefront.

Paxton: add to work plan: Smoking Areas.

Colleen: it's in our work plan: continuing discussion. **No objections to add to work plan**

Crystalyn: Re: Smoking. We need to do something and it needs to happen soon.

Discussion on Smoking: Justin: designing solutions, rehash ideas. Susanna: Big complaint. Sue: tried to create task force; did not get support. Intends to put motion forward in Nov. unless this committee wants it.

Colleen: are we committed to taking this? Jon: no reason both can't happen at once. Paxton: given problems at sub-committee, task force might be faster; more involved the better. Amy: we've talked a lot about this. Task force may start from scratch from policy rather than physical. Justin: Value in more people involved. Rethink what we are doing, physical placement, and design- A task force! Dean: Many hours spent here. Elevate higher to get results- Task Force! If not successful, then we rework it. Colleen: For the record; we get things done- we keep it. Combine the two-both solutions. Sue: if board approves task force, I have the work committee; will craft language at the retreat. Ann: sub-committee on smoking gets bogged down- bring in fresh blood. PP subcommittee gets a seat on the task force. Crystalyn: concerned about timing. Sue: I don't see any changes being implemented for 2018-this is big.

Colleen: Work plan review complete.

2017-18 Work Plan Draft

October: 50th anniversary committee update/identify ways we can support their efforts with 50th related PP projects, Front of Fair initial report, Carving Area initial report

November: Memoria report (prepare if there will be capital project request) Main Stage Design/B

December: Subcommittee Round-up

January: Front of Fair finalize plans, further work on 50th related projects

February: finalize Carving Area plan

March: (left blank intentionally for work spillage. ;)

April: Any Fair displays? Gather possible work plan items

May: Annual Potluck, Approve Work Plan for 2018-19 season

Reports- Admin, BoD, SUB

Shane: SUP Update- (Special use permit) Reconsider approval; submit on the 18th, don't want to share info as nothing is final- Nov 8th is deadline. Will have info then. <meeting can be held at Alice's?

Colleen: anything else we need to know? NO.

Shane: there is a branch down, the bale dams going up to direct water, roads.

Crystalyn :BUM retreat; Items discussed ; consent was addressed. Vinyl signage; helping food/craft booths comply. Smoking was discussed. 50th task force, ideas; will have more at next meeting.

Feedback from Justin to Shane: OCF Classic: press for Fair Classic. What was level of involvement? Shane: none. We had no involvement; May return here next year.

Heather: no mention of dust? Was a page missing? Shane: Discussion about dust/fir shavings. The problem was solved. Complications are CDL drivers and weather.

Board Liaison Report:

Sue: had elections, having retreat.

Colleen: any questions for board liaison? No

Crystalyn :Solicit evaluations; 5pm today is deadline. ocfpcevaluations@gmail.com pdf / email photo

Colleen; Front of Fair Survey; schedule FoF committee meeting. Next Sun? or Nov 12th?

Subcommittee Reports

Carving area : soliciting feedback. Good meeting/round table/history of events. Read a list of concerns from Ann. Looked beautiful, informal memorial. Some would like blocks and gravel to go away. Gravel is a guideline violation. Progress halted on gravel. Agreement the goal would be met, but nothing written.

Discussion: Who to remove gravel? Seems the purpose was for parking or accessibility: plans passed around. Alter-able accessibility? Yes. Identify common ground and commitment.

Recommendations: 1. pocket park 2. Improved tables/seating 3. Cover or remove blocks 4. No branding on fence 5. Rotating art display

Gravel is a guideline violation- remove or finish with barefoot friendly material.

Susanna: find theater chairs unpleasant; discussion to remove them. Uncomfortable deciding if it would be a selling area because Justin was not present. Sensing the need for gravel is easy access to drive up to booth/accessibility.

Shane: Up to path planning at this point; must be clean. If the Fair is going to keep it then we will maintain it.

Colleen: We recommend making it a park. The area is accessible as it is, and is used pre and post fair as a staging area for the Sauna. We should support and make it easier for booths for set up. We want what happens in the area to work for all, and support 'right livelihood'. Could still be a staging area without gravel, and still be accessible.

Spirit: Made an observation regarding the theatre seating. It's a very popular area and suggests we find a suitable replacement.

Ann: Apologies for not being in this meeting. Adverse effects on Oaks is a problem and I witnessed spraying in area near Buddha with respirator masks. Plenty of designs available for accessible tables and seats. Concerns about guideline violations; cutting roots, nails in trees. An Oak back there died.

Dean: PP recommendation was that Ambiance would take it.

