

Path Planning Committee Minutes

Jan. 17, 2021. Noon-3. Virtual Zoom

Members present - Dean Middleton, Colleen Bauman, Sue Theoloss, Dennis Todd, Kirk Schultz , Tom Churchill , Paxton Hoag, Amy Hand, Jon Pincus
Guests present - Mouseman, River, Oblio, Peaches, Ann Rogers, Gene, Britania, Rosanna, AJ
Staff - Shane, Crystalyn
Scribe- Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements - Staff are back from furlough. Dean announces the new KOCF tower (Middleton Tower) and transmitter site have been operational since Dec 24 bringing enhanced signal to the Veneta area and beyond.

Paxton announced the Board has a working assembly tomorrow for Fair possibilities.

Liz Fields is interim Executive Director until another hire is in place.

Minutes review. Minutes are approved

Agenda review - approved

Kirk would like to have a place holder starting in February for Fair 2021 agenda.

Diversity teaching moment- Inclusive meeting style (Dean) - postpone until Feb.

Reports -Committee Liaisons

Guest: Peaches (Peach Power, Carbon Neutral) - Peach power has been dormant, and when it picks back up, it will be with solar at the Hub and partnering with compost complex . Momentum with Portland State institute for sustainable solutions continues and a report is on the .net site. The take away reveals the most carbon produced is by Fair family driving and hauling on and off site.

Project is currently in phase 1.

Hub needs better electric infrastructure in order to install solar panels.

LUMP - Dennis reports the committee met and spent time on upland forest plan and carbon sequestration. Considered management practice towards sequestration or carbon loss. Will contribute information to the carbon neutral committee and continue to work on the green zone application processes and

procedures which have been ongoing for 13 years. Looking at another revision of the LUMP manual.

Mapping - none

Safe Fair - none

Diversity - Britania sent out contracts to a consultant team.

Virtual Fair-Kirk states a small steering group is working on items for the Board to identify scope and resources . Paxton confirms the Board has already approved the Virtual Fair.

Staff - Crystalyn is catching up and involved in Virtual Fair. Will be focusing on revenue generating efforts. Shane is freshly back and will be assessing the site starting tomorrow and securing NCU. Sue would like to know on site protocols for booth assessment.

Board Liaison - Paxton announced Wally has resigned and a temp ED has been hired by page2partners - Three floods have affected the site. The straw bale dams need to be re-thought. Four new trees came down, the one at Chela Mela has a six foot root ball. Shady grove tree is now only 8 ft. In height. Erosion is occurring in the new planting areas around Shady Grove with a foot more of bank loss at Strawberry Lane. A tree behind Frisco came down and took out the back of four booths. Paxton observes it is minor damage in comparison to years past. Shane commented on 13th that straw bales were not put out this past year. The cost was high to get hay in before the floods given budget restraints.

Subcommittees

Night Time Lighting-Amy /Proposed locations were brainstormed as well as light options, logistics and sustainability. Stakeholders were identified and minutes were circulated. 30-75 'foot-candles' have been identified as a lighting guideline requirement for food booths to create a standard.

Cultural Resources-Jon /Focus of the meeting was to assess resources, previous work and next steps. Mapping layers prioritized to enable physical and Fair family surveys. Site visit in February.

Homework reports:

Dennis- draft guidelines changes that food/craft booths provide hand sanitation. Guidelines were reviewed.

Amy Hand sent Dean the video on Shady Grove replacement location.

Motion Moved by Paxton seconded by Kirk - Dean opposed. Sue suggests doing more research. A discussion occurred to table, or to vote . Crystalyn expressed strong support of having hand sanitizer at the booths to supplement hand washing.

Vote occurred and the motion was passed for guideline change.

Smoking

Motion “ ***Path Planning moves that this committee recommends the smoking kiosk located by the Sauna be eliminated***” The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

Rainbow Connection - Oblio is a DEI consultant hired for the Fair, they and River are involved in the virtual event. A theoretical physical space was identified on the grounds - these spaces will be essential for the DEI work. Work-it shop area is where the spot will be. There is a longer term plan in moving temporary booth spaces around. River says that getting the word out via social media that these spaces are created would be important this year.

Britania is happy to step in as BIPOC rep. Oblio states there are already people running this.

Politics Park/Main Stage - a piece of old business that has not been addressed . It is a big topic to decommission Politics Park completely or access it differently from the back since it has been a problem. The change in footprint can change the Main Stage. The cost to replace the area is significant.

ADA improvements (Capital Projects) - While there are no capital projects happening at this time, the committee will still have it as a work item to identify areas that need to improve. 4A has been active for a long time and has joined the committee as guests over the years. Once capital projects are proposed; 4A will be brought in. Staff is in contact with volunteers involved with ADA improvements. AJ expresses the notion of inclusion in addition to designated spaces as well as representation. Britania speaks of the survey diversity committee is doing ; nero-diversity and self identifying disabled. 4A folks are welcome to meetings and 4A path discussions.

Long Term Planning: Alternative locations for impacted zones

Unless we can target a new area to grow into, then we stand losing areas to erosion and adapting in place. Coming out of two years of no income with a new terrain, the long term plan has different challenges than it had before. Collective thought is to work with the spaces we have within our means and not look towards expansion at this time. Adjusting in place is currently needed. There are many unknowns in the near future for the Fair that will impact Long Range planning. We will be in a fiscally conservative mode for awhile.

Check in with members to alter work plan and gain direction on the committee, potentially taking a month off. Ann feels health and safety should be priority. Kirk would like to still meet in February and address work plan. Paxton states short term plans should be a focus to get back to the start of normality. Without the pressure of the Fair- the agendas can be shortened to two hours instead of three. An opportunity to be fully prepared when we do come back to full capacity. Most agree to continue meeting. There is time to focus on the non immediate as well. Email Colleen any directives on Long Term Planning. Dennis will press forward with an outline.

New Business

Homework review

Virtual Fair map posted up from Rosanna - check it out

Spirit has video of the shady grove and will send to Dean

Jon will hold another culture resources assembly prior to Feb site tour

Sue will be sharing info with Craft booths at the end of Jan town hall and same in Feb for Food. Will mention ADA>

Meeting evaluation/last round

Sue states this is the best two hours so far this year.

Mark wants to remind people that there are robust guidelines on surveys and census. It is more useful to ask the same questions year over year to show trends. The timing is also important. Coordination between various surveys is important.

Paxton- survey crew handles the surveys expertly - when done independently same considerations need to be made.

AJ wanted to add in regards to impact on site - hoping some of the areas can be addressed, and offers support to Shane over these issues.

Paxton doesn't feel that much of the flood impact on site is urgent. Continuation with the seeding of grass as par usual.

Britania enjoyed the meeting discourse and thanked the group.

Next meeting: confirmed February 14, 2021, noon-3pm Zoom