

**Oregon Country Fair \***  
**\*Path Planning Committee\***  
**Date: September 20th, 2009**  
**Time: Noon to 2**  
**Location: Hub Yurt or check sign at Hub**

**\*Agenda Path Planning 9/20/09\***

**\*Preliminaries:\***

**Introductions**

Colleen Bauman, Steve Wisnovsky, Chewie Burgess, Dean Middleton, Deane Morrow, Bear Pitts, Bill Wright, Wally Jones, Diane Albino, Sylvia Fireman, Noah Gray, Tom Hyers, Tom Churchill, Ann Rogers, Jon Pincus, Charlie Ruff, Sue Moore, Paxton Hoag, Jay Hogan, Chris Browne, Michael Richard, Marcus Hinz, Cory Henning

**Announcements**

Only committee members can vote. Please turn off all cell phones. A card is available to sign. Some are up for re-election to the Board and please do vote. The minutes and agenda for Path Planning will now be posted on the website. The first budget and financial meeting will be held at 2 PM. There will be an October 11, 6 PM celebration of life for Wally Slocum at the WOW.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion was made and seconded** to approve the minutes of May 17, 2009. **Passed unanimously**

**Public Comments (and emails to date)**

The committee received seven emails from Fair Family with input for future path planning issues and those emails will be attached to the current minutes and also sent to the committee as they arrive. The emails came from James Smith, Peggy Wendel, Eben Sprinsock, Tom Sackett, Mouseman, Artis and Hilary Anthony

**Agenda Review/Amend/Approve/Adapt**

**Motion made and seconded** to approve the agenda. **Passed unanimously**

**Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair or Co-chairs, Recording Secretary)**

PeggyDay was nominated and seconded for recording secretary. Passed. Passed unanimously  
Colleen and Dennis were nominated and seconded for co-chairmen. Passed unanimously

**Staff Reports**

Steve gave an abbreviated report on the fair and said it is greening up. It will be further discussed during debriefing. Deane offered the help of path planning if wanted/needed for mud help and it was felt that staff could manage that well. It was suggested that path planning keep these issues in mind when forming future areas. The technical issues will be looked at for future path planning. It was suggested to use the information from archeology who has good

knowledge of the geography.

Marcus asked if anyone had any questions he could answer. He was asked about the web site and he said the rfp was out for bids both to local companies and posted on Craig's List.

Expected start of work around the end of November. This will be a significant shift in capacity and an improvement in level. A content management system that will allow posting what the committee wants and needs. This will spread the workload out and make it more efficient.

### **Fair Debrief**

The Elder's Still Living Room was a resounding success.

A question was raised about why there was a 12x100 ft fence in an area behind the Front Porch that was being kept pristine. The answer was it was expedient due to a tree falling in a camping area and operations made the decision. It is temporary and still being worked on and reconfigured. 3 camps were displaced. The objection was made that it was an area that had been kept green for 20 years and it needs more discussion and planning. It was thought it was necessary to allow the staff to make those decisions when the need comes up on site. We need to maintain balance and allow ops to make these decisions but perhaps to discuss protocol for these kinds of issues. People need to not make assumptions as feelings are hurt when miscommunication happens. The committee was reminded their role was to advise the BOD. Thanks were given to both the staff and the committee for the dialog and thoughts given to these issues.

### **Sub Committee Reports**

None

### **\*Old Business\***

#### **Attendance and Quorum Policy Review/Amend?**

Do we want to make a protocol requiring if missing 3 meetings in a row they should contact the committee or lose their spot? Do we want to make it so that whoever shows up constitutes a quorum? Do we ask members who don't attend to become inactive? A discussion can happen without a quorum but not vote and due to the weighty subject matter we should enforce the quorum. One possibility is even with a lack of quorum, a unanimous vote would be valid but if contested could be revoked. Maybe 50% of the committee and 1 guest could constitute a quorum. Perhaps the recording secretary could check with someone who has missed 3 consecutive meetings. Vision Quest is evaluating efficiency of committee meetings. Have a temporary inactive list? Are there members who have been missing for a number of months or do the long distance members inform when they are not able to make it? With the goal being that the membership be full, active and involved, a motion was made.

