

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Meeting Minutes October 18, 2020 noon-3 PM 2020
Virtual meeting

Members in attendance: Colleen, Dennis, Sylvia, Otis, Kirk, Tom, Jon, Sue

Guests in attendance: Ann, Village David, Mouseman, Amy Hardy, Laura Strobel

Staff: furlough

Scribe/Secretary: Jennifer

Announcements: next Sunday Oct 25th 6pm WOW Hall membership meeting for elections. OCF ballots due next Saturday by 8pm. Kirk will take a Path Planning hiatus for a few months.

Approve minutes (Sept. 20, 2020) Double check spelling of names before approval. Dennis moves to approve - vote in favor of approval. One abstains.

Public comments; Letter received from David Hoffman regarding the tree at Shady Grove.

Agenda (review, amend, approve) Shady Grove discussion moved up. Kirk moves to accept the agenda- Sylvia seconds. Vote passes the amended agenda.

Shady Grove- Water line broke and eroded 6-8 feet of bank. The water line has been fixed but the erosion will be difficult to fix, it is in a place of active erosion. The path is only 11 feet making it necessary to move the stage. Option review taking the green zone into consideration. Proposals include moving the stage to the other side of the large maple and rerouting the Community Village path. Reducing the stage use to acoustic only. Relocation options were brainstormed: Dragonfly stage, Wally's Way or Xavanadu (where pigs fly bench area). All options discussed were met with drawbacks and challenge including sound conflict. Colleen reads letter from Shawn Kaul protesting the Xavanadu option. Kirk is in favor of divesting from the stage. Discussion on divesting from the Shady Grove stage entirely.

Jon mentions Wally's Way would be within 100 feet from three other stages. The camping area in question hosts about 100 people and Childcare would be impacted.

Dennis proposes exploring moving the stage out to Miss Piggy's as an effort toward expansion.

Tom feels that opening up this area will create options for Energy Park movement. Kirk adds that moving booth 710 would be necessary and to move the one next to it as well. For the short term, a one year mini stage is a good option – reducing footprint.

Laura is on board with scaling down the stage for a year. Would like it to remain an agenda item after that and not be forgotten. States that Energy Park is an interesting idea though access for musicians is a challenge. Miss Piggy's is also an interesting idea and has concerns about the bag check logistics with people standing in the sun for hours waiting to get their bag checked to get in. Shady Grove is daytime performance only 11am -7pm. Wonders about the option of sharing with the Fire Stage. Laura was

interested in the Pigs Fly area and would like to visit with Shawn's concerns more .She is also open to downsizing the current stage, removing the fence and having the audience flow through the tree area. Kirk suggests bleachers. Laura feels this is a good temporary solution. She would like to talk about moving and expanding the Blue Moon stage at a later date.

In conclusion the tentative plan is to consider using Maple Commons and a reduced Shady Grove to replace what is there now. The idea being that a small scale stage at Maple Commons and a smaller footprint located at the audience seating area at Shady Grove would replace the bigger solar stage currently there. By relocating and scaling down Shady Grove the fenced-back stage area would be removed, clearing some brush to enlarge/reroute the path.

Diversity teach-in No homework was turned in- delayed minutes could have impacted. Britania made the suggestion of a diversity subcommittee. Ann thinks it's a good idea and proposals can be made. Jon would like another shot at the homework rather than a subcommittee.

Question: What can our committee do to contribute to the Fair's diversity efforts? How can we remove barriers?

Sylvia feels that Zoom is a barrier and makes efforts more challenging. All are encouraged to bring guests to the meetings. Ann says that staying connected and continuing to meet is important. Dennis suggests using the SUP during off-season to develop better relationships with marginalized groups.

Elect Committee Secretary (tabled from Sept. meeting) Vote to elect Jennifer as Secretary – vote unanimous in favor.

Reports:

Staff – no staff present due to furlough

Board Liaisons – no representatives available

Subcommittees

Sanitation – Amy Hardy states the committee has not met.

Smoking – Paxton is not present. No update. Sauna area may come back to the full committee.

Handwashing - postponed meeting Nov 14th 11:00 am – request link to attend.

Committee Liaisons

LUMP – Dennis states first meeting was held – pressing forward with the grey water recycling project- looking at grants. Debriefed on zoning allowance.

No reports from: Safe Fair, Carbon Neutral, Peach Power, or Mapping

Homework Reports -none

Work Plan Review:

Approve Yearly Work Plan (See note at end of agenda for a start on a yearly work plan.)

November: Rainbow Connection (Amy/guest?), Handwashing/Sanitation, Long Term Planning

Jon adds that with the idea of smaller Fairs should be considered for topic.

Plan is still so open that there was not a vote.

Old Business:

Shady Grove Erosion Response (debrief walk-about, review possible relocation options)

Long Term Planning (Internal Growth) – Tabled due to low attendance and lack of staff.

New Business: None

Homework Review

Diversity – everyone come up with a topic to lead to the committee.

Jon to advance cultural resources efforts

Smoking - Colleen to reach out to Paxton and propose reaching out to stakeholders

Meeting Evaluation/last round - Rough meeting with low attendance and no staff . Thanks to guest attendance.

Confirmed next meeting - November 15, 2020, noon to 3 PM

Proposed Yearly Work Plan for 2020-21:

At each meeting: Long Term Planning, Handwashing/Sanitation, Diversity teach-in, Monthly reports as listed

October: Shady Grove Erosion, Smoking

November: Rainbow Connection (Amy/guest), Sanitation report (guest?)

January: Subcommittee reports, any Capital Projects requests

Feb:

March:

April:

May: Approve Work Plan for 2021-22