

Path Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Sunday November 19, 2023

Site Walk 10:00 – Noon

Members present- Amy Hand (co- chair)– Paxton Hoag (board liaison), Dean Middleton, Stephanie Head (secretary), Jon Pincus, Ann Rogers, Otis Gray, Sylvia Fireman, Lisa Parker (joins mid-session)

Guests Present: Bradley- Dog Control, Corey Cliff, Rosana Costella

Staff: Alexis joins mid-session.

Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements: Board workshop on EAB, First Sunday of each month is Native Craft Fair.

Passing Memoria – Bear Diriwachter

Minutes review, amend, approve (Oct 15, 2023) - Dean changes the Native Arts marketing from Monday (incorrect) to Sunday. 2 abstain (Ann, Jon) . Motion passed to table the vote until a quorum.

Agenda review - unanimous consent to approve – no amendments.

Homework Review - reviewed.

Diversity Learning Moment: Ann gave a talk on the 9 recognized tribes in Oregon and their tribal cluster interactions at the state level. Suggests that in measuring fuel load issues and understanding of land stewardship regarding burning, there is a need to understand why the Indians burned and that specific goal, and it is not burning because the Indians burned. Tribes did not burn because of fuel load. To work effectively with tribes on burning requires comparable goals and outcomes Respecting sovereignty.

Reports

Staff - none

Board Liaisons - Paxton reports elections happened bringing in four new Board members. BOD will form a work group to work together. A very short meeting. .net site one of the motions will involve increased prices.

Work Group Reports:

EAB – Kevin has updated the group that this is an unstoppable beetle. SAM- Slow Ash Mortality.

Ring of fire- quarantine of trap tree– described the process being done by the state. The spread is widening. Mediterranean Oak beetle is yet another emerging pest. Suggests for the Fair to slow mortality – be more hygienic about wood coming in WITH BARK.

Kevin will submit a guideline recommendation- Path Planning to also submit to support.

OLD BUSINESS:

Site Walk Debrief– A site walk was held today accompanied by guests; Aaron from Cart Central and Bill for event Carts, and Bradley from Dog control also joined. The split of the cart location was discussed. Parking and lighting was looked at and discussed as well as straw bales for waiting visitors.

Battery Max may be able to rent large batteries.

Dog Control/Rest Area

Dog Control- Quite a few dogs come on site each event. Education is needed when interacting with service animal folks. Bag dispensers may be a good idea, current guidelines will be reviewed. While not a Path Planning function, the committee is supportive of education around the presence of service animals.

Jon makes a statement that within the system of the Fair- all aspects should be considered for discussion and support.

Ann- Dr. Becky is a Veterinarian volunteer on Dog Control Crew who is available for consultation.

Front of Fair Discussion

Festive Restive- Dean reads a comprehensive report from Genevieve who leans in on her landscape and urban design planning background to cultivate a functional and pleasing Front of Fair for visitors and transportation. Genevieve completed a 2011 UoO thesis project on the site and determined in order to take the pressure off the Long Tom erosion, the Dragon Plaza would need to shift entrance West while the Fair moves into Xvanadu. Bus turnaround would need to move further West and terminal moved out to traffic triangle, while widening and restoring. Shade is needed in entry. Recently in 2023 – the transportation entities were pulled together with success, and an action plan to move forward was outlined. More hours of shuttle service was added in the morning, and the diesel tank back to the hub is anticipated. Winery shuttle's success remains unclear and will be examined. More signage is needed, and wind damage has been assessed. Posts will be optimized.

Corey would like to review the original thesis project.

Ann- Emergency vehicle turn around needs to be considered with any future changes.

Paxton- tree planting may require permits.

Amy reads a statement from Tim and Jim – (bus crew) that visitor line management is needed for path flow and visitor experience concerning proximity to potties.

Guideline discussion

39 – Stewardship - booth compliance duff and fire fuel. Amy reads the guidelines and solicits feedback for additions or changes.

Jon agrees with the guideline. Environmental scientists should be consulted.

Guideline suggestion: *Don't leave piles of wood piled- spread them out.*

Ann- the fuel load is not the duff; it is the actual wood from booths.

Paxton - Brush piles between campsite is what the fire marshal is concerned with; suggests guideline change:

Do not make brush piles in your camping or booth area - Push brush on the road for pick -up.

Rosanna- guideline change should emphasize safety.

Amy- To conclude a GL change- clarification is needed about brush and duff protocol - Loop in Fire Crew, Alexis and LUMP for conversation about brush piles.

Identify replacement/expansion booths.

49 – EAD camping impact

Discussion around fabrics and material allowance for pop- up structures and covering.

Confirmed next meeting: December 17th, 2023 - historically a sub committee round up and lower attendance.

Meeting will be held as usual noon at Alices.

No site walk.

Amy revised agenda topics for December.

Homework

Diversity Learning – need volunteers

Stephanie- committee appointment reminder for the Board – include Vanessa

Add the Front of Fair for March

Amy - Contact Vanessa about multilingual welcome home banners.

Amy- establish photo points with Stephanie.

Dean – give Corey access to FOF original thesis project.