

Oregon Country Fair Path Planning Committee March 14, 2021 Noon to 3

Members in attendance: Colleen, Dean, Sue, Dennis, Sylvia, Otis, Amy, Jon, Tom

Guests in attendance: Dan Mix, Ann, Mark, Mouseman, Tom Gannon, Village David, Heather

Staff: Crystalyn

Scribe: Jennifer

Announcements: KOCF is holding a fund drive.

Sue – Saturday market opening April 3.

David- covid bill to support cahoots-like programs.

Colleen- April 18th working assembly – more info on .net

Minutes: a motion was made by Tom to approve as presented – motion passed unanimously

Public Comments: none

Agenda: Tabling winery fall event. Otis motions to approve as amended- passed unanimously.

Diversity teaching moment-Racism in Language-Dennis

Dennis researches linguistics. *Denigrate* means to cast aspersions or to "make black"- etymology is Latin- to darken *-blacking*. How many other words are like this? *Atrocious*. Latin *Atrox*- gloomy or cruel- "black looking" words or phrases in common use- lists terms with word "black" in them and phrases with racist implications demonstrating the connotation in common language.

Tom Churchill volunteers to do April's diversity teaching moment.

Reports:

Staff – Shane and the site staff are working. Crystalyn is off furlough now and feels the handwashing may have to push forward. No update on sanitation.

Board Liaisons- fixed assets committee was named.

Committee Liaisons

Mapping – Rosana sent report in advance.

LUMP- continuing usual topics. What to do when paths need to move-

Safer Fair

Diversity

VOCF- budget approved at the Board meeting.

Peach power

Carbon Neutral

Archeology – uses the grid system and has management recommendation plans for grid squares. Will share with Rosana.

Subcommittees

Handwashing –Dan Mix shares the group met on site from Dragon Plaza through the south side looking at 18 spots. Using Rosana's map to review every site noting specifics. Next will be the upper half then to itemize costs. Discussion about cost being a potential barrier. Geographic layout should be reviewed.

Cultural resources will tour in April to review historic maps against existing spots.

Work Plan - reviewed April plan: long range planning, transportation/parking. Shady Grove ongoing. Developing Peach Page statement from Path Planning (Paxton).

Homework Check-Paxton Peach Pages for VF, Colleen Food Committee Peach Pages, Dean Static Zoom Invite number – current number will be used into the future.

Old business:

Shady Grove- redesign the area and the new pathway though it. We probably need to gather input from the user groups affected.

Send Jon information on the Shady Grove tree for cultural resources.

Colleen recaps the general thought: The fenced area will be a new entrance with a smaller stage, then supplement with an alternate spot. Video of potential stage area has been sent for review. Amy sent the video to Laura from solar stages who is not interested in the new area due to bank erosion in the future. (Way back way)

Tom said a number of options were explored with Laura and the best spot chosen was by the old kids loop by Xavanadu, but other stakeholders pushed back. A stage in the same location is doable but will eventually disappear.

Colleen agrees to not invest in areas we know will have erosion.

Jon believes to retool the area to a less impactful format- and get a blow up of the area as a map and design it out with Laura's input.

Dean adds that redoing a path through Shady Grove should be handled (like Path Planning handles most big changes) in a work session with all stakeholders. (We might want to include) Way back way which is currently an area (that is decorated by) ambiance.

Ann says Arch Park uses the entire area and much bank loss had occurred. What the area will thin to in five years may not support the vision for it.

Crystalyn reminds the committee of the very limited resources going into the next event.

Request is made to give booth numbers for the minutes for clarity.

Village David says the tree is not gone and is still a place of significance.

Dennis says the whole Upper River Loop needs relocation- not just Shady grove.

Long Tom stays the same width as it moves- Mouseman muses about putting some Fair on the other side of the river.

Colleen suggests that nothing needs to be done. Time can be given to observe the space. This will come back to our work plan.

Jon pointed out that planning for small acoustic performances does not require a lot of infrastructure, can be easily changed etc. A Fair map with booth numbers would be handy.

Long Term Planning outline (Dennis) set up the study. We should choose rates of growth (family and public) for the study and project those rates into the future.

Planning draft was gone over, and comments were made on goals. Predictions of path service and infrastructure changes need to accommodate growth. Advisory for Board management and planning. Guidance for PP development. Procedures and predictions recommended are estimating growth at 3 rates – 5, 10, 20 years with Fair family estimated separately.

Crystalyn sees big bursts when new areas are added, then it levels out. The growth comes in spurts budget committee is looking at changing the approach to broad overarching scope.

Growth rate metrics were discussed. A 5 year running average damps out short-term spurts. Five year running average shows growth rate of paying guests averaged out is less than 1% per year over the last 20 years.

Path loss to erosion is included in analysis. Awareness of restraints from land use regs. What should our study growth rate be?

Jon- growth spurts mostly have to do with events such as expansions. Largest group of Elders came to the Fair in the first ten years. Negative growth rate may not be a bad thing.

David – maximum attendance and setting limits is something to consider- expect a drop post covid and the recovery time.

Ann would like to correlate population against attendees and separate out the Elders. There are 1200 Elders now and the applications come in all the time.

Tom says that ultimately looking at the variables will give us an idea of growth. The public is more under control, but the Family population flows with how the Fair is operating.

Motion - Colleen moves to accept 3% as our study growth rate. Dennis's seconds

Tom prefers the variable 3/5/7% Dennis agrees- and can be done in parallel.

Motion amended to 3, 5 and 7% growth rate as a point of study. **Vote** – passes unanimous.

Tom Gannon wonders what the carry capacity is- what number will it take to invoke actions.

Dennis says the answer will come out of this study.

Crystalyn looks forward to this – without significant upgrades will be a challenge to support further population growth.

Jon agrees with multiple rates and would like to add in one percent. Dennis states 1% is the historic growth rate of the public. This this is exponential and not linear.

Crystalyn feels there will be large ticket sales in the first few years back- budget for a low 45k, comfortable with 48k up to and 58k ticket sales per year. Public - not much growth in the last 20 years 1% stands.

Mark- when planning for worst case scenario infrastructure path and budget – we need to make sure the infrastructure is adequate if a surge is to occur.

Growth rate for public looks like 0 or 1%. Dennis suggests 1-3% to keep post covid surge in scope.

Motion Colleen moves to study growth rate for the public at 1, 2 and 3%.

Vote: Passes Unanimously

Dennis will put together a spreadsheet to examine these growth rates more closely.

Population growth projections is reviewed. Looking at 3%. More space used for cars than for people. Today we chose growth rates for the family and the public. These will be used for future discussions and estimates to apply to transportation and parking needs.

Inviting a guest from traffic would be a good idea.

Suggestion to review transportation options for family- Jon will research.

Shane was involved with a traffic study several years back and should be consulted.

Consult also with Rosana on traffic maps.

Grumpy is a good resource to consult with.

New Business:

Village David would like Kalapuya signage at entrance and other locations.

Homework review

Tom: April diversity teaching

Dennis: put together a spreadsheet to examine growth rates. Listing results of statistical analysis

Jon will research transportation options for family.

Reach out to Grumpy and traffic crew.

Dean and Colleen to contact stakeholders in Shady grove and way back way – study into work plan.

Colleen to reach out to Paxton on Peach pages and Amy Hardy.

Meeting evaluation

All good.

Confirm Next meeting April 18, noon to 3