

Path Planning Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2023 Sunday

Site Walk 10:00 – Noon

Meeting Noon-3:00 Alice's and Online

Site Walk attendees: Amy Hand- path planning, Paxton Hoag- path planning, Dan Mix- food committee, Jennifer Turner- 4A, Cindy Peterson- Lot, Sara Knight-Lot, Todd Kelley-Lot, Dave Wagenheim- Food committee, Wren Arrington- path planning/whitebird, Alexis Maddock- staff, Saman- food committee, Codi French-traffic, Lisa Cooley-reefer, Grumpy-BUM/traffic, Sallie Edmunds-BUM, Mark Malaska-staff, Sierra Macomis-staff, Cassady R- traffic, Kirk Shultz-path planning, Morgan- 4A, Conan- Fireshow, Opal- elegant elephant, Jessie- elegant elephant

Members in attendance: Amy-Chair, Kirk-Chair, Stephanie- Secretary, Dean, Sue, Otis, Dennis, Sylvia, Paxton, Jon

Guests in attendance: Mouseman

Staff: Sierra

Scribe: Jennifer

Announcements/Public Comments: May meeting is the weekend after Mother's Day on May 21. Mark who was apprenticing to take over Justin's role has resigned.

Committee best practices survey request info is contained in our online web presence.

Minutes reviewed (March 19, 2023) - Dean moves to approve the minutes as posted- Otis seconded- no changes proposed. minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Agenda reviewed and approved.

Diversity Learning Moment: Otis

Reports

Staff – Sierra shares with the group that Dennis is giving a report on EAB to the coordinator meeting and Glenn and Ann also gave resources. ODA is coming to tour the site this week to look at EAB monitoring traps. Honey Buckets cost is high with improved service this year. Willow staking is ongoing in Chela Mela. Mouseman inquires about predator wasps- Dennis reports the impact on native species needs to be vetted since not much info is available at this time. Sierra said ODA is releasing wasps this spring in other parts of Oregon. Sierra made a master map of all parking spots which total 15,292 spots including the Winery and Far Side. Means 2-3 people per car to accommodate all attendees. Looking to incentivize

carpooling and ride sharing. LTD is experiencing driver shortages and transitioning to electric buses which will not make the trip to Elmira. Historically the Fair bought out the bus line for three days and worked out a deal for transportation.

Floyd is working on the bus dilemma but hasn't had success yet.

LTD conversation for agenda next month and how it impacts front of Fair.

Board Liaisons – Paxton thanks Sierra for the well-done presentation at the coordinators meeting on EAB. The Board meeting did not have much for Path Planning this time. The motion for Fair Care proposal was confusing and needed more work, going back to a work session was requested. The motion did not pass, but it will be back.

Work Group Reports

ESP -Kirk reports the outer fence for fire crew to have more space is in the plan. The concept is in place as an unfunded mandate. Fences will be needed, and construction is looking for materials. There will be another meeting in May.

Committee Liaisons

Committee Best Practices – Dean reports the business effort is to accept the modification and new additions to the operations document, and a description of the Board Liaison role. Closed committee meetings is a volatile conversation. A modification to allow Food Committee, Craft, Jill Hyman and endowment to have closed sessions was made. The reset is the beginning or end of the meeting is held in closed session to discuss personnel and donors in private. The committee's annual report came up. If reviews have not been sent in, there will be a letter requesting a response. There are conflicting opinions about the direction the committee is heading. Paxton mentions the committee is moving more toward enforcement than facilitating. Sue comments that the need for closed sessions is to protect people's personal integrity. Dean mentions the last topic was around the process for appointing new members to the committee, which is a Board issue.

LUMP – Dennis says LUMP is focusing on how to get the word out on EAB to Fair Family, conducting a site survey with OR dept of Forestry to identify Ash trees and replacement species, and identifying the public path areas. Green spaces and how to designate what they are will be an upcoming article in the Fair Family News.

Craft/Food – Sue reports the Craft and Food committee met with booth registration and decided to move the official check-in date for returning booths from May 1st, to March 1st starting in 2024. There is much concern about reusing the old De Frisco booth space if they are not returning - some space for a smaller booth or cart will be maintained. Camp crew is holding a camp space for food booths, but it will be a long walk. Camping was a big part of the conversation. In looking at Cart de Frisco's space, it is large and can accommodate a food booth as well as a craft booth.

Craft booths in general get 8 passes. Food passes are based on menu complexity and hours open. Dana's received 36 passes on the high end and generally carts get 8 on the lower end. All pass requests go through the Food Committee first.

