

Path Planning Committee

May 20th, 2012, Noon to 3 PM

Location: Alice' (or Hub Yurt, there will be a sign)

Introductions

Justin Honea, Colleen Bauman, Jon Pincus, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Paxton Hoag, Steve Wisnovsky, Dennis Todd, Charlie Ruff, Tom Churchill, Tony Clemete, Bill Wright, Cathy, Kirk Schultz, Chris Browne, David Tipton, Michael Richard, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Laura Stuart, Peggy Day Fitzgerald

Announcements

The BOD approved of the CL motion (attached at the end of the minutes.) Eclipse of the sun beginning about 5:30pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made, approved and passed to accept the minutes of April. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Public Comments

None

Agenda Review/Agenda/Approv

Motion made and seconded to approve Agenda as written, Motion passed.

Reports

Staff Reports

Charlie, BOD approved the CL concept 9-1. Now the work begins. This allows the beginning of a migration. The Barter Fair motion is being talk about and would like suggestions from PP. There is a suggestion to make the normal evaluation meeting a Barter Fair discussion, the Sunday after the Teddy Bear Picnic. The chairs have been invited to FOF focus group to look at talk about on the ground changes for this year. It is a focused and manageable group that is expected. Many items will be discussed including traffic issues but not the large overall plan.

What will survey address re CL? A combination of census to find out who is in CL: vehicles, head count, camps, what is actually there and how are they sorted by group. The space will be prioritized by common sense and security needs. Some campers will be moved into Miss Piggie's.

Will there be a benefit for survey check GW? This small set is well known.

When will we have a real report from Camping Crew? There should be a report in the September/October time frame. It is a new process and might take more time.

The Survey crew will come through CL and the areas covered will be well marked.

Will there be aerial pictures? Yes, there will be photos.

Steve, there has been a CL camp host crew available. The break in the weather has been helpful for the work crew. Quartermaster and Reg has been power washed and Reg will move into the hut next Thursday. Construction had crews moving in Chez Ray's, Decon, etc. Griffin Molding has donated a large amount of long thin wood that will allow flow-through wooden walls. They are haying CL and it is the earliest that has been done. The ditch will be filled in post-fair.

3 different meetings have been held concerning Chez Ray Stage. The fair is going into partnership to re-factor and rebuild the stage and present spoken word during the day to avoid conflict with Stage Left and still have the ambiance at night. Strawberry lane is now Strawberry Notch and will be reconfigured

with the help of construction.

Booth Registration is going well. Money is flowing and will open with Main Camp on June 2. There will be phone problems at first. The QM desk might need to ring in the office temporarily.

Board Liaison Report

Deane is the Path Planning Board Liaison and Paxton is the Backup.

The BOD asked if more details will be presented to the Board for approval. The BOD has approved of the concept and it is now in the hands of operations where the Board will have control via budget. The Board will be kept informed of all the sections and levels of detail. Path Planning feels it is important to keep close touch with the board, the stakeholders and operations. The reports from the Path Planning are given to the BOD and will continue to be presented. We are doing their legwork and will continue to do so. It is suggested to make a real presentation occasionally. A real motion is what galvanizes the Board into action. Communications between BOD and Path Planning is good and will continue. One important aspect of the report is to include it in the BOD minutes for the Fair Family. Paxton thanked the committee and Charlie for the process and thinks involving the stakeholders is important.

This has now moved into operations and they can ask Path Planning for help. Many groups will need to be worked with and they can be broken out into homework groups. We are ready for the next level and Kirk thinks it will be fun. Everyone at Plan Planning is now an ambassador for the new DL and it can be fun. Everyone is excited to be a part of the creation. This is a two-way communication.

Sub Comm Reports: none

Work Plan Review/Amend

To be discussed at the agenda item.

Old Business

Refine Crafts Lot Max Flex Concept (Map 4) Located on the web site.

The food cluster has been moved a bit and is now in the shade. The current place where solar/agriculture noted should be kept in an open, flexible state with sometimes having stages, sometimes energy park annex. Many possibilities are available. Think about it in two templates. One part for fair time and the other for the rest of the year. We need to think about managing the open area when we are developing for any permanent structures. How do we put things into the ground to keep the most flexibility for the rest of the year. The Use permit will allow us to do more than we have traditionally done as a kind of 'Family Reunion'. We need to find a name for the happenings that will be the 'What's New?' answer yearly.

Arch is concerned that they are being moved there but were told it is in the conceptual stage. Another question from the group was 'Is it going to be like a street carnival?'

The hope is to keep it as flexible as possible, especially for the first few years.

