

BFTF Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 7-9 pm

OCF Office Eugene, OR.

Facilitator: Colleen Bauman

GoTo Meeting Moderator: Josh

BFTF Members: Spirit Leatherwood, Sue Theolass, Paxtoan Hoag, Lucy Kingsley, Amy Hand, Amanda Moore, Jon PIncus, Jefry Falkenstein

BFTF Members Absent: Jirvil Woods, Robin Pruce, Kirk Schultz

Guests: Tony Clementi, Charlie Ruff, Robin Smith (Sharklett), Rebecca Gandy, Sara Rich, Greg Rikhoff

Introductions

Announcements: Web Page needs help so it easier to navigate

Approval of Minutes: Correct and Approve January minutes by next meeting

Public Comments: None

BoD Liasion: (Sue Theolass) The guidelines were approved by the BoD with support from the Peach gallery. The third paragraph was amended as suggested by the BFTF.

Letters of interest for the Barter Fair Managers needs to be changed in the BoD minutes to correctly state: Managers and NOT Coordinators

The BoD approved the BF to have two Managers and Two BFTF Liaisons to organize and manage the BF event on Monday. The BoD will appoint 2 BFTF members as liaisons and after a selection process appoint two Managers. Deadline for letters of interest will be February 28, 2014 to be considered for the Manger positions.

A call for letters of interest for BF Managers will be posted in the February FFN. There will be a sub group to interview those who turn in letters of interest . This sub group for hiring the Managers for Barter Fair will consist of: 2 BUMS, Charlie, Tony, and the Co-Chairs of the BFTF.

Charlie recommends a deadline for submission for applicants for the BF Managers be Feb. 28, 2014. These names could then be included in the BoD minutes for March 2014 to be appointed in April 2014.

Review SUP and Location Discussion:

SUP (Special use Permit):

Charlie and Tony: The Line in the Sand is equal to the Event Activity Line under non-conforming land use verification. We must have all OCF events within the Line in the Sand. This line is clearly marked and is a true line, which delineates activities on all OCF maps.

Charlie: The SUP process is critical to the success of the OCF. We have been actively working on this process for the last 2 ½ years, focusing on the County level of permitting as we move forward with the broader plan for OCF. Currently, we are focusing on what to do about the kitchen issue and create solutions that would keep us in compliance with the County in the future. SUP will help us to be prepared for when any future process or change to County compliance happens. The General Manager would actively advocate against having ANY stand-alone event outside the Line in the Sand particularly under the auspices of our non – conforming land use exemption as reverified. Operations Manager agrees location crucial to the success of the SUP and BF. Anything that would jeopardize the SUP will be a deal killer. Major events held outside the Line in the Sand are not supported. Management would like to be in line with current land use permits with the BF being in a trial year. It may be two