

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee      November 12, 2017 OCF office   start time 2:15

Members: Dean Middleton co-chair, Colleen Bauman co-chair, Spirit Leatherwood, Tom Churchill, Amy Hand, Otis Gray, Paxton Hoag, Suzanna DeFazio , Jon Pincus

Guests: Sue Theolass, DJ Rogers, Bob Beebe, Laurel Goerger

Staff: Crystalyn, Shane.    Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity    Introductions were made and then onto  
Announcements

Sue announced she is no longer a Board liaison and expressed her interest in joining the path planning committee. Dean and Colleen say that will have to go through the Board for a January decision. Sue explains she wanted to check with the committee first.

Path Planning recommends to the Board they appoint Sue Theolass to the committee.

Spirit has a report on safe spots and would like to go first.

Minutes- Sept/Oct sent out. Motion to suspend approval of September minutes until January, Tom seconds. Unanimous. 9/0 one abstained October minutes and discussion on some corrections.

- Amy Hand is a member in attendance ( not a guest)
- Paxton Hoag was added to Board of Directors recently elected
- Joe Newhall was omitted from guests in attendance (Name was on roster but not present)

Vote to pass minutes 6/4    3 abstained.

Public Comments: None

#### Agenda Review

Laurel declined to report on the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting until she has something to share.

Kirk Shultz: Questioned if the agenda listed the 50th and smoking, would like to discuss both.

Colleen confirmed it got bumped and there were no objections to including in old business.

Amy re: safe spots; said we'd invite others to join. Colleen confirmed staff was asked but unable.

#### NEW business

Colleen requests we look again at long term planning. One time we had a sub-committee.

Kirk would like to check in on possible guideline suggestions and capital projects for December.

Colleen moved to accept agenda as amended Kirk seconded 10/0 unanimous

## Safe Spot Discussion

Spirit spoke with Wren (Whitebird) who seemed a bit surprised. He reminds that 90 members of WB are trained counselors and comments "Whitebird doesn't just mend broken bones, also broken hearts" stating they represent a very diverse skill set, not just first aid. He poses the question: "If there were designated safe spots, does that mean the other booths aren't safe?"

Wren furthers that education is lacking about Whitebird. It was discussed how to broaden the service of Whitebird by reminding info booths and putting info into the booth packets. He and Spirit can work together to get it out there and to include others to do more outreach and education.

Crystalyn: After 2015, Cotter pin did training for info crew and also pamphlets explaining resources available. That is already happening for info booth. "Indigo and I are working on a consent policy and will make resources available on both websites." Suggests making Fair Central phone number better available.

Dean questions if booths get ample training in this like security. Crystalyn- no... booth packets are a great idea. Wren will be coming to the security meeting.

While it is recognized Whitebird will travel and is underutilized, some members still see a need for safe spots especially in remote areas, iconic blue lighting is suggested. Signage and booth rep awareness is suggested at Tinker Bell points; utilize already existing resources such as info booths that are open 24 hrs. Info booths could have better training, a suggestion to label them "info and safety" on maps that go out to the public... Kirk reminds any inclusion in booth packets must be ready by mid-March.

Amy states that safe spaces may be more discreet and approachable for women at risk rather than calling upon WB and making an issue of it. Women in these situations don't often reach out in this manner.

Spirit states on behalf of WB – Wren would like help to get the word out. They are underutilized. Better training at info booths. WB response would be very calm, discreet and they travel quickly.

Sue comments that Community Village has many resources and is very welcoming

Colleen asks if teen crew is a resource in this project? Spirit- yes. Colleen- as a committee- should we invite info crew to give a presentation to us on how to get this info to youth? Crystalyn- websites/ social media and our stance on safety. Blurb in Peach Pit on consent. If you feel unsafe... where to go. Hit at all angles. We as an organization need to say from every angle that it's not OK to grope people.