Kirk explained the current map that went to the board. It was modified using data from last month's meeting. He doesn't want the service road to cut into an area that an especially nice pocket is located.

The sound is being studied for a possible dance stage.

The craft's committee had a meeting and studied the map and has given a statement to the Path Planning and their statement is included at the end of the minutes.

We need to remember that the designs are concepts and that no one has ownership, even when long term stakeholders are involved. Now is the opportunity for the Fair to make a paradigm shift and help the Family develop the trust for planning the concepts. The infrastructure is very important. We need to make sure that food booths are not in the sun.

At main stage, there will be a Friday-night Movie night. One fair will be an early Fair film, 1st year on a 20x30 screen with a killer sound system. One thing noticed in the film is the way people were able to spread out and enjoy the space. We now have the opportunity have things slow down to enjoy the open

space. Less fixed infrastructure would help this. There is now a space where we can do something different than in the past 30 years. Not building a permanent structure and expecting to return to it each year. Many options are now available to us...a blend of old and new. We should prioritize by booths that are losing their land and identify some that have small places. We need to review also who has the highest need. We have an open canvas and moving some of the pieces around will give some open space. Many people are volunteering to move into the new area. We need to look at the 1-year booths that continually are juried in with high points and we currently don't have space to accept them into the fair.

While secondary event is important and we need to make it clear to anyone relocating to CL that it is temporary structures only.

We built the fair by encouraging people to invest in a permanent space. Now we need a new focus to incentivize the area. It was suggested to build a model modular booth to show people what can be done. All these thoughts and intentions have been talked about and discussed. The Chela Mela had portable booths as a design contest, had open concept and flexibility as an idea and it failed to some degree when the reality of taking the booth home didn't work. We might need to create zones where some are traditional and some are removable. It seems to evolve into a permanence.

We need to have a big splash in the first year and keep the excitement up.

Some area needs to be maintained as a more permanent than to get people to move from old space.

Happy to know we are adding 3 acres to spread the public out more.

Should we focus now on a specific goal? Do we need to create an outline of specific steps to accomplish?

The concept is the important step at this point.

Acclimatizing to change is easy but at the concept point it is just hard to manage. When the actual physical changes happen it is more accepted. This will make needed changes all over the fair.

Lessening the crowds will improve the ambiance.

It was pointed out that not all the old-timers are against moving. Change can be exciting and some old booths might be excited about it.

The craft committee has the assistance of craft inventory who will take a survey of all the booths to give feedback on what they want to happen with Barter Fair.

It was hoped to increase the number of attendance.

The CL opens up areas of the basic eight that can be improved and maybe some subgroups can take on specific tasks. Craft and Food committees could take on some of these subgroups.

We can bring in others to populate the subgroups. We need to get all the stakeholders to come prepared.

This is the next phase. We should come up with some possible groups and be prepared to discuss this in the September or then-about. Special works shops are needed early in the fall.

Prepare Fair Presentation Material/Stakeholders(crew) meetings

Several years ago a kiosk was prepared to present information to different groups and it is still available.

Please include GW. Kiosk at Still Living Room. At Miss Piggie's. At CL.

The board statements should be posted along with the conceptual design. We need to provide a lot of information to fair family who do not read the BOD minutes or read the FF News. GW could include information at the opening of the area.

Post the motions, the meeting dates and BF discussion after the picnic and the web site.

A one page discussion with pertinent information to be handed out.

Jon volunteered to help with David and Kirk with signs.

Design of the information. Large letters...Change is Coming...see your camp host. Coffee can for feedback. The Times They are a'Changin'

Camping crew and survey crew are working to identify the camp hosts. They have the bodies and can

hand out the one page information sheet.

When we did outreach before there was only 16 responses from the whole fair so don't expect more than about 20.

We should have 'standard' places to place the information.

Do we need to man the kiosks? This is a place for a new subcommittee to get the information out. Kirk David Paxton Jon Colleen Justin and Laura who will begin the email stream and cc Charlie.

Construction is on the ground working now and invites the PP committee to lunch. Come make a sandwich to take on the walk-about.

Steve has a display board for Miss Piggie's. This information is aimed at fair family and not the public yet.

Have work plan committee on September 16, noon, place TBD. When is the big meeting happening?

New Business:

Stakeholder premiums.

Work plan draft

Homework Review

New subcommittee meeting.

Meeting Evaluation

Great meeting. Pushed the ball forward in record time.

Walk-a-bout

Confirm Next Meeting/Place (September 23rd, 2012 , Stakeholder planning meeting)

I have not received the electronic versions of either the BOD motion or the statement from the Craft Committee so I will put those on the web site separately.