

Path Planning Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2023 Sunday

Site Walk 10:00 - Noon

Members in Attendance: Amy Co-Chair, Kirk Co-Chair, Dean, Sue, Ann, Stephanie, Jon, Lisa Guests in Attendance: Laura from Spoken word

Staff: Alexis

Scribe: Jennifer

Announcements/Public Comments: Native American Arts Market first Sunday in Eugene. Alexis is new Site manager.

Minutes review (May 21, 2023) – approval postponed until October, Motioned and approved.

Agenda review - Angel phone removed. Proposed Willow planting as new business.

Reports

Staff – Alexis: Shoring up the site in preparation for floods. Some booths need more attention to clean up. Communicating with booths about winter storage. Guidelines are needed.

Fires at Winery house and near Far Side (not on our property) this summer.

Fire dept mentioned fire fuels on the property are problematic and need to be addressed.

(duff piles discussion added to October Agenda). Alexis committed to burning the piles this winter. There is a pile fuel build up that is dangerous.

Kirk suggests PP is a good place for that conversation and possibly to get guidelines established. Lisa reminds that guideline changes need to be presented to the BoD by February meeting. Dean suggests LUMP and Vegmanics be a part of that conversation. Dean asks if Alexis will be placing hay bale dams, Alexis says he needs more info, Kirk offers to help advise.

Board Liaisons – Lisa P reports. Tom Horn resigned as president; AJ voted in for remainder of term. Motion passed regarding Board Liaisons, requiring them to ensure committee members adhere to the code of conduct and committee best practices.

Food Committee -requests better communication about changes to food booths. Freshly awarded booth space was allocated elsewhere. Amy clarifies E. Elephant was well informed by Path Planning during a site walk.

Old Business - Site Walk review Started in Main Camp into Xavanadu at the KOCF Alcove stage, receiving both positive feedback and concerns about the new stage including confusion over microphones needed to broadcast. Additional benches and reorienting existing benches for better view of the stage is recommended, flowers blocked view. The framing of the stage needs to be secured. Kirk asked Alexis to get Pier blocks for this. The green room was underutilized.

Childcare - Sesame St CC was successful- never a waiting list a debrief was read from Johnny and Gabe. Moon Path space was amazing. Additional mellow space and stroller parking requested.

Chela Mela- Erosion was observed Willow and Dogwood planning was not successful as the majority have withered. New entrance was great.

Leah gave an overview on the space improvement at Spirit tower reporting it was 'transformative' and a major improvement all around. Requests additional benches, ADA platform and some safety

improvements- a budget request will be submitted. Kirk -David Tipton was the Lead on this area and he did an excellent job.

Ann reminds Archaeology needs notification before any digs.

New fence may need access cut for flood water.

Strawberry Lane- Love Lounge- was looked at- The Junction area was observed and further containing the established smoking area was discussed.

Shady Grove- willows looked at – Curious how the moved booth did this year? The path looks great. A circular bench by old tree was brought up. Altered Space showed some random tree planting in the path. Alexis mentions the general desire to plant memorial trees- this practice is problematic- would like to provide the trees through nursery crew.

Upper River Loop Camp Host Pat Corcoran sent in a debrief read by Stephanie stating their new camping was a success. The closure of the loop has some issues - details were noted for ongoing improvement.

Willows Discussion – planting had a big impact on crews and now showing a low success rate. Re open the conversation with organizational leads to re install at the appropriate time and place. Supplement what died. October is the primary planting time. Alexis says it should roll back to the committee for vetting. States the Long Tom cannot be controlled, and the river is more forceful than any plantings. Each year responding to natural changes is the suggested course.

Kirk explains that some efforts were successful such as the berm at Spirit Tower and jute covered straw bales and willow in erosion area. Future efforts should be collaborative.

Kirk suggests some willow planting narrows the path and should be assessed.

Ann has a decade of experience with restoration. 'Burrito wraps' for erosion control. Must consider the landscape as a whole and follow good standards.

Suggests doing an inventory to identify areas of life and death. Ann could conduct the study with some help, and will reach out to Rosanna and connect with Dennis. Starting with Chela Mela then to Arch Park. Sketch Map to present.

Alexis – further watering on the bank was ceased to prevent any collapse. Examining what is alive and beneficial and then consider continuation – All agree – Amy proposes next site walk will take a closer, collaborative study with a plan in mind – invite LUMP.

Dean – Native American community was represented at Fair and a report was read by a crafter wanting to be considered for vendor space- particularly lean-to space. Would like a Native American vendor area to be together.

Ann- working with Archeology crew coordinators directly as it is set up already.

Craft Inventory supports Native craft folks. Working directly with them and archeology for juried artists.

Kirk says working toward a cultural zone is key.

Jon encourages the community to come forward with proposals and ideas.

Motion made and seconded to extend the meeting for 20 min. – unanimous consent.

EAB- stewardship had an educational event.

Ann discussed the overall impact of EAB and how strategic planting can create space. Mapping areas and using a creative element in planning. Also, public entities will be funding research including USDA, Watershed Board and Dept. Forestry. EAB meeting monthly.

Dean suggests campers planting replacement trees as a long-term strategy.

Lisa- Work Session at the BOD level. Many groups are involved from a variety of angles, pulling together a more cohesive set of ideas for the BOD to be thinking about policy and budgetary implications. 'All Hands-on Deck' situation. Working across purposes is also great- central unified response. The Board work session will be a kick-off for that.

Alexis- Involving the people that are directly affected by the Memoria trees affected by EAB would be important. looking for direction and guidance. Ann will send info.

Jon reminds all about mapping and getting the folks on the ground involved to gather information.

Homework

- Kirk to advise on brush pile remediation for – create a motion for BOD>
- Alexis to get pier block for KOCF Alcove stage.
- Smoking group- add junction as a possible space.
- Kirk to scope out Ducarniveaux camping – leftover wood and brush.
- Ann to email Alexis Willamette valley planting spp. And EAB info.
- Ann to begin plans to start a willow study and sketch stream bank map/Rosanna.
- Amy- Willow site walk- invite LUMP>
- Alexis- river burritos for erosion control – this fall – Contact Dennis via phone
- Ann will write and submit Diversity moment.
- Jon to reach out about brush removal

Next Meeting Sunday October 15th, Willow and Fire Fuel management focused Site walk at 10am, hybrid meeting 12-3pm.