Spirit concludes this is an important effort and will work with Wren, Crystallyn and Laurie from teen crew to plan outreach to all people and update the PP committee.

## WORK PLAN

December meeting: Colleen suggest focus on smoking. Sue wants to be part of this discussion but can't make it in December. Paxton would also like to work on smoking and would like to present a smoking kiosk design for capital project consideration.

It was decided that December is a consistently small meeting but even so, smoking spots would be discussed, and again in January. Colleen reviews the agenda line up Jan- May.

## STAFF REPORTS

Shane: We are buttoning up for winter. Putting bale dams in – reducing erosion. Filling up 6 packs. Burping the water system. Retreat and prep took time. Looking at tractors to replace smaller 2, new fire truck is here. Get budgets in! Crystalyn- Retreat and prep not much to report pertaining to PP.

Discussion regarding SUP. Shane doesn't feel compelled to refute as all usage is tied to the Fair event which SUP has nothing to do with. Kirk reminds we are coming up on capital project time. Shane states that the County has not responded to emails, but has till the end of the month. Thinks the County and the Fair will have an MOU moving forward with dance pavilion permitted and all structures in Xavanadu. We will be using architecture students to take measurements of existing structures to be permitted in Xavanadu to be submitted to an engineer and prepared for the permitting process. These students will also take drawings of the typical water tower used for the food booths and once engineering is done these will be submitted in a batch for permitting.

Paxton asks what the time schedule is for any road work. Shane says they are going through the process and doesn't have it yet and is waiting to hear about section of Aero Road-can't start until we know how to proceed with width. Paxton would like to make it 18 ft as it helps with egress though some feel narrower is cheaper.

Colleen asked how it went with carving area discussion. Crystalyn replied the meeting with George didn't happen yet.

Kirk asks; re: SUP, When approved, can we use Alice's? Shane-not until roads are widened mid May.

Bottled water rule was questioned and if there was an appeal? Crystalyn explains the wells haven't been tested beyond residential use, so any event would need approval. We requested to truck water in/out to avoid mandated bottles since these are the only choices.

Board Liaison Report- Paxton passed and Sue already spoke.

Subcommittee report. Front of Fair Subcommittee report: Colleen - not a huge turnout. If you miss a committee meeting, you can email us to get urgent info. Focused on organization. No decisions. We reviewed functions, and stakeholder list. Colleen read list of functions discussed at the subcommittee meeting, asked if any were missed. Otis- external security? Kirk- cell phone charge? Kirk- smoking area? Other topics discussed were long term impacts, front of Fair, and recycling hub near busses. There

are no public results yet to survey yet though smaller group interviews with co cos and stakeholders seem more effective than survey.

Colleen listed off the future to-do list which included: Front of Fair. Next meeting is Sun Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 11am. Colleen will ask spirit. Paxton would like to remote in. Crystalyn \*(go to invites) Paxton, Sylvia and Jon

Dragonfly stage Colleen says it seems underused during walkabout. Kirk went over the historic vision as a busking platform, and then turned into a giant bench, later built into a stage. It was stated it is in an awkward place, not supported by Ambiance. Suggestion made to turn it into a bench unless Ambiance wishes to take it on Paxton confirms they do not. The overall desire to see Construction turn it into a seating area while maintaining a barrier between the eating area and nearby recycling.

Moving on to eclipse debrief-Will be discussed again it when David is here. Kirk said there was lots of interesting structures with cloth that do not need permits.

### Memoria

There are multiple Memoria efforts happening in different camps the committee discussed the various projects going on and how there should be PP involvement.

Laurel explained Indigo's idea of a metal tree base with copper leaves that could be purchased, engraved and added to the tree. This was brought up two years ago with Board interested in moving forward. Jon isn't in favor of having to pay for the memorial leaves.

Paxton- reported the Elders are hanging prayer flags and photos along fences yet wanting something more significant. Jay Hogan/Ambiance- was working on a memoria at Spirit Tower.

