

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Nov-16-2014

November 16, 2014

1 PM to 4 PM

at Alice's

Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

Approval of Minutes (Oct. 19, 2014)

Public Comments

Agenda Review, Amend, Approve (add New business items during agenda review)

Reports:

Staff

Board Liaison

CLOG (Crafts Lot Operational Group)

Sub Committees (Naming, Story Pole, Path and Parks, and more...)

Work Plan Review/update

Old Business:

Community Village Entrance

Crafts Lot Map Refinement- Tabled

Wish List of possible booth relocation to send to CLOG

Fair Aesthetics: possible guideline changes, planning charrette for January

New Business:

Schedule a Sub Committee Round up meeting for December?

Homework Review

Meeting Evaluation

Confirm Next meeting (January 18, 2014, 1 Pm to 4 PM)

Adjourn

Members Present: Jay, Dean, Colleen, Tom, Kirk, Dennis, David, Jon, Justin

Absent: Paxton, Sylvia, Susanna, Chris, Chewie

Guests: Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Bear Pitts, Sue Theolass, Amy Hand, DJ Rogers, Ann Rogers, David Hoffman, William Wright

1:12 PM call to order

Discussion about scribe needs for the meeting.

Discussion suggested scribes could earn a pass to the Fair as an encouragement to be a scribe.

All agreed that a standard for minutes are needed.

Another idea was to hire professionals to do the minutes.

INTRODUCTIONS- bypassed because everyone knows each other.

Announcement: Charlie's birthday was yesterday

Jon-- Dec 6 WOW hall annual meeting and celebration, lots of food do come, annual meeting will also get a \$10,000 check from Oregon Community Foundation MY FATHERS GHOST, THE NEVER BAND, MICHAEL SHAW AND OLIVIA LeSUEUR will be playing.

Amy's not feeling well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a concern about attribution of a comment and accuracy of the comment....David was concerned the intent of his comment about the extension cords with regards to the Fair aesthetics discussion. He says the minutes missed the point of his comment.

Colleen suggested that we try to eliminate attribution of comments in future minutes. It was agreed unless the person stated they want to be on record.

Hilary via email -A note about the minutes: I think my comments about the story pole would be more accurately represented by something like: Hilary: The story of the pole is beautiful. Clearly this imagery is inspired by Native American art and culture and I think it is important to work with the tribes in case they have concerns about cultural appropriation that we should address.

Motion to approve minutes 7 for, 2 abstentions, passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy would like Path Planning to review the sound on the PATH during and after public hours.

Kirk suggested that we add this to new business. All agreed

Ann wants Path planning to be aware Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has new rules about what a site is and who governs it. The tribes have put pressure on the State because the tribes are the stewards of the archeological sites. The new proposed definition of a site is objects plural, prior definition was nine objects.

The Fair property is divided into several types of activities, the Camas ovens in the lowlands are one type but the artifacts pulled from Chillville, Wood-world, and the Sauna represent a different type of activity.

Ann is working on another Long Tom project 11 miles down stream. Our site has the largest variety of activities on the Long Tom.

The glass panel being passed around is arrow heads and flakes all from exploration at the Sauna.

A question was brought up about locations of these sites. Ann said she has maps. LUMP would like to have the maps she has to add to the LUMP maps. She wanted to make it clear that the maps are only the places that we have looked. They don't represent the rest of the site. There is concern about having maps be accessible via the internet.

Diane wanted to get the minutes from Path Planning (board member) and to be added to the distribution list.

A discussion was held about who should receive the minutes .

Motion to add the Board to the minutes list and agenda list

Passes unanimously

AGENDA REVIEW

Sound added to new business

Motion to table Craft Lot Map Refinement- Passed

Agenda modified to table CL review-Passed

STAFF REPORTS

Charlie

This committee has established the process standard for Fair committees. Its reporting to the Fair Family is vital. The recommendations that come from this committee are vital to the operations of the Fair and wider community. We're at year two of getting the Crafts Lot opened up and it primarily because of the work of this committee.

Thom Lanfear and Charlie have been working for several years now on the idea of a Special Use Permit (SUP) with the county. What motivated this desire to make change was how the county perceived the Fair usage with relation to the county use laws of the additional acreage the Fair purchased beyond the original 246 acres. We won a nonconforming land use permit that allow us to put on the Fair each year as long as we don't skip a year, with certain restrictions. What has driven the desire for change is we have all these upland camps and grounds that fall outside of the original of the permits. We'd be hard pressed to continue the event if we couldn't use these campgrounds. So 15 years ago we went to the county and got permission, along with some of the neighbors, to camp in these areas. We received this permit under a mass gathering event permit. There are restrictions that we not exceed 3000 persons in each of these areas. What is interesting is the country music also puts on its event using the same ordinance but now the county wants to consider each of the properties one function, which would change everything. The SUP would become an overlay that would take the additional functions like the Teddy Bear Picnic, the Culture Jam and some of the other activities we do and put it under the same relationship we have with the county at Fair time.

