

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Meeting February 18, 2018 LCC, 1 PM-4 PM (Building 2, room 214)
(pre Walk-about was cancelled due to weather)

In attendance: Committee Members: Colleen Bauman Co-chair, Dean Middleton Co-chair, Paxton Hoag, Otis Gray, Spirit Leatherwood, Tom Churchill, Ann Rogers, Jon Pincus, Dennis Todd

Guests : Laurel Goerger, Fire Cat Tom, DJ Rogers, Mouseman McCarthy, Reggie Soto

Staff: Shane Harvey

Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements: Kareng Fund is happening today at Sam Bond's brewery.
Community Center Committee board workshop March 3 at Eugene Garden Center. 12:00-4:00.

Minutes, review, amend, approve (Jan 21, 2018) (add Vince) seven in favor, one abstained- minutes from January have been passed.

Public Comment: (Guest: Fire Cat Tom/Front of Fair Fire and Medical presentation, 15 minutes)
Working with Xavanadu coordinators to reconfigure space for functionality. Viewing map of space; proposed building a façade in the front of the space. In the parking lot where the vehicles are lined up.

Ambulance can pull in and be out of sight from the crowd for discretion. Will also frame the new fire truck.

This façade would help to define parking more and moves and defines useable space 10 feet farther out into the parking lot. Currently this is a drive space which enters into ice truck and lower reefer.

Concerns were brought up by the committee about honey buckets and flooding issues. Tom responded that the honey buckets are an issue since trucks need to be moved each time a honey bucket truck shows up. There are options being discussed to manage these concerns.

Spirit informs that she and Timothy attended the meeting and are fully on board with this idea. She mentions that 4000 people per day cross in this area so it needs to be well thought out.

Shane asks how this will affect the ability for White Bird to grow since we don't know what 'Little Wing' will look like. The changes may be premature without knowing what White Bird may look like. Little Wing is evolving to be more of a substantial operation, Tom says. White Bird is on board with these changes and recognizes this is step one. Tom wants to know what step two should include. Shane stated that he supports the idea of WB and Fire Crew sharing space and resources, yet wants to ensure a longer range scope is considered and a larger stakeholder meeting with White Bird is held. Tom confirms this model is preliminary stages. Tom Churchill would like to see this be temporary structure and Fair like art. Fire Cat Tom agrees it could be canvas and removable with beautiful paintings.

Shane states that emergency utilities have intentionally been on the down low for public perception.

White Bird is going to be extending hours in this area and ideally increasing hospital size. Colleen says the subcommittee will take a closer look at this idea.

Reggie proposes a Memoria idea – "All Souls Memorial" for all Fair family who have gone on. There is an old yew tree lying down on the upper river loop. It's on Fair property and currently used as a tobacco smoking area. Suggests cleaning the area up and building an actual sitting destination for public and all. There is still at least another 100 years before the bank erodes. Suggests carving info – (name, date passed and crew) into the tree which will take about a thousand names.

Colleen says this is an agenda item for next month.

Mouseman- says he's received positive responses on the "Still Livingroom" idea.

Paxton says the space may be hard to work with and suggests pulling the yew tree out and using it elsewhere.

Otis says that area does erode more rapidly than other bank stretches.

*Someone needs to contact Reggie when this topic is officially on the agenda.

Agenda, review amend, approve

Unanimous vote to accept agenda as is.

Work Plan review/update: March: Memoria, Dust Abatement

Memoria was discussed and will be continued in March. Paxton suggests inviting Jay Hogan and Indigo as well as the Elders.

Dust abatement; not much discussion on this.

Fire Cat Tom says a water truck is rented. Concern if this will always be available due to the critical fire season. Fire Crew is looking into owning a similar piece of equipment.

Dust abatement is going to be reserved for the March meeting.

Dean- creates lists of subcommittees and who is on them. Would like to add this plan to the bottom of the agenda.

Reports:

Staff Reports

Shane announced that the majority of his time has been spent working on meeting the contingencies and planning regarding the land acquisition, Valhalla Winery. When the purchase closes it will bring the fair to a total of more than 500 acres to steward, and this is a very exciting time. There are a lot of opportunities and possibilities that accompany this purchase, including much needed parking expansion and potential for other events to raise revenue for philanthropy. Additional property also helps to support any internal growth.

