

**\*Path Planning Committee\***

Jan. 18, 2009, Noon to 2 pm

Alice's living room

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\*Preliminaries: \*

**\*Introductions\***

Dennis Todd, Colleen Bauman, Deane Morrow, Paxton Hoag, John Chewie Burgess, Sylvia Fireman, Jay Hogan, Michael Richard, Suzanna DeFazio, Jon Pincus, Justin Honea, Wally Jones, Cathy Colton Keegan, Bill Wright, Kirk Schultz, Steve Wisnovsky, Chris Browne, Dean Middleton, Samantha Chirillo, Ann Rogers, Kathee Laure, Genevieve Middleton, Tom Churchill, Peggy Day

\*Announcements \*PeggyDay Fitzgerald is the recording secretary and can receive and forward any emails meant for PP. Email it to her and whether it is committee only or the full interested friends of PP and she will distribute. This is a link to sign up to receive PP information. <http://www.ocfsite.org/Lists/?p=subscribe&id=3>

\*Approval of Minutes: Nov. 16, 2008\*

Minutes were approved for 11/16/08 with two small edit under Public comments add new before stage. Left Bank moved \*if\* there is a craft lot expansion.

**\*Public Comments\***

Kathy says teams can do what individuals can't. Referring to last year's fire as booth people who responded are untrained fire fighters and need some training as first responders. She referred to the plane crash how well trained the rescuers are. Suggests crafters be trained as responders. Need help to insert information into the packet with the emergency evacuation information and PP should help assist. DO NOT JUMP INTO THE LONG TOM. To be more specific, each neighborhood would have its own plan.

A workshop meeting was held in Dec that addressed that issue and Dennis reiterated the highlights of those minutes and they are available to whomever is interested. Is the requirement for gater-width access in new paths in the LUMP manual? Would the process be improved by a tour of the areas in questions by local experts. Volunteers are solicited for a committee headed by Jay. Needs to be coordinated with the Vegmatics.

**\*Agenda Review, Amend Appraisal\***

Staff Reports

Sub Committee reports

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\*Old Business: \*

Strolling vendor survey (Justin)

He would like to remove the strolling from the strolling vendors and it creates animosity with craft inventory. He is looking for a win/win answer. He is doing a survey to get information about the strolling vendors from all the points of view, the strollers, the booths, etc. He is asking for any input to incorporate from the survey. A moratorium was set up last year to try to place them in a booth. He has been trying to find other solutions for crafters who weren't really intending to be strollers. It was pointed out that it would be a loss to not have any strolling vendors. They are an addition to the ambiance of the fair. It needs to be better controlled. Some people are disappointed that they can't find specific strollers. Be sure that if spots are designated that it isn't considered permanent. Food committee has control over food and dictates to the registration crew about food strollers. It is felt that most strollers would prefer a permanent home. Maybe change the name from strollers to temporary. We've lost food in some areas and one solution was to use a temporary food cart but it wasn't successful with some food carts and they moved on. Some food carts don't seem to be a strolling vendor. The strolling have seemed to not be strolling anymore. The concern is that strolling vendors that don't stroll should be on the wait list for a booth. Maybe rotating in lieu of strolling.

\*Still Living Room (Chris)\*

The Elders are looking for a location to develop a history of the fair and this year a temporary location could be where the memorial was last fair, People's Park. Martyr's Park was suggested as an alternative. The noise factor has to be taken into consideration. The constriction and bottleneck needs to be addressed.

A motion was made to recommend a temporary Elder's spot for '09 for the still living room be coordinated with Jay and located at People's park. Motion passed, 1 against, 1 abstention.

\*40th anniversary, entrance ideas (Genevieve)\*

A handout was made for the Indian Creek Entry Corridor vision for the 40th anniversary as a welcome area. To include the area where trees have been planted and people can rest and wait with shade. It would remove some parking spaces and require rearranging Cable gate and needs coordination. Creates a shaded walking path instead of a driving path. The issue of losing important vendor/entertainment parking was raised. Also, other 40th anniversary entertainment was to be located in that area. Parking for the fair family is already at capacity and we have a limited amount of land available. That area is for senior/handicapped parking and they should have priority.