Diane Albino would like a memorial garden in the uplands. Dean- is not in favor of four projects going on at same time. May want to recommend Board raise to their level. Paxton- suggests writing a letters to the groups asking for explanation for better understanding and consensus. Colleen would like to invite the reps to a meeting; our job is location. Amy disagrees with Dean about guiding individual visions for memorial. It's so personal; not to streamline into one expression of grief. It's an art installation.... Dean- anyone can do everything? Makes the point that can be challenging to manage.

Kirk- Memoria notion is quite old. Many smaller things seem to be a fit. Let's find out what's in play and support them with path usage, help find space and authorize where necessary. Doesn't need to be deeply organized... support the energy in motion. Jon agrees and suggests getting thoughts in writing and vet overall idea. Crystalyn wants the Fair to do something big so all can participate.

Paxton- Elders interested in expanding. Mentions another effort; Howard's memorial procession on Sunday.

Dean- doesn't want to curb creative ideas; but would like an to see a series of recommendations from PP that encompass most of the many efforts. He's also heard there are urns placed about the site and wonder how the Grand Ronde and Kalapuya people would feel about this practice.

Colleen- there is a desire for this- a community vision. Inviting Elders, Jay, Ambience and Indigo to share ideas in March as invited guests. Amy- smelter at B-man to stamp aluminum cans; mitigates cost of copper.

Smoking Areas There is a need to corral smoke in designated smoking areas and to put something in place quickly. Kirk points out that placement is important and some are better designed than others. Xavanadu smoking is simple and the tarps effective. Suggests we divest from the areas NOT well received

Paxton demonstrated his "attractive and functional onion-pod design" for construction with a fan at top to drag air up and out. Kirk does not think a hard walled room is feasible.

Many points were made such as Ambience's desire to not handle smoking, also for smoking areas to be separated from food or drinking areas, bathroom lines or any place that attracts children. Crystalyn says we should accommodate smokers and pay attention to wind direction. Avoiding camps is not feasible. John says camps should decide on their own about smoking unless close to the public. Amy points out that butt cans move around and to focus on set spaces with good attention to draft.

Now that smoking areas are in the hands of Path Planning, the decision was made to make this a primary committee topic and to spend the next meeting in December on it, by January have traction and by February have capital projects in and generate a report to the Board with ongoing monthly reports.

New Business: Colleen kicks off a Long term planning subcommittee. Jon, Crystalyn, Paxton, Otis and Laurel have joined- To give a report at each meeting. (Laurel /Paxton co-convene)

Pushing guideline discussion to December

Kirk – capital project - reminds that designs require resources. Kirk- will take the lead on smoking capital project request.

Suzanna- re: capital projects, would like the path watered on Wednesday. Desire to put dust back on work plan. Crystalyn cautions that water spread on Wednesday instead of Thursday has huge implications. Suzanna- if the barrels are filled on Wednesday, then we can handle ourselves, so it's a water crew thing.

Homework: Colleen will ask Spirit to the front of fair meeting. Crystalyn \*\* (send go-to meeting invites to Paxton, Sylvia and Jon).

Kirk brings maps and drawings for December smoking workshop. Paxton to bring designs of "smoking onion." He will also go back through minutes for long range planning topics.

Sue will make announcement to Board about the LRP meeting and hopes to get something in the news.

**Dec 17th** noon, is the annual subcommittee meeting round-up, at the Fair in town office, focusing this time for smoking mitigation and siting in preparation for the full committee meeting on Jan 21st

**January 14th**, Front of Fair subcommittee, 11 AM, at the Fair in-town office

**January 21st**, 11 AM to 2 PM, Longhouse Full Committee meeting, Smoking is on the agenda, as well as some other things

*[note that the meeting location was later changed to LCC building 02 room 214]*

Dean: meeting evaluation- positive comments. 5:10 end time.