

August 18, 2013

OCF BARTER FAIR TASK FORCE meeting

3pm, fire pit at Alices

Committee members present: Paxton, Amy, Lucy, Sue, Jefry, Jon, Robin (Kirk- after 4pm). A quorum was present.

Colleen-facilitator, Bill-scribe, six guests

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A Google Group for task force members only is at OCFBTF, managed by Jefry

Agenda:

1. staff reports (no staff, no reports today)
2. Barter Fair brief history (Paxton)
3. Barter Fair Task Force brief history (Lucy)
4. open discussion
5. 1/2 hour break for written tablet comments (Amy)
  - craft guidelines
  - vendor guidelines
  - registration
  - location
  - camping
  - fees
  - space allocation
  - event schedule
  - operational crew impacts
  - staffing
  - event name (Monday Market?)
  - mission statement
  - benefits for the Fair
6. Resume and review discussion
7. homework review
8. meeting evaluation

Barter Fair brief history:

The event started as a blanket circle at Main Stage in 1981 or 1982.

The 1988 Board minutes noted that many take part, it's not beneficial and it conflicts with services. A ban was discussed by the Board in 1988. The activity was authorized for one year only with certain requirements (a Board liaison and crafts according to guidelines). The motion passed 7-3. A July motion to rescind failed. Evaluation feedback indicated the event was a success.

In 1989 a motion to allow failed (4-3-3) and a membership referendum was not successful. The BFA (Barter Fair Association) proposed an insured event, medical on site, participants clean-up, a traffic plan, provide water and toilets, fire truck available and a fee.

The Board passed a motion in 1990 which stated a Barter Fair that is open to the public and outside vendors would not be held on the property.

After Paxton's presentation, a number of meeting attendees offered their recollections of the early barter fair type events.

#### Barter Fair Task Force brief history:

In the winter of 2012, the Board asked for a task force to work on the issues surrounding the Barter Fair and report back in February 2013. At the time of the 2013 report, the Board decided to pause the Barter Fair for 2013 and form a formal Task Force; 12 member were appointed.

#### General discussion:

The event values need to be re-established and then renamed and redefined (Lucy, Paxton). The participation at this meeting is very small, many were expected (Chewie). In 1973, people sold out of their car trunks and there was a freedom at the original Fairs; the event should get back to the original trading circle (Saich, Jon). The three parts of products, location and logistics need to be defined and the plan needs to be understood before budgets and guidelines deadlines this fall and winter (Kirk). Leadership for the activity is not clear yet (Bill). The plan needs to be family only, blanket style and consider traffic flow and registration (Justin). The upcoming election / ballot system could be used for getting the Fair Family viewpoint. The event is helpful in keeping imports out of the "8" after hours and should only be open to wristbands (Paxton). A poll could be conducted, I'll help (Aaron).

#### Break (4:30 - 5pm)

#### Continued discussion:

Monday Market is a good name and products need to be controlled so there is no conflict with Fair goods (Phil). The pending parkland permit that is being considered along with the Community Center, if issued, would make locating the event a much easier issue (Paxton, Kirk). The report prepared for the Board needs to be kept simple (Jon, Kirk, Amy). The next meeting is Sept 30 and then a day long worksession could be held on Nov 10 to prepare the report; the business could go before the Board at the Nov meeting for action in December or January (Lucy, Sue). The Barter Fair helps the Fair crafters and volunteers with their funds so the overall benefit is for the Fair and the money that gets spent at the event (Robin).

Lucy moved, Jon seconded, to meet for an all day worksession on Nov 10 at 11am. The motion passed without opposition.

#### Homework:

Lucy will make the reservation at Alice's for the Nov 10 worksession.

Paxton will research the referendum process.

Spirit and Amy will prepare an agenda for next meeting.

Bill will draft minutes, send them to Amy for review and distribution.

Meeting Evaluation:

This was a small turnout but with valuable comments and ideas.

The Barter Fair is a small part of the Fair event (Kirk).

There were good comments and we had a quorum (Paxton).

Thanks Bill, it was good to have the "gotomeeting" set up working (Paxton).

Thanks to all who came and participated (Amy).

Thanks Colleen for facilitating and thanks Amy for the commentary tablets (Lucy).

We are making progress (Sue).

We have enthusiasm if not the numbers (Jefry).

Thanks Amy for the tablets, maybe we need a second meeting in October (Robin).

The "gotomeeting" system worked very well today and we can improve with some fine tuning; we need to use this resource more and more (Bill).

Spirit texted us to say how much she appreciates our efforts and to send her regrets for being absent (Bill).

The task force is doing amazing work, the people will turn-out; the Board charged the task force with finding a way to make it happen, not for information on continuing the Barter Fair (Justin).