The SUP is going for a private park designation that would bring us in compliance with county regulations. These were the original reasons for going after the SUP. The county hasn't reviewed the existing permits for awhile. Then we realized the SUP would set the ground work for having a Community Center to be permissible on rural residential parcel. There is a desire to wrap the community center into this SUP because they are similar in nature and it eliminates the permitting fee. But we didn't want to wait any longer and as you know the Community Center isn't as far along as we'd hoped for. And things are changing at the County, people that have worked with the Fair all these years are retiring and the political landscape is changing. We need to get this done now. We are hoping to get BOD approval at the next BOD meeting. And get this application in before the end of the calendar year.

I thought about the email exchange questioning the scope of work for Path Planning. I think PP should look into sound policy it makes perfect sense and then to make recommendations. You also work with operations in a way most do not. There are more topics for you to explore than where the dirt is and the maps. The real question is your work load and what you can reasonably get done given time. I hope you do work on what you think your purview and then get feedback from the BOD what they think the PP should be working on. Ultimately you work for the BOD. Your work is to look at the nuances of these topics that the Board doesn't have time to do and then make recommendations to them.

Food committee just met in the CL. We met with the three new food booths and they selected their new location. We may have a fourth or fifth for the next Fair. A question came from PP. PP has identified congestion on East 13th and other places on the Fair and has recommended moving some booths to Crafts Lots to ease that congestion. We'd like CLOG to work with those food booths to have some of them moved. This may be our last chance for some time to make these needed changes. Is CLOG using this information or is there another process you would like us to look into? Your process is exactly correct and we are using this information. The matrix involved in prioritizing these moves has at least half a dozen different criteria and we are working through these. The food committee has a piece of this, operations and construction also have a part of this but your list is a critical part of this process. CLOG is not just looking at food booths but also craft booths that are in threat of losing their booth due to erosion or congestion. Where do we have critical pinch points is a big part of this process. Moving to the Crafts Lot may not be the only solution because we may have some new options when other booths move into the Crafts Lot new path locations may open up. CLOG is about to do a call out to craft booths to see who is interested in moving or improving their situation. That call out is happening in December. One of our goals is to get back to 250 craft booths. We've been at 241 for too long. Question about whether CLOG has approached the congestion locations and those interested have stepped forward. The rest don't want to go. Crafts Lot placement and path congestion are not necessarily tied but have ties.

Jay asked Charlie if he could discuss with PP the whole issue of smoking, Measure 91 (marijuana legalization) and how it impacts the Fair and again if PP is the place to work on these issues. Charlie recommended that PP is the place to address issues like the sound issue and the smoking issue. Tobacco smoking in this country is legal. Pot smoking in public is not. We have had no policy changes for our event, so we still need to provide smoking places in our Fair.

CLOG is finishing budgeting. There will be a few minor changes in the map refinement but not anything dramatic. We are updating the rules and responsibilities and that why we haven't gotten the plan back to you. The plan will be available hopefully by the posting of these minutes. Charlie will send them to Dennis and Dean to be posted on the PP web site.

Lastly I wanted to talk about naming again. We are hoping for one more push on naming. I was actually inspired by the name that came up Avant Garden. Whether or not this becomes the name, it's good to see there is still some creativity going into the naming process. I would hope PP can get a December call out in FFN and the other list Norma has would be critical to get feed back in a timely manor.

Question about the SUP Where is the upland included? It covers the original site all the way out to the Mauldin's and all the uplands, but not the Far Side. The SUP is not way outside of the County guidelines so we should not get push back.

BOD Liaison- Kirk

Thanks to Colleen for being BOD facilitator. She did a wonderful job.

The BOD retreat covered many topics, including standards for minutes and meeting structure. The BOD retreat covered other topics in December there should be a motion to having audio from the BOD meetings and then maybe video and heading to live streaming.. They discussed the impact of Measure 91.

The SUP timing seems to be perfect especially when we look at linkage to the Community Center.

Kirk was wondering if Path Planning would like to support with a motion the SUP application? **There was a Motion to support the SUP and encouraged the BOD to pass it.**

Discussion included support from the room. There was a question about the lines on the maps and the activities. It was explained that the map is a narrative for the county and not an exact statement about what we do.

Concern was issued that the maps from past filings gave way to creating restrictions. Will this also do the same. It was explained that some of the things we get to do with our noncompliance permit we will never get support from the county to do with the park overlay.

Motion passed unanimously.

Kirk and Paxton will continue to be our liaisons as per the BOD for this year.