Carbon Neutral - Kirk reported that Carbon Neutral folks continue to discuss forward movement.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Walk Debrief – The site walk group met at the new Reefer Dock location, there was a large turn out from many camps. The dock will be moved away from Maui to a more central location. Vehicle access was discussed in regard to stationary parking as a one-year plan only. 4A representatives report that 20% of the population is disabled. Parking toward the front of the reefer with the medallion row behind was analyzed with 4 A in mind, and traffic flow was discussed with the possibility of moving to Kermit's in the future. Polar express to bring food to front of Fair is being discussed for the future. There is a desire to find a final spot.

Kirk goes over the proposal for an unofficial acoustic *stagelette* adjacent to the KOCF booth. There is a need to discuss the plan with Flower Crew. A two-sided bench will be aligned for a buffer. The fence will be adjusted by White Bird and KOCF. The stage will be available for wandering performers and broadcasted by KOCF. The stage will be designed in conjunction with ambiance crew and kept casual and small.

Paxton is concerned about sound transmission going to Stewardship. There was a discussion about the stage idea and a sketch by Kirk was used for demonstration.

Apologies to Shawn and Wally from KOCF, the conversation was missed on the walk.

South end Childcare/Mellow Space

Path Planning met with Gabe and Johnny from Childcare along with folks from Food Committee and Elegant Elephant. The group walked the Xvanadu side looking at the two, one-year only booths which will become the Childcare space on South end. Looking at historic Dana's campsite and the impact from losing Dana's previous camp footprint. Boundaries were established by looking at how fences can be moved between Elephant and Avatar. While the Elegant Elephant folks were disappointed about losing camping space, there is a workable solution to the proposed changes. Childcare will be provided in the South End which I is much needed.

Kirk further described how the space will be maximized with fence tweaks and blackberry removal toward the back of Dana's, and describes the plan in a detailed sketch to the committee.

Construction will do much of the work around the fences and gates to make real improvements.

Spirit Tower discussion – Path Planning was in touch with Laura Stewart but sadly missed each other on the walk. This area was not reviewed in detail, however there was ongoing discussion around re-orienting the stage. The sound corridor toward the river will be an improvement. Material is needed.

Kirk says another conversation is in order as there are groups needing Leah and Laura to flush out a plan. Would be nice to keep this topic open but it is getting close to making a final plan and it is not budgeted for. A catch-all for late capitol projects could be a good measure to stretch miscellaneous efforts with construction.

OCF 2023

EAB Long range plan - If we lose Ash in the South woods- leaving them barren then perhaps we need to address changing the existing codes in regards to camping in places that can be seen by the public, or address barriers. Amy will capture this for the future work plan. Tree loss and camping implications in the South woods, Alices and various camping areas around the Fair, making it visible by the roads.

Guidelines were reviewed- clearly stating ‘no visible campsites’. Sue suggests reaching out to Camping and requesting they shield their sites.

Southwoods is a predominant Ash forest- the Arborist suggests abandoning Southwoods and move everyone to Miss Piggy’s- Issues are the inevitable, There is a discussion around maintaining in camping and have folks steward the site during the transition.

Work on other side of Fire Road and work on 126 barriers.

Registration struggles due to restaffing. There is not a go-to contact for important questions at this time. What is the status of Newman’s booth? Some are hearing they will be returning. Sue suggests getting Diane’s emails to float the proposal to her.

Paxton is concerned about Cart de Frisco with the amount of flooring needed to make it useable saying this will take a lot of effort. Construction removed a lot of materials from that space. Once a plan is determined, there will be another round of demolition. The old posts cannot be re- used.

The Southwoods can be redeveloped with native trees over time. EAB is a 10-20 year long term plan, so starting now is key.

Dennis points out there is a link on Path Planning site in EAB that is to an article on forest service using a portable bio char machine to preserve carbon and put back into the soil.

Also feels camping needs to be maintained in the woods to ensure stewards are involved against invasive species and also to participate in tree planting.

Jon- proposes an idea for a guided camp program to re-plant trees in their camps in order to get others involved.

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Dragon Plaza has been monitored before.

May- Amy reviewed the overall agenda for the May meeting which includes a review of Politics Park, inviting Water crew and Sanitation. Also, a look at the Dancing Tree area invite Diana. Look at Nearly Normal and will have more info on Cart de Frisco. Annual Potluck. Upper river signage changes and map update, fix visibility, etc. Other topics reviews and suggestions were. LTD discussion will continue.

New Business

Path Planning has offered to facilitate conversation around long term Reefer Dock location in the fall.

Stephanie would like the cut-off deadline for cartography with map stages. – Kirk said the plan is set. The communications map is done. Peach Pit is open, and any changes need to be sent in now.

Next Meeting confirm

May 21 meet at main camp at 10 for site walks down east 13th.

Potluck starts at noon.

Meeting to convene from 12:30 to 3:30.