

## Path Planning Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2023 Sunday

Site Walk 10:00 - Noon

Members in Attendance: Amy Hand Co-Chair, Kirk Shultz Co-Chair, Dennis Todd, Dean Middleton, Sue Theolass, Stephanie Head, Lisa P (BoD Liaison), Otis Gray, Sylvia Fireman, Jon Pincus Paxton Hoag (BoD Liaison), Wren Arrington

Guests in Attendance: Rosanna Costello, Corey Cliffe

Staff: Alexis

Scribe: Jennifer

Announcements/Public Comments: Dennis says goodbye to Path Planning – this will be his final meeting and will be dearly missed. Makes a call out for someone to take over the website. Plant sales funds will be allocated to OCF>

Dean: Native American Arts at Eugene farmers market pavilion 1st Monday of each month. Jon P: Elders Spirit walk at the end of this month 10/28 meet at the hub yurt – everyone welcome. Paxton comments that re-establishing oak savannas would honor Kalapuya history.

Minutes review (May and September 2023) – approval. Minutes for May unanimous consent minus abstentions from Jon, Sylvia and Otis.

Minutes for September unanimous consent minus abstentions Paxton, Jon, Otis

Agenda review – Kirk reviews agenda and homework.

Rosanna will create a quick plan to map the dead willows.

## Reports

Staff – Alexis reports site crew will be out next weekend to prepare for burn season, the 8 is prepared for flood water, outhouses will be closed in the off season. Kirk mentions in the past various crews came out to help with winter storage preparations. Recycling had a work party at the compost area at the winery property. The winery is a bit behind; the electrical panel has been redone. Lumber rack is now on the truck and a desire for more vehicles. Electrical tricycles are being prototyped for proof of concept and a discussion on alternative vehicles was had. Diesel handling on site needs to be addressed at The Hub.

Board Liaisons – Lisa reports the BoD has been busy, holding a work session on bi laws. A donation was made to a nonprofit for migrant farmers.

Concerning *committee best practices* changes, two motions were voted on. The ‘closed meetings’ motion did not pass, while the ‘annual committee report’ motion did pass. Approved amended bi- laws were approved. Bi Laws committee - EAB session will be next in an open session. End of BOD elections is closing in. Annual retreat first weekend November will occur. Nov 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting with officer elections.

Paxton added that the list of future capital projects was reviewed including a water replacement system and a three-year compost plan. EAB is a 10-year plan. Tractor replacement is on the list. The Far Side road and Main Camp kitchen replacement as a three-year plan and the bicycle cars is also on the list. The list is impressive and necessary with benchmarks and a plan of action.

Kirk states the Path Planning committee is standing by for any committee best practices changes.

Festive Restive – A group met, and Alexis gave his impression. A cohesive team of three crews- FARTS, Festive Restive and Yellow Line Busses. The Sign Crew was involved with a route map for transportation – it was great to see an organized alignment of efforts. A reliable Fair transport system is really being created.

### Old Business

Officer Assignments/membership - Stephanie agrees to remain Secretary. Kirk and Amy both agree to Co-Chair. Dean Moves and Jon seconds, Paxton makes a motion to maintain Amy and Kirk as Co-chair and Stephanie as secretary. Voted to conclude the vote. Jennifer agrees to continue as Scribe.

Kirk states that membership is down and would like to get someone from entertainment on the committee. Asks Rosanna and Corey if they would like to become voting members. Corey and Rosanna both agree and become nominees.

Lisa- CBP has not passed and recommendations for appointments. The folks asked will need to write a letter to the BOD and Path Planning should also write a letter of recommendation to the Board. Then the Board will appoint the committee members.

Inactive members were moved from the committee list and added to the friends list.

### Site Walk

Site Walk started at Main Camp: Looking at downed branch pile and the fire hazard. River erosion ‘burritos’ were brought up for use in Chela Mela that had once had bale and willow installed and is now washed out. The area needs to be redone. Past bank areas that were remediated at one time were inspected some with good success. Woven hemp or willow mats to provide structure as a consideration. Tree damage was assessed. Arch Park and Shady Grove has space that can be enlivened. The Way Back Way has an area with benches for art install and possibly Archeology use- this has potential to be repurposed.

Native Craft/Demonstration area: Some of the spaces looked at could accommodate with room for growth. Dean brought a group of crafters out to the site looking at the Trade House in Arch Park. They were excited about the possibility for 3-5 vendors to share space together. Leo is a juried crafter the other two are not but are interested in applying.