The site has been flood free this year and the weather may permit us to start the East 13th rehab project soon, and add the finishing touches on the Despain Lane culvert project. Our desire is to drop spread soil and hydro-seed by the end of March. We hope this will give the germinated seed long enough to establish hardy roots before we start impacting the paths in June.

SUP – no update from the County, still in a holding pattern. An MOU and process has been agreed upon with Lane County to bring the fair into compliance with the county. We are currently seeking architecture students or anyone with a building background that are willing to

get drawings done for submission to Lane County for permitting. We hope to start with the existing water tank structures located at food booths as well as the booths that were built in Xavanadu.

Dance Pavilion: We are currently searching for a geotechnical engineer to finish the calculations for the helical supports so that we can resubmit for permit.

Road widening: We met today again with the contractors and have been assured that they will be able to get the roads up to specification prior to the opening of Main Camp. The Far Side road is slated for construction following the 2018 event.

A quick thank you to Richie Bellos of Archeology for coming out and replacing the well pump at Zenn Achers. We began having issues with the well last pre-fair but because of the timing we weren't able to get it repaired prior to the event.

Zenn Achers well has high sulfur content, not a good water source to hydrate the public. Wells are however tested and pass every year. It would cost \$5500 replacement for lost water conditioning equipment due to poor storage--doesn't seem like a good investment to replace at this point.

Water towers will simply be handled and all will meet the minimum requirements. Spirit informs that the request for "more water" is consistent on all attendee surveys. Shane says that more water is certainly possible in the future. Shane informs that trees removed have been milled for use and many tree types have been made available for lumber over the last three years.

Fiber optic is a future possibility with a large overhead, working with the city and checking into new tech companies to offset costs.

Board Liaison Report

Paxton says most of the guidelines passed including new music curfew 3:00 am weekends and 1:00am weekdays.

The winery was the big announcement. Half meeting was dedicated to discussing 50th anniversary plans.

Subcommittee Reports (Front of Fair, Long Term Planning, Safe Spots, Smoking? Still Living Room?)

Front of Fair January 30th meeting with Genevieve Bamboo DNA company for shade structures.. Amy and Genevieve will work on mapping FoF zones. Settled on a sequence to proceed. 1. Work on zone map, 2. Interview players, 3. Use Survey Monkey. 4. Path planners for potential interviewers. Potential improvements-on site shuttles were discussed and a capital project was submitted for shade cloth structures.

March 18th is the next in own FoF same day as Path Planning. Jon would like to be included for future meetings and to help with physical set up.

Dean mentions accompany in the Bay area where trams could be rented.

Spirit would like to add for sake of clarity - that "landing" zones are no longer referred to in that way. They are now simply called "Zones," referring to emergency vehicle pick up zones. (On map: Zone 1, Zone 2, etc.) and there is a rest area at Cabal Gate that may need to remain. She will check with crew leaders to see if underutilized or not.

Discussion on transportation from parking to entrance occurred including the option of charging for alternate transport. Reggie suggests horse drawn transportation, further discussion on trams and modes of transporting the public; the discussion involved adding more rest stops for people to sit on the way in.

Long Term Planning - Not much update. Paxton and Laurel are co-conveners. Crystalyn is interested in this and Ann and Jon would like to take part . Colleen would like to have an update at the next meeting.

Safe Spots

Spirit referenced Wren's letter from January minutes. There didn't seem to be any counter to the idea that Info booths could serve the purpose of safe spots. Wren's letter could be printed in the Fair Family news in order to get the word out. Blue lights don't seem to be the direction safe spots are moving in, may be hard to identify with so many other lights around. Spirit will re broach the topic again of signage and/or lighting.

Shane's concern is getting the info out to a larger area, since info booths are not always staffed with adequately trained people. Mouseman reminds that all info booths have Tinkerbelle. Ann talks about stalking crime stats increasing due to social media and the growing need for prevention.

Fire Cat Tom would like to see info booths become more knowledgeable and versatile on resources.