Crystalyn: We (site crew) stepped in, no official decision, we collaborated; not Ambiance.

Dean: another issue: use of term booth? Crystalyn: They are a booth.

Justin: needs to be open for strolling. Colleen: strolling grows roots. Spirit: deadline for gravel? ;long time in discussion.

Shane: Gravel was brought in for a solid rock base for carving. 4-5 year project. Colleen: was there an agreement to remove? Crystalyn: Never an agreement. Fences flipped, Flamingos popped up. 'Pocket Park'- then Fair will take it and potentially remove gravel.

Tom- I was at meeting. No agreement. Statement gravel would be removed. Crystalyn: by Shane.

Dennis: urge you to review August 2012 board report by Charlie Ruff.

Excerpt from referenced BoD minutes 8/2012:

FFN August 2012: Charlie's report to the BoD: "We had a really lively discussion about the work site and there is more gravel there than I'd like to see. For this year, we put down geo-tech, and the gravel is not intended to stay. For the Fair, we need to have firm footing and we need to be able to give AAAA access so people can come up and interact with it. There will be some gravelling a few years from now when the pole comes out, to allow access into that park. But once the totem pole project is done and it gets permanently sited, we'll have another process to determine what the long term landscaping and vision for that park looks like. Fret not, we did not gravel pave the space for perpetuity; we thoughtfully laid it down and we are going to take it back up when the time is appropriate."

PPC meeting 10/19/2014. Peter Eberhardt and George Braddock present proposal to site the story pole.

Susanna: Is the gravel going away after install?

George: We have discussed mitigation and will continue to naturalize the site.

PPC meeting 10/18/2015. A letter was read from Charlie about the use of the carving area. It reinforced the idea that the carving area will be restored and returned to the commons. There is concern that the area was taken without proper process and to have it not returned for another year or two is disturbing.

FFN February 2016. BoD meeting minutes. Michelle (from the Ritz): "We worked with Charlie and the gravel that was put down has an underlayment so we could get the gravel up when we were done."

Paxton: up to us to make recommendation to board to make it a park. Colleen: This is a subcommittee, reports to the committee. Crystalyn; require board vote to have it back to the Fair? Sue: no, not necessary. Paxton: reiterate original plan" "PP recommends"

Colleen: asks for motions. Spirit: makes motion. Sue seconds motion

Shane: Suggests Sauna remove gravel.

Motion: Path Planning so moves to recommend to Operations that the Ritz be directed to remove cement blocks and gravel so that a pocket park may be designed. Include recommendations from PP subcommittee, construction and booth registration with time for implementation by 2018 Fair.

Vote: 11 opposed 0 unanimous Ann: Requests to be present when gravel is removed.

New Business: Eclipse Debrief

N/A none attended.

Old Business: Memoria, Dragon Fly Stage (Laurel requests this topic wait till she is present @next meeting)

Memoria Discussion: Justin: re; Memoria; out in the Labyrinth. Susanna: same. Jon: elders already doing this; still living room. Mouseman: still living room; recommend. Dean: reconsider ashes: may be against Kalapuya custom. Paxton: ambiance is developing their own memorial. Susanna: aim for 50th? Colleen: good goal.

Signage Discussion: Out of library; what should sign say?

- Susanna; Rt- Main Stage Lft- River/ Xavanadu
- Ann :Main Stage/Drum tower
- Jon: 50/50 ¼ mi...various stages, Xavanadu, chela mela or whatever
- Colleen: sister fair?
- Tom: Entrance Xavanadu- biggest questions
- Dean : Main Stage/Shady Grove
- Heather: point of view for newcomers; lines up with map.
- Susanna: a map...Colleen: we want them to move, they will stay with a map.
- Dennis : Mainstage/Entrance
- Mouseman: Historic scarecrow
- Ann: River should be on there.
- Bear; upper river loop hippie trap; peeps get lost all the time. Sign says 'entrance' end trap.
- Paxton: Ask Jim Evangelista to paint.

Homework:

- Susanna: Read August 2012 report by Charlie
- Spirit: Contact Wren regarding safe spots.
- Ann: X on map to Colleen
- Sue: re-do motion on smoking
- Colleen: request at the Board retreat, the Board discuss improving committee structure and process

Next Meeting: November 12th 2:00- 5:00pm Fair Office. Sue move to meeting Spirit second 11 yes Unanimous.

Front of Fair sub-committee October 29th Fair office

Conclude 3:11pm

Scribe Re-read motion regarding gravel and block removal/pocket park recommendation: all agree.