

Path Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
4-17-2011 Draft

Committee members present: Steve Wisnovsky, Jon Pincus, John “ Chewie” Burgess, Jay Hogan, Dennis Todd, Chris Brown, Michael Richards, Tom Churchill, Colleen Bauman, Sylvia Fireman, Wally Jones, Justin Honea, Dean Middleton (scribe), David Tipton

Guests; Bear Pitts, Katie Cousins, Bill Wright, Robin Bluesky, Mark Pankratz, Bill Pack, Anna Scott, D.J. Rogers, Charlie Ruff

Minutes for February & March Meeting reviewed, discussion about which minutes we were approving, because some changes had been submitted. Dennis said we were approving the Minutes posted on the Path Planning web site. Minutes Approved.

Public Comments: Fire Bill said he would be discussing path access for fire protection at the appropriate juncture of the meeting. Bill Wright said he was happy that the BOD supported the Gypsy Way (GW) proposal from Path Planning (PP) and supported the idea of making it a quiet path for parents and Child Care. Colleen passed the drawing around the BOD approved. Chewie commented that the drawing was an agreed footprint that the actual placement “on the ground” would be done by staff. There were several nods of agreement from around the room.

Agenda Review; Charlie Ruff wanted to discuss the Joyful Entrances proposal. Dennis said it would be part of the Work Plan discussion.

-Steve suggested we have drawings posted at this year’s Fair to remind and inform folks that change was coming.

-Colleen moved and Chris seconded proposed Agenda. Approved.

Staff Reports;

Charlie was also pleased with the BOD passing the PP proposal for GW. The Craft Lot (CL) planning needs a bigger picture than the current treatment. Need to include a wider group of Fair input to put the plan on the ground. Plan should include traffic, pedestrian, parking, security, and other stake holders involved in that area of the Fair. We need a bigger picture view. “I don’t have all the answers but I think Path Planning is a good place to begin the process.” The changes made in the Craft Lot will affect the vitality and success of the Fair for the next forty years. After the CL development we are out of room to add significant public space to the Fair.

Steve We have had no big erosion events yet this year. However we continue to have little nibbles here and there. Steve told a story of being out walking the path as he so often loves to do. He said he came upon a couple of deer playing at the Front Porch. They would chase each other down the new fire path and back again. He said they like it! He then went on to say that 330 days a year when we are gone from the site the creatures are here. They don’t care if we cut a new path or not. He said sometimes we spend too much energy trying to protect green spaces when the creatures see it all as green space.

Colleen asked Charlie if we need to recruit Parking Crew members and others to the committee to help effect change.

Charlie responded in agreement that good committee constituency and recruitment is crucial.

Colleen asked Steve if invasive species could be identified in the GW area. He said they are working on it.

David Tipton commented to Steve about booth front counter on East 13th making the pinch point in the path and that with some creative assistance they could widen the path at the point to nearly the PP recommended width. Also since Shady Grove had received capitol funding to improve the stage perhaps it would be a good time to cut into the shrubs next to the stage to help with the path narrowing due to erosion. Chewie said that perhaps some minor pruning could help the situation. Dennis pointed out that if we had replacement space we could relocate two or three booths next to the stage and reorient it to completely eliminate the path narrowing issue.

Chewie commented to Steve that the natural fences near the Souvlaki booth were being rebuilt soon and it might be an appropriate time to make minor moves with them to help with the path narrowing by the map booth.
That ended staff reports.

Chewie also requested to add something to new business because he had to leave the meeting when that item was being discussed. It was allowed. He wanted to add a discussion censuring one of the PP members because of comments made during the recent BOD vote.

Jay Hogan gave a report about an Ambiance and Traffic meeting that he'd just come from. He reported that the Traffic crew would give 228 sq ft. to be turned into two shade structures. He also reported that they had not agreed to any rerouting of traffic on Chasem Rd. That space would still be a shared pedestrian and vehicle route.

Colleen indicated she was frustrated by the agreement and questioned whether we should continue the Joyful Entrances work we've planned. She's afraid that the work we will be doing may make the safety along Chasem even worse.

Steve spoke up about the conversation that he and Traffic crew have been having about rerouting senior and disabled vehicles (the only ones allowed during the Fair in Miss Piggy's). He says there is a possibility of rerouting traffic around Maui through Snooze Pass. It would keep all vehicles on the south side of Miss Piggy's and allow for pedestrians to walk Chasem without cars.

There was some discussion about the nature of traffic and how unsafe the combination of people and vehicles sharing the same space was.

Chris mentioned the planned-on shade structures were not permanent and if the parking lot were redesigned these structures could be located elsewhere.

