

March 20, 2011 OCF Path Planning Committee
Noon- 3:15pm @ Alice's
MINUTES

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On the Committee Present: Steve Wisnovsky, Kirk Shultz, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Susanna Defazio, Jon Burgess, Jay Hogan, Deane Morrow, Chris Browne, Michael Richard, Colleen Bauman, Sylvia Freeman, Wally Jones, Justin Honea, David Tipton.

On the Committee Not-Present: Dennis Todd, Tom Churchill, Dean Middleton.

Guests: Catherine "Smilee" Clark, DJ Rogers, Bill Clausen, Ann Rogers, Glenn Johnson, Mark Pankratz, Katie Cousins

Convener: Justin Honea.

Scribes: Mark Pankratz & Bill Ganser.

Preliminaries

Introductions: See above.

Announcements:

(Paxton) Added money back into the budget for entry-way stuff. The survey crew needs to know helpful questions.

(Chewie) April board meeting will create a camping crew. Also, April 2nd board workshop on camping at the hub yurt noon to 4:00.

(Colleen) The OCF has hired Tony Clementi to be the new Assistant Manager.

(Susanna) Her daughter wants to get involved in a Veneta/Elmira based OCF crafter retail store.

(Group) The web site has some problems. There are two links, one goes to new info, one goes to only old stuff. (Justin will follow up on this.)

(Glenn) Is attending to assess how different education elements are represented and where they can interact with the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes are on the web page. Not every one had read them so this was tabled.

Agenda Review/Amend/Approve:

Survey questions were moved to old business.

Chewie explained that he will do a board report in the future but will not today.

Colleen moved, Kirk seconded, to remove Vehicle Pedestrian traffic flow from old business. This item can be put on a later agenda if needed. The motion passed without objection.

Colleen moved, Chris seconded, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed without objection.

Staff Report:

(Steve) Passed around a binder with pictures of the river and some aeriels. He passed around his report to the BoD concerning lack of booth space. He talked about where the river erosion is the worst.

(Colleen) What are we now as far as booths go?

(Steve) As long as nothing falls in, we will survive, we just have no wiggle room.

(Chewie) Strawberry Lane is getting narrow. This causes problems not just for booths but the ability of cars and emergency traffic. Some areas will be closed to traffic.

Subcommittee Reports:

GW has its own spot on the agenda.

Morningwood (not)

Camping (not)

Long range plan (active)

Traffic (active)

Entry (active)

Charrettes for affected neighborhoods (not)

Pocket parks (not)

Group to help Operations with on the ground development (they will be there)

(Chris) Talked about the entryway money that was cut off because some homework wasn't done.

Between then and now more work was done so the money was put back in.

Chris is going to work on the stanchions. Still need to work on who will do the work on the shade structures.

Even if we don't have the ability to do pocket parks right now we should still create a list of places where we can put pocket parks.

(Chewie) Is any place off the list?

There are certain places that call for them, e.g., Heritage trees.

Old Business:

Review Gypsy Way Plan:

(Colleen) gave the report about a 5 hour meeting. (insert minutes)

(Jon) is hoping it's a walking/gator but not a car path.

(Susanna) Raptor center?

(Glenn) The bird people are not ready. What is ready is the critter people.

(Kirk) On the map it is represented as a bubble (place holder).

(Steve) We would like to find a home for the critter people. Also, a place for the fair and the public to interface.

(Paxton) Wants to see another design charrette. We shouldn't do this on short notice.

(Wally) To do it right maybe it is a good idea to take our time.

(Chewie) I don't see any reason we can't do this this year. To postpone this to do another design charette is disingenuous, and we don't need another design charette to move forward

(Steve) We can do this this year. We need booth space. If we put kids loop in we have the option to add booth space later. We don't have anything new to sell to the public/media if we don't do anything interesting.

(Kirk) Started presenting the subcommittee's bubble diagram. They are general, the details get figured out on the ground during implementation. He explained the Kids First map, some of the hows and whys of certain design elements.

(Colleen) The timing of the playground build and pull down of the old is important.

(Jon Pincus) Presented a plan. It is a smaller version that he feels has a better chance of passing this year.

(Kirk) Had some questions about the scale... The subcommittee wasn't sure if being next to some things might be a sound conflict.