**A motion was made and seconded** to reduce the required quorum to 8. It is important to have the members involved and active. It was stated that by definition, 8 out of 18 is not a quorum. The motion was **withdrawn**.

**A motion was made and seconded** that the co-chairs would come to the next meeting with a motion concerning the quorum issue. **Motion passed with 1 abstention.**

### **Questionnaire feedback**

Wally discussed the area he participated in the survey of Gypsy Way and spent a few hours discussing the area with the campers currently there. He pointed out on a map, the quantities of campers including an area where Recycling has overflow camping of 30 people, not because they wanted to go there but because there was no room in their main area. The Gypsy Stage camp, 50 people, requested that they have an area near their stage to camp and they need to be all together and have shaded camping. Phoenix Rising has 50 campers. History booth has 17 campers. Bauer camp is 14 people. Babes in the Woods are 38 people. Gypsy Cafe has more uncounted. Veggie Heaven has 14 campers. The camping is in the understory and some of the camping areas dry out only about 2 weeks before the fair. There is a central area full of blackberries and trees with possibly one camp. No one is totally against moving but each want to move as a group and want shade. One area seemed to have non-affiliated campers or people who didn't want to give their affiliation. Measurements were taken and detailed drawings were made. Did we not get the survey questions answered? We should contact the appropriate people to ask those specific questions. Not enough survey papers were made available and the questions set up by the committee were not a part of the papers. The questions were condensed. Some survey papers were given out. Some people did get back re the survey. We know some people got the papers because the emails mention them and questions were asked about them. Mostly the papers were given to the camp hosts. There were misunderstandings about what was actually being requested. We should address the actual 5 questions. Will this work out to a longer time-line?

Crafts Lot map is a Google photograph of the area with fair depictions of the camping areas. The numbers in individual camps is not available but the full area is estimated to be around 1000 to 1900 people. Part of the survey was not done due to the inclement weather on Sunday. Most of the camps are vehicle camping. We need to keep in mind that some campers are singles from vendors and not affiliated with any of the official sites. Old time campers don't want to move and others don't care as long as they have a place. They would be happy to move for the sake of the fair.

Take the survey and post it in the FFN. The 5 questions were reread and they will be posted along with the maps.

We need to consider some of the other areas like Dragon Plaza.

### **Mass Meeting, Planning,**

Paxton put on the Board agenda to have LUMP and other groups review new camping areas in October.

It is felt we need to have a meeting looking at camping before we have the mass meeting. We need to show the future displaced campers that we have considered much of their needs before the mass meeting. It is felt it should be held off to allow the time to study the issue. It is felt we are not yet ready for the mass meeting. It is felt that it is too early to set a date and that it can be set out with 6 weeks lead time. Can we concentrate on the Camping solutions and the mass meeting as our full October agenda?

**A motion was made and seconded** to limit the October meeting to concentrate on the camping solution, mass meeting and yearly plan. **Passed with 6 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.**

Postponed:

Date Time Place:

Facilitator:  
Outreach/Publicity  
Process/Goals

**\*New Business\***

Yearly Work Plan  
Camping Solutions  
Mass Meeting

**\*Finalities:\***

Meeting Evaluation

It was agreed that much work has been accomplished and much left to go. Very productive and open for information. It was felt that much discussion could have been skipped and allowed more time for the survey input. Thanks were given to co-chair and recorder. It was reassuring to hear the dialog. We can learn to be more succinct. It's good we remain civil even with diverse opinions. More maps are available. We need to concentrate on supplying something of interest to attract the Public for the 2010 Fair.

Homework Review

Jon will continue to work on his maps.

Confirm next meeting time and place: **October 18<sup>th</sup>, noon at the Hub.**

**Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Passed unanimously at 2:08**