She is suggesting an ecology booth for education. Kudos to Genevieve for her presentation and the ideas of tree planting in the area. The opportunity is there for education and information and it is needed

but there are higher priorities. Maybe this is not the time to do it and/or it needs more planning and relocation. They could be done in a modular manner with some this year and adding more later. It was pointed out that the area South of Miss Piggie could be refined and improved. It was wondered if new parking for food booths could be located, maybe by the warehouse. Could shuttles be added for elder/handicapped at a different location. The south side has cross traffic and safety needs to be addressed. A lot of service vehicles use that area and are important. A motion was made to recommend developing a 12' shaded pedestrian corridor to be as a project for the 40th anniversary with the details to be worked out later with a strong eye to safety. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

\*Ideas for the former pony ride area (Kirk)\*

Pony Ride Area/Gypsy Way:

Ready for a walk-about. Is not ready to be pushed through for the 40th but is strongly recommended to be reviewed during the coming months. Maps were handed out showing the area under discussion with overlays of other fair locations to give better perspective. This is a long term idea and people are concerned about preserving that area as a green area and the wisdom of going into the understory. We need to look at the broad view before going into specific plans so we can make choices about priorities with the big picture in mind. The previous times this issue was visited it was decided to do the meadow rather than the understory. It was pointed out that this is achievable this year from an operations point of view and Vegmanic is agreeable and construction is on board. It was previously rejected due to the area being a buffer for noise, dust and traffic. The treasurer has asked that the fair not do this type of project this year due to budgetary considerations. Case in point is Sesame Street that wound up being a dead end. The kitchen move will change the needs and this type of project should be delayed until that happens. Consideration of the wetland aspect needs to be addressed as to bird/wildlife impact and affect on the headwaters and old growth forest. Communication with the rest of the fair family is paramount for the PP.

\*At 2 PM, a motion to extend the meeting an hour was made and passed with no opposition.\*

It was pointed out that it was not the bailiwick of the pp committee to push through new paths before the full picture has been reviewed and the needs were prioritized. It was stated that we have made certain promises to booths who were required to move that have not been fulfilled and that craft lot is an area that could be used as an expansion area. We should look at contingency plans in our future planning with scenarios such as losing Strawberry Lane or River Loop. We should consult with other groups who have information before we make any suggestions. The full palate should be presented at once, not piecemeal sections. A motion was made and passed with one opposed, to not push the recommendation for the Pony Ride area development for 2009 but to carry it forward as part of the full palate of options.

\*Begin long-range planning: identify possible public areas (Dennis) \*

A handout was passed around showing what the county expects to be done for public spaces. This is a part of our public use permit submitted to the county and approved in 1998.

This includes: Craft Lot, Main Camp, Traffic camp, Miss Piggy's, Dahinda Way, Security Peninsula, Mudshark, South Woods and subdivisions of those areas. Each area certainly will require the displacement of people and requires careful consideration. There was general discussion of the different areas and whether certain areas should be developed in a modular/incremental way and other areas will cause a domino effect and require addressing as a whole. There was a discussion of some of the different areas and suggestions offered for some resolutions, keeping in mind the necessity of continuing the impact studies, communication with the Fair family and consideration of displaced campers. Services such as water capacity and maintenance need to be addressed for any expansion. Next week individuals should bring sketches that address any of these areas to be considered. Some problem areas to be thought about: Daredevil Stage, Youth Stage. Boundary security needs to be considered.

Breakout: planning a new public space

Breakout group reports

Determine path development recommendations

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\*New business: \*

Meeting evaluation

Homework review

Set next meeting time/place

(Feb. 15, 2009, 12-3, place TBA)