Ark Park/Way Back Way area has possible space for Native Crafts, Kirk mentions we should provide enough space to expand. Dean mentions providing camping access is imperative. Kirk mentions that Xavanadu could have space, possibly for a daytime pop-up opportunity. Craft Inventory should be part of that conversation. Dean has a site walk planned with some Native Crafters to look at space. Camping as an option. Another walk is planned for next week. A good spot that will not be impacted by erosion. Kirk suggest Xvanadu as a long-term space with a core vendor organizing day vendor opportunities for folks that may not want to stay for the whole Fair. This paradigm would challenge the current system and also allow to support diversity with new opportunities. Jon feels the space can be accommodating and juried rules can still apply while allowing for flexibility. The process’ don’t have to be an obstacle.

Dean says Native Vendors naturally demonstrate the crafts they are selling. Paxton is firm that juried rules must apply. Jon mentions a coordinator of the area would be key. Aleta, Leo and Marcy are the three key people who currently coordinate the Native crafts market in town. Dean mentions Native American Craft Act of 1990 is one of their guiding principles, protects against cultural appropriation.

## Fire Fuel Mitigation

Kirk read his homework from last month making a draft motion to recommend to the Board to call a board work session to discuss fire fuel. This was discussed, but not moved on or voted on.

(draft) Motion: Path Planning makes a recommendation that the Board add a discussion of fire risk due to brush and limbs left on the ground policies. Fire officials have shared that our risk of excess burnable is too high. Changing our methods may need information sharing, guideline changes and possible budget implications.

Jon feels this statement is not refined and needs work before posting up to the Board.

Paxton thinks a recommendation from the committee is a good idea. To investigate this topic at the workshop, and he is in favor of the motion, making a request the Board study the fire fuel underbrush of the Fair.

Alexis' makes the point that having more of an established feedback loop to the people who are not following guidelines is needed. Between the Food and Craft committee and Site crew, feedback to the small population of those who do not care of the area can be increased and kept record of. There is a disconnect in this feedback. The committees could keep this information as a record of booth performance each year.

Jon thinks the issue is important and to make the Board aware it is being discussed. Would like the Site manager to develop more specific language that could become a guideline.

Lisa reviews the guidelines (#39 on pg 19-20) which are extensive around stewardship for the land. Clarifies Alexis' point that guidelines may not need changes but rather a process for tracking communication. Alexis says the guidelines can be revised. Given calendar constraints and few work session slots, Lisa proposed the group make the request very specific as to what they want to happen very clearly to make any progress with guideline changes. The follow-through and record keeping are what needs improvement.

Kirk says this topic should come to the attention of the broader Fair. Site crew may pick up more work – equipment may be needed, such as chipper. Perhaps Alexis' Board report may be a good route. Or the November EAB discussion that goes into forest practices.

Lisa misses the committee reports section of the Board meetings and would like to advocate for their return. Minutes are instead submitted to the Board for inclusion in the packet. There are mechanisms to get a committee report. Including the EAB work section would be a good place. Writing an article for FFN is an idea as well.

Paxton sees the need to get feedback post Fair. In the past, communication was done through camp hosts to relay information. Revisit camp hosts. LUMP should be driving this topic not Path Planning.

Jon offers to work with Alexis to formulate a piece for the report. Which could state that Path Planning is working with Alexis on this issue. Site crew will be involved with the solution.

Dean thinks this interties with the EAB discussion as the Ash will be producing a lot of duff and piles.

Kirk to conclude, Alexis in the next Board report, Kirk offers to join the meeting to represent Path Planning. If a liaison can get an additional time slot for this committee update.

Lisa is willing to work with Paxton to get the topic posted. She is also going to approach the Board about having the verbal committee reports reactivated. Since the Board does not interact directly with the Site staff, everything goes through the ED. Alexis may post this topic in the ED report. Lisa will work with Paxton and Alexis to see about getting an agenda item for going back to verbal committee reports.

Next Steps:

- Paxton and Lisa will bring this topic up at the Board retreat.
- Alexis is going to include the topic with the next management report with the involvement of Jon and Kirk
- Dean will bring this to LUMP'S attention.

Homework

Amy - Add Oak Savannah to EAB planning.

Move Rosanna and Cliff to member on the email list.

Rosanna has access to the google drive- folder that says maps for her to place the new Ash tree map into.

All- look at guidelines (49 tree loss and 39 booth compliance pg. 19-20)

Next Meeting Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> hybrid 12-3pm. Site walk at 10 am

\*We may be changing the agenda/site walk for November due to scheduling conflict\*