Paxton states info is set up to serve public, not the Fair family. Shane says staff is working on training info crew and there have been challenges.

Spirit says Security will be further trained on a broader skill set.

Paxton would be happy to sponsor a "mission critical" policy for info booths and offers to do so. Colleen brings up an approach that Security Crew takes on info booths as outposts at night.

Smoking

On old business

Still Livingroom

Mouseman- no further info

Memorium

Already discussed

Old Business:

Smoking Sites

There was a morning smoking site walkabout – due to snow and only a few people showed.. not enough time to adequately cancel. Colleen would like to move the discussion to March and split time b/t front of fair and smoking at the March meeting (1 hr each).

Jon would like a small map of smoking sites to take onsite. (photo in Dec minutes)

Put smoking on the agendas for March 18th.

Ambiance crew uses our map to put the butt cans out. Ann says that ambiance will not be doing this anymore. Kirk is going to check on this.

Colleen suggests the smoking subcommittee meet on grounds the Saturday before the meeting (March 17th)

Red Rocker Locations... There is one in Xavanadu, and one in Child Care. Nirvana Park and Peace Parker were mentioned as options for additional rocker locations.

Former Carving Area /Pocket Park

The gravel is almost gone, it was hand dug, not machine dug, and while there is still some there, it looks much better. Shane recalls the blocks also need to be moved as well as the rest of the gravel.

A living wall was proposed. The spot has power and water that could potentially support a living wall. Shane says a request was made for a proposal submission on this, but is still unsure the blocks need to be there.

Pocket park idea, one year only with refreshments of some sort.. ..also a great spot for Red Rocker.

There should be no digging in the pocket park due to archeological concerns. This is the only non-flooding public area . The park is moving in the right direction now that gravel is gone. We won't have buy in from ambiance this year since it is so new, so it may be a simple park this year with benches and a clean open seating area to evolve. There is no desire to put a vendor there. This is in Operation's corner now. We have identified this as a park and no reason to move another food booth in this space. Desire to keep it open and commercial free. A nice way to get off the path and provide much needed seating . Shane can guarantee there will be grass there this year.

50th anniversary

Met this afternoon and will be updated by the next year. Nothing solidified yet. Art and demonstrations are a possibility.

Jon states that out front there is also electricity and water, so it would be a good demo area.

Paxton mentions a few things from the Board meeting- passed the option to do a fire opera.

Craft demo area concept was also passed.

Commemorative copper coin stamp idea.

New Business: no new business

Homework Review:

Paxton to arrange smoking subcommittee walk about; (March 17th 2:00-4:00 meet at the Warebarn).

Paxton also to generate a map and photos of smoking sites
Laurel will send an email out for long term planning subcommittee
Colleen will invite Jay, Indigo, Elders and Reggie in on the memoria discussion.
Dean will organize a subcommittee member list
Dust abatement – Tom, Bill and Michael will be invited to discuss.
Colleen will research tram rentals and horse drawn shuttles.
Dean –will talk with Genevieve about coin stamp idea, signs and banners having a dedicated seamstress.

50thocf@oregoncountryfair.org is the official 50th Task force email.

Spirit will touch base with Crystal and Wren about safe spots training for info booths and appropriate signage. Email about rest spot. Pedi-cab discussion onboard with increasing them FoF.

Dean and Paxton will figure out where the memoria Facebook post came from (concern about ashes)

Mouseman to report on the proposal of moving the Still Living Room.

Someone needs to contact Reggie when the topic of Memoria is officially on the agenda.

Jennifer to send out contact sheet with phone numbers to committee members. (Specifically for cases of cancellations such as the walkabout today... some folks didn't get the memo).

Meeting Evaluation: Would be good to know if the walkabouts are cancelled. What is the best way to communicate cancellations? Two hour notification would be best. Text is most timely. We like the meeting room and the technology there 541-463-3294 is always the zoom meeting ID.

Confirmed next meeting time/location: March 18th LCC building 2 room 214 Noon to 3:00.
10:30 to noon front of Fair LCC build 2 room 214

Saturday March 17th, Smoking Area walk-about 2:00 -4:00 meet at Warebarn. Subcommittee group, but all are welcome.