There was a motion to move the sound up on the agenda. It did not pass.

Question if the liaisons should prepare a short written report to the BOD each month. Charlie encouraged liaison to do such.

The committee agreed that the report should be generated and that the scribe should write it and give it to the liaisons to pass along.

Committee Reports

LUMP Report Dennis and Shane discussed the idea of installing a permanent bridge to the Far Side that would carry a vehicle. It could be a repurposed rail flatcar and would include poured cement footings. There is a narrow construction window July 15 to Oct. 15. Shane is doing the research.

Naming Committee,

The name that rose to the top was Imagine Savanna; we think the real reason it didn't pass was our process and the lack of selling the name to the BOD. We could retry the Savanna name. Avant Garden was mentioned. There was a thought that we should open the naming process back up. A couple folks agreed that process to getting buy in is the key. Most also agreed that we should open the naming process back up. We should put an ad in the FFN and send it out to the list Norma keeps to contact the coordinators. Kirk was adamant that it was all about the process. You have to get seven votes to get the board to pass it. Getting seven votes is difficult. If we want this to pass we need to do the process like we did with Wally's Way. During the BOD meeting a ballot was taken and the BOD voted for their number one, two and three. The vote was tallied by staff and then the winner was announced. Staff needs to get the vote into new business by the January BOD meeting. We then have to come up with our top three or four choices at the January PP meeting to move to the BOD for the February BOD meeting vote. We should set up an email address to have folks send suggestions for the Crafts Lot's new name. We need to post an invitation in the FF news.

The office should compile the comments and provided them to Jay. The question was asked do we have naming conventions? Jay reminded us that we do have some convention. Names should be funny, evoke history, *double entendre* and or whimsy. If we make recommendations to the Board we should lobby or inform the Board before the meeting of any background of the names.

There was a motion that we request input from the Fair Family for names for the Crafts Lot. That the date due for submissions is Jan 5th. The list of suggestions will be forwarded from Jay's subcommittee and will be sent to Path Planning and the CLOG as soon there after to allow both groups to be prepared to vote on the top four names. On Jan 18th the PP committee will come up with a recommendation for the BOD to select from at their February meeting. The request would go out to both the FFN and the contact list Jay and Norma came up. **The motion passed.**

The story pole / the sub committee met yesterday. Bob Beebe was there. He is George's liaison. We discussed the eight points that were discussed at last month's Path Planning meeting. We went over all the points but focused on the Engineering, Constriction and the Archeology. The Sub committee recommends pile driving for the foundation of the pole. It would have less disturbance to the soil which could lower the costs for archeology studies. At a recent PP meeting George mentioned the idea of having multiple poles in the area. If that is the case then we recommend conducting an archeology study of the entire gravel area under the pole because one study of the entire area would have lower cost than piecemeal studies each time a new pole were to be planted. Also we did get the engineering report but they are not stamped as it was mention to the PP committee. We did have Tim from water crew who is an engineer and he agreed that they are probably adequate. The plot and engineering report was passed around the committee. Another question not included in the original Path Planning issues was brought up, who was going to have ownership of the pole? Who is going to have the liability for this pole? It was recommended that we have a disinterested archeologist do the study. It was also recommended that we go from a 12' diameter base to a 4' diameter base. It was also recommended that this should not go to the BOD that this was an operations issue. There was concern that when the archeology study occurs that notes be passed along that have been made when the sauna has previously disturbed the soil with no study so the historical activities of this location are better understood. The was a comment about the sauna has always operated outside of Fair standards. There was some gratitude expressed that the Sauna is finally trying to work within the guidelines. We are waiting to hear George's response.

We need to have PP support the subcommittee's work so they can move forward. This is the first time the Sauna has been told they need to play by the rules that the rest of the Family plays by. Charlie did give an operational approval at the time the pole was started; however, there is a history of over stepping boundaries. This is huge progress to have George talk to Path Planning. We feel it is a beginning of a new era for the relationship between the Fair and the Sauna. Historically the Sauna got leeway because they provided a services that was required. It's time that get reeled back in. But it is understood that George brings a lot to the table and many of us feel that he's created a real gem for the Fair. It's important that this not be overlooked.

Motion to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes passed

Plot plan was displayed for the committee. The two construction methods were discussed. It was also pointed out again that the engineering "draft" had no sign off. A lengthy discussion about the engineering and the impact to the ground continued...

The subcommittee discussed the engineering of the pile plan and why it would need a smaller concrete donut. It would impact the land much less. It was also questioned who would pay for the \$15k of archeology fees.

Charlie wanted the motion to clarify direction from this committee on the four issues. Permitting, archeology, siting or location the pole park and engineering.