(Steve) What would happen to the people in the Spoken Word area? When is this for?

(Jon) Could be this year or next depending on the amount of work put in and other considerations.

(Chewie) Gave suggestions for some things on the diagrams. Kirk's response was "it's a bubble diagram." This should be a loop. Jon's plan has some good ideas, but it's not big enough. Path

Planning needs to keep long range things in mind. I'm glad we've been able to look at more than one option.

(Wally) Zip-lines for entertaining kids and adults! Some buffer would be nice.

(Jay) You can't just take the Rabbit Hole from the people that use it now. The Rabbit Hole should be protected (physically).

(Paxton) I'm as sure as ever that we still need another design charrette. There should be more looking at the effect on the area.

(Colleen) An orderly process is good. We have followed the steps to get to where we are. It's too late to add the idea of messing with the Rabbit Hole. A loop is way better than a dead end. The subcommittee's idea solves many problems that Jon's doesn't.

There was a LOT of discussion about the GW area. My notes are only the surface of a long conversation.

Colleen moved, Wally seconded, the Path Planning Committee recommend the Kids First! plan to the OCF Board for implementation in 2012.

Break at 2:10pm

End Break at 2:40pm

(Kirk) I would rather do it this year but more time for planning wouldn't be a bad thing.

(Susanna) I remove my objection to the 2012 part. Lets do this.

(Kirk) In this case, I'm amazed to find my self saying "yeah, one more year." Physically we can do it this year, but operationally one more year wouldn't hurt. Give child care one more year to get ready, etc.

(Chris) I'm frustrated that we haven't gotten more done. I'm happy that we are getting closer to something we can do. We CAN keep refining and getting more details on the map. The details of the people involved in the project, etc. Who, what, where.

(Paxton) What I said is minimal impact. I don't mind, it's a good idea, child care, but I'm for minimal impact.

(Steve) Stymied by the forces of inaction. I'm going to support Colleen on this (2012), but I hope we can continue to work on moving forward with other parts (booths, elders, etc).

(Deane) In favor of doing it this year, but understands the next year thing.

(Catherine) The family has been talking about this for years. She talked about the change she has seen in the way people respond to the ideas that have been put forward. More willingness to move for the sake of the fair. Lets keep giving the family a voice.

(Colleen) We are trying to get a plan we can bring to the BoD for a general yes no for a kids loop. The BoD will still get a chance to vote on a final plan. More time to get the details so we know lots of details.

(Justin) We need to get BoD approval for the footprint. There is no point in engaging the public until we know what our plan is. Now it's all about the footprint.

Colleen moved, Kirk seconded, to call the question. The motion passed without opposition. The motion passed 11-0-2. (Paxton and Jon P abstained)

(Paxton) if this passes the BoD, lets post the maps at/in the affected area.

(Colleen) How do we make this more likely to pass?

(Jon) Let's change it from plan, to concept.

(Colleen) made a motion, seconded by Jon to change the original motion from plan to concept.

(Steve) what's the difference?

(Paxton) Concept is the use of the area for a specific purpose. Plan is using the area in specific ways.

(Kirk) It's a bubble diagram. It is a concept. He added concept to the drawing.
This fell apart and the motion was withdrawn.

3pm

Refine year Work Plan:

The Gypsy Way proposal preparation team should meet next Sunday (27th) in order to get the proposal ready for the Board's April meeting packet. The meeting will be at the town office.

The Crafts Lot plan will be worked on at Alice's at noon on April 3rd.

The next regular meeting of the Path Planning committee will be on April 17th at noon.

Survey Questions

A brief brainstorming discussion generated some topics for questions. Paxton recorded the topics.

New Business

Study Vehicle/Pedestrian traffic flow

Finalities

Homework Review

Justin to check if town office is available on the 27th.

Justin to check on problem with web site links.

Meeting Evaluation:

(Colleen) thanked Justin for conducting a good meeting.

(Catherine) thanked Colleen for her input and work on the Gypsy Way proposal.

(Mark) reiterated a concern that the Fair was neglecting the issues about the dragon and dragon plaza.

(DJ) suggested the Gypsy Way goal should be "feet on the path by 2012."

Meeting ended at 3:15pm.