

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Notes/Minutes
September 25, 2011

The May minutes were not available, so the Path Planning (PP) decided to go with Chris Browne's board report. Justin will contact Mark P. about the May minutes.

Public Comments

Michele from the Deadwood Booth is concerned about being in a dead end loop after being displaced from Strawberry Lane due to erosion.

Dennis T. recommended speaking to the BOD, and to connect with the new Camping crew.

Justin gave Michele a copy of the PP recommendations that went to the BOD. Jon Pincus clarified that the BOD is not dragging its feet and had decided that Gypsy Way (GW) should be the first phase, and with the playground moved, there are more options.

Charlie Ruff- Opening up a dead end is part of a larger conversation. This is part of a Crafts Lot discussion and also a redesign of the front, Barter Fair, re-addressing space and close-in car camping for booths that need it.

Colleen- That is the large picture. Change is coming now to Child Care.

Justin- there are multiple options.

Kirk- The history of the situation is that booths displaced by river erosion from Strawberry Lane were moved into a cul-de-sac by the Kids Loop. He and Beth were told by management that it was okay to promise the booth people displaced from Strawberry Lane that a path would be developed from Kids Loop to Phun Gate. Then Leslie said she was done; this was the cross roads for PP and it moved to Vision Quest. Kirk is anxious to solve this problem because they are constantly communicating to Michele, "next year." This year, assuming GW with the new Mellow Space and Kids Loop, it may be another year. Colleen pointed out there is short term mitigation by building some booths in Mellow Space.

Dennis T- More background in the late 1980's everything South of Indian Creek and East of Miss Piggy's was all Security Camp. Purchase of the Far Side enabled camping displacement. The first few booths were built on the Left Bank in the 1991. In 1996 Chela Mela was developed. Since then, fifteen years of growth in the internal population and loss of booth space to the river has resulted in further crowding as open space and parks have been turned into booth replacement space. Jay- Glad Michele is here and why not punch through to Dragon Plaza? Crafts Lot development is 3-5 years out.

Colleen- More optimistic since PP re-forming since Vision Quest. Gypsy Way can't slow down Crafts Lot and BOD supports this. It is time for PP to prove itself. Don't lose momentum.

Jon P Move forwards with moving playground

Deane M. As a BOD member, he is in favor developing Crafts Lot, and maybe something this year.

Agenda Review

Colleen asked to add "after hours sales alcove" for next meeting.

Agenda Accepted

Staff Report

Charlie R We are looking at the 20 year footprint over the next 2-3 years. Opening Crafts Lot will have its challenges, moving and right sizing the Barter Fair. It is more complex with the Camping Crew infrastructure. It will be better than the options before. Barter Fair changes, south woods, south Miss Piggy's will offer more camping space. There is a Craft Lot survey in the future meetings.

Justin- Booth Registration, niche booths, wait-share were all placed. The list was cut as low as ever- lower on jury scores than before. Older and Charter booths are picking up crafters from the wait/share list. From PP need some space. Example M69 is a small booth--Camille McMannis has an amazing space at fair. Also the mushroom plaza is a good space.

Bear Pitts- McKenzie Maps had the best year ever with opening now into Arch Park.

Jon P. Older booths want new blood.

Sub committee reports- Some discussion as to who had met and who was ready.

Kirk's subcommittee Report

Looking at traffic flows. He and David the day before had looked at options and the following summarizes them:

- 1) Booth 55 and Dan's Burgers- With a little re-work, can turn things and do like by India House
- 2) Booths 82, 84, 86, 92 Behind them is a great big maple tree and put the tree as a center of public space; turn the booths and possibly move a booth.
- 3) Community Village- open up behind 202-210-212 and connect through to Community Village
- 4) Craft Lot-Phun gate-Kids Loop-Take Mellow Space Through to Wooten Way or the Phun Gate

CharlieR: Crafts Lot will be an issue; one big move instead of micro-moves. Also already booked for OCF 2012.

Kirk- This is for 2013. Dan's Burgers and the CV options can be done 2012.

Charlie R-Everybody needs to know this will not be operationally decided for the CV and Dan's options.

Ann- What about the Archeology?

Kirk- We will not choose a go or not go based on the archaeology. We will design to meet the archaeology needs.

Colleen - Phun Gate, Mellow Space and Wooten Way path would be low impact.

Kirk-

Smaller projects and trade booths need to be included. Other alternatives is a one year booth in Mushroom Plaza by Ark Park

One year by WC Fields

One year by booth 893-899

Use the smoking areas by the river

L44-L48 and L 68 nice spots to display stuff with no camping.

David- Need to look at what is a booth space and any idea involving camping needs to consider personalities, multi-generational also.

Kirk- This is David, Charlie, Steve and Kirk doing this to existing spaces

Jay- He would like to hear about this. To Charlie and Kirk asked if project requests should be from crew doing the work and not from the proposal?

Kirk- Anyone can apply for Capital Projects. "Technically" it should be the owner requesting it.

Chris B- So the user writes the capital improvement proposal?

Charlie R- It is situational, stages aren't changes in real estate. Joyful entrance came as a capital project from the Committee. Multiple owner projects go over the budget and often don't work. While Joyful Entrance needs a project manager. Redefining real estate allows for conflicts. Gypsy Way will be a capital project via traditional construction process.

Jon P. - These are cool ideas, Barter Fair

Charlie R- It's a scary land rush now with logistics of Barter Fair

Jon P- Some are similar to Gypsy Way.

David and Justin- these are just ideas

Jon P Phun Gate -Mellow Space will have Left Stage vehicle issues. Smoking areas -need to move to removing tobacco.

CharlieR- that is outside PP

David- Community Village is by LUMP standards a dead end, its just some campers.

Deane M. What about moving the Library and Youth Stage?

Dennis- Child Care has feet on the ground in N of Gypsy Way, has lines of sight, adequate front desk area, and is secure on backside.

Child Care Crew (CCC) reps- It is almost matched on square feet . Half the space will be for active kids and they will work with construction and archaeology on that. Kids Loop will be in sight. Also Mellow Space will be more visible and therefore more utilized. CCC is happy to move. Sixty percent of the kids registered in Child Care are fair family. This is a good combo and move it all at once.

Charlie R- This is not a new retail area.

Jon P. BOD is on board

Justin Whether strollers will be present hasn't been determined.

Electing new officers:

9 members present. Justin will e-mail missing members.

Coleen nominates Jay

Jay declines

Kirk nominates Chris

Chris declines

Dennis nominates Colleen

Colleen- she is an interested booth person

Discussion that Colleen can recuse herself when there is a conflict.
Deane seconds it.

Nominations passed- Justin and Colleen
Ask Peggy back to scribe.. Justin will call scribe tribe. Chris will call Peggy

Yearly work plan for PP is on web site

Jon P- BOD is expecting refinement

Kirk By Dec ask Operations to bring us a plan and status/progress report prior to capital projects.

Dennis- BOD approves upcoming projects through the Budget process

Justin So if Recycling has a capital need then they do it via the budget and capital process and Steve W. coordinates this.

Kirk- We wear operations hats if we want to do discussion of operations an PP and what is reviewed

DJ Rogers What about stakeholders such as Tinkerbell, water, access

Justin and Colleen will notify sub-committees and if needed establish extra meetings.

HOMEWORK Look at yearly work plan.

Next Meeting

October 16, 2011, noon to 3:00 PM