

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee Meeting Minutes September 20, 2020 noon-3:00

Members present: Colleen, Dean, Paxton, Otis, Jon, Sue, Amy, Dennis, and Spirit

Guests present: Laura Strobel and Linda, Solar Stage/Shady Grove, Mouseman

Staff: Shane

Scribe/Secretary: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements – Candidates' forum today at 4pm online

Minutes– motion made moved by Sue to approve the minutes passed. One abstain

Public comments – none

Agenda, review, amend, approve – approved moving Shady Grove up in the meeting.

Shady Grove discussion: Shane opened up stating the site had been recently walked to find Shady Grove oak branch has fallen, the tree may need to come down. The dynamic in the area will change and possibilities may open. Was Army Corp. contacted? Shane is working with Archaeology on the matter.

Laura, Linda, Scott and Peter assessed the site and learned of the water pipe burst creating a hole on the side of the path by the river; making mobility very limited and even more of a bottleneck. Laura discussed her proposal in shifting the stage north allowing for a wider path.

Dennis explains the path is only eleven feet wide next to the stage fence while guidelines call for a minimum of twenty feet; it is an active erosion site. Dennis proposed to remove stage and fence; reroute the path through the stage and audience area, realigning with Community Village path. This removes booth 710 for audience area and puts the new stage on the NE side on the big tree.

Laura replied the bathrooms are an air quality issue and moving the stage closer to them would be a concern. There was a discussion on modifications to this plan including moving the stage entirely. Locations such as Dragon Fly and Wally's Way were mentioned also modifying the stage use to acoustic. Paxton points out the stage is near a heritage tree and an alternate location should also have one. The committee will have a walk about to this area Sept 27th at noon to further assess.

Elections of Officers

Co- chairs Dennis nominated Colleen and Dean. Dean nominated Dennis. Dennis declined but is willing to back up as needed. Voted in Colleen and Dean.

Nominations for secretary –Sue nominated Jennifer – vote is tabled.

Annual Checklist:

Yearly meeting schedule was approved. Monthly meetings on the usual schedule - December is a subcommittee meeting. All meetings need to get on the schedule 13 days after the first Monday.

Reports:

Staff: Shane states the year has been challenging. The recent rain has dropped the fire hazard down from extreme. All the yurt projects have been completed. Chillville roof should be planned by Oct. Shane's furlough will start Nov 8. Crystalyn's starts Nov 15 – both coming back beginning of January on a limited basis. Discussions with management group have been happening on ongoing projects. Yes, there are plans to relocate water lines at Shady Grove.

Board: Paxton encourages attendance for the Working Assembly. Spirit will forward motions from Peaches to the committee. The meeting is on the 28th at 7pm. Very important for next year's planning.

Subcommittees

Sanitation - Staff to put a workgroup together.

Handwashing - meeting postponed.

Smoking – no meeting last month- high priority for next.

Committee Liaisons

Diversity – Britania to join future meetings.

Mapping - no update.

Safer Fair - training to be expanded upon to include Info, Recycling, Fire, Whitebird, Rainbow connection and Diversity. These are in planning stages. Colleen asked if Path Planning should hold a "safer fair summit." Spirit concurs this is a great idea and co-hosting is possibility. She will talk to staff and managers about a timeline.

LUMP - First meeting next month.

Carbon Neutral – none present

Peach Power – none present

Committee Best Practices Workgroup – manual was passed unanimously and accepted by the BoD.

Diversity teach-in – resource list sent out and was reviewed and discussed. Inclusivity in the process at the meeting levels would be a place to start with integrating change and promoting voice. Outreach should be used as a tool towards inclusivity. It's up to the committee members to be more welcoming to individuals. Members to email in-service discussion topics to the co-chairs.

Work Plan Review (October-May: OCF 2021) - Meetings monthly; ready to be of service to 2021 planning.

Old business: OCF 2021: [The following items tabled until after Sept. 28th Board Work session/and pending motions before the board (Potential Social Distancing requirements/adaptations, Event Options, (activities, financials, stakeholders), Project Management ideas (work plans), Recommendations to the Board)] There was concern over not working on these issues. Amy clarified the committee is waiting until the next Board meeting for further guidance on how to proceed on them.

NCU FAQ – Shane reports a document exists and is being actively worked on; anticipating possible inquiries has been challenging at times. The NCU does not pertain to any structures. He urges members to familiarize themselves as the permit still needs to be secured for next year.

Homework review

Members email co-chair in-service diversity discussions for meetings they will pass by Britiana.

Members - Send any possible work plan items for approval.

Subcommittee handwashing and smoking reporting on next meeting. Jon hopes to convene cultural resources

Secretary – (Jennifer is happy to continue to serve)

Meeting Evaluation – all good. Chat and camera worked well.

Confirm Next meeting time (October 18, noon-3)

Meeting Dates 2020 - 2021

October 18, 2020

Nov 15

Dec 20 subcommittee round up

Jan 17, 2021

Feb 14

March 14

April 18

May 16