Charlie mentioned that staff and operations have been discussing moving the LINE IN THE SAND for several years now. He said we have refined our traffic patterns over the last thirty years. Making changes to patterns that we all know is big stuff. He would like to see traffic changes and LINE IN THE SAND CHANGES coincide.

Lots more discussion about separating vehicle and pedestrians and the safety ensued.

Charlie brought up a question about the fact that a committee had requested and was funded on a capitol project. This was a precedent for the Fair. He did have a concern. He would like to see a lead or point person be appointed to see to it that the project was done.

Dennis said it would be an appropriate time to give the **subcommittee report of the Joyful Entrances** group. He reported that the committee recommended that Jay Hogan and Kirk Shultz be appointed as point persons. He also reported that Genevieve and Dean Middleton would work on the project aesthetics. He also reported that Mark Pankratz was looking into what it would take to get HER up against the fence near the entrance at Main Camp. Chewie made a motion and Colleen seconded the recommendation. **Motioned Passed.**

Work Plan

Colleen suggested we have design charrette for Gypsy Way because of the changes that the BOD put in place.

Wally disagreed. Says we are beyond the design charrette stage. He recommends we put knowledgeable PP folks in place and continue to refine what we have.

Michael agreed with Wally. Said the charrette is about getting buy-in, not fleshing out a plan.

Dennis also agreed with Wally. Said the design charrette isn't appropriate for GW--we're beyond that.

Steve said do a new design charrette for CL next year.

Charlie said CL changes will take time, 2013 and 2014, to get migration of family out of the lot. What PP needs to do is keep working on buy-in. This year keep your focus on GW.

More discussion...

Chris says we need to let folks know that we are continuing to plan changes to the CL. David suggests we put FFN article into next month's news letter to announce that PP is moving ahead with BOD recommendations for GW (include basic map). Also include continuing planning on CL. **Committee agreed!** (this was not a motion but felt like one)

Justin said we need to plan on a Fall stakeholders' meeting for GW.

Steve said we need to add relocation planning for those affected in the GW area.

Chris said we can't do that until the Camping Crew is up and running.

Dean agreed with Charlie and recommended that an internal stake holder meeting be organized for the Fall with the intent to identify the steps and process of developing CL into Fair Path.

Colleen recommends that the PP co-chairs develop a work plan for 2011/2012 and present it at the next meeting.

WORK PLAN INCLUDES;

*Meeting with stakeholders (Justin's stakeholders list) of Gypsy Way to refine plan.

*Subcommittee continues to refine GW plan

*Relocation Planning for people affected by GW plan 2012

*Fall work session with internal stakeholders to identify the steps and process of developing CL. Big picture view such as:

Assessment of Crafters Camping/Secure Storage Needs

Secure Storage Support Services

Relocation of Campers and Identification of Camping Space

Relocation of Barter Fair

Parking Plan

Traffic Flow

New Space Usage

New Space Design

Changes to the Dragon Entrance

Etc.

Some additional discussions on various ideas...

Charlie made a comment that may have confirmed the change in scope that PP has evolved into. PP has two assignments now, booth replacement and new path planning.

10 minute break at 2:18 PM to prep for GW plan review.

2:28 PM reconvened-

Fire Bill discussed the operational needs of the fire crew (FC). FC is developing quick response gators with 30-40 gallons of water 200' of hose and portable pumps. They need to have access to every part of the Fair with 200' of hose. FC would like PP to keep that in mind when planning new areas. He did say GW was well within those requirements. He also commented on the Plans that he saw of CL that includes an emergency service center including White Bird and FC was also acceptable. He pointed out that the Old

Indian creek channel behind the new GW path has several areas that need better gator access.

Master Gardener David announced a memorial that was taking place at Alice's fire pit and the 6 packs were being rebuilt to include women's urinals. He also mentioned a plant sale to raise money for the Master Gardeners on April 23rd 11-5 PM on Grant street.

GW refinement- Colleen mentioned that Mellow Place was on the wrong side of the path from Child Care. Parents might not be able to see their kids.

Jon supported Colleen's assessment.

Next GW subcommittee meeting for additional refinement was May 1st location TBA.

CL Refinement- Steve would like to see the three central oaks used as a stage that could be re-visioned each year.

Charlie said that CL is an opportunity for the Fair to develop a major act venue. He cited that revenues has been relatively flat over the last four years with the exception blip of the fortieth celebration. His concern is that if the Fair is to keep pace with other events in the area we may need a space to have a Friday evening and Saturday evening major act in the CL. This would be a major re-visioning of what we do.

Jon suggested PP consider east west rather than north south orientation of the CL.

Wrap UP.

Homework

- Mark to check HER out
- Coordinators to build 2011/2012 work plan
- Traffic subcommittee needs to meet

Meeting Evaluation

Colleen upset a little about not staying with agenda.
But generally thumbs up!

Adjourned 3:05 PM