Members of the sub committee discussed the idea that locating the park anywhere else would create some issues because the potential for flood water damaging the pole and the connection between the pole and the Sauna staff. So the subcommittee is recommending the current location with specified design changes.

It was moved to have Path Planning endorse the recommendations of pole support engineering design from Story Pole subcommittee and to continue in the direction they were heading.

8 for - 1 abstain, motion passes

It was asked how this information was going to be passed on to George. The members of the subcommittee will continue to meet and discuss the committee's wishes.

It was moved that Path Planning approve the recommended placement of the pole in the Black Oak Site (Story Pole Park) conditionally on the archeology study.

The Story Pole sub committee was directed to inquire about additional poles

8 for - 1 opposed, motion passed

Old Business

Because of shortness of time it was decided that we discuss the Community Village entrance.

David- met with the Village on Wednesday. His intent was just to announce that he would meet with them on Sun., Nov 16. They had reserved an hour to discuss the with him the new entrance at that meeting. They had opinions and questions about this proposed idea. He said that he wasn't interested in opinions about the proposal. He said he's part of an operational committee and that has the best intentions for the Community Village. That they had discovered a way to give the Village more space. And they were offering it in good faith but it was only an opportunity. He informed them that the operations committee and the Path Planning committee fully support the new entrance concept and was there to help the Village fully implement the plan if they accepted it. It was asked if they didn't accept the plan would it ever come up again. He said yes because the Village is not in compliance with the LUMP manual that discourages cul-de-sacs in the paths. He also mentioned that the Fire Marshal could come in and close it down or the insurance carrier could insist on changes as they have been doing all around the Path. Some mentioned they thought this was a freeway. He said he was insulted and thought that that was rude.

The folks at the meeting kept bring up the idea of where does the Path end and the Village begin??? They were discussing the concept of Village ownership vs. Fair ownership. The plan is just a concept. Yes the Village needs more space, recycling and places to sit.

This plan has taken up countless hours of volunteer time to draw these plans and create these ideas. We are trying to solve some issues that the Village is not in compliance with. There is a dead end. LUMP says no dead ends; our insurance underwriter has concerns. The villager asked at what point does this come off the table. David said by this Fair we need to have a yes no vote. He said that his team is onboard with the plan right now but they will move on. It will take budgeting, planning, and time to make the changes. If you vote it down it could come back but I will be moving on after this Fair if we don't have approval.

The Village is creating a sub committee to bring ideas to the PP sub committee. They will make a recommendation by May to decide yes or no about moving ahead with the new entrance.

Meeting is extended 3 1/2 minutes.

Discussion about whether we are going have subcommittees meet in December.

The booth relocation (Placement) sub committee was reconvened for the December sub committee round up. Convener=Justin

Sub-committee list 2014-15

- Pocket parks, heritage trees, path repair. Convener = David T, Susanna, Chris, Jay, Kirk
- Booth placement selection and criteria –Convener=Justin, Charlie, David, Ken, & Sue
- Night lighting –Convener= Paxton, Kirk, Chris, Susanna, Asia
- Naming conventions – Convener = Jay, Paxton, Cathy, Chris, Phil, Jen-Lin
- Front of the Fair (was Dragon & Borders) - Convener= Colleen, Charlie, Chris, Jon P, Paxton, Dean, Justin, & Kirk

Added for 2014-15 season

- Crafts Lot food pod (CLOG?)
- Upper River Loop - Convener=Bear, Tom, Susanna, Jay, Sylvia
- Sauna story pole - Convener=Tom, Justin, Dennis, Kirk

- Community Village Proposed New Entrance- Convener= David, Kirk, David, Justin, Sue, Jon P Diane & Chris.

Discontinued or paused for 2014-15

- Smoking subcommittee
- Suttle Rd – (work completed)
- Security/safety peninsula (work completed)
- Second event overlay (paused)

We will have a subcommittee round up on December 14th.

Please remember that subcommittee reports should include written proposals when making specific proposals to the greater committee.

Home work. Conveners need to call up the subcommittees.

Story pole group needs to get back to George.

Meeting evaluation- rough meeting . Lots of dialog, lots of repeating. Too much on the agenda. Enjoyed the meeting, a lot was accomplished. Too much dialog. Lots got covered, lots didn't get covered. I was hoping to get direction on some things I'm hoping to port on. We spent much time on the story pole. It a moving target and is difficult to deal with. I liked the meeting. Think we did what we had to do. I try hard to make comments to the point and succinct. I'd like every one to do that. I think we spent a lot of time on naming and that was productive. I know PP are good people and I know they have much to deal with. I'm proud of the committee. We usually get through our agenda. The subcommittee work being done is a shining example to the Fair. Sometimes we all agree and still have to make comment.

Next Path Planning Meeting is January 18, 2014, 1 Pm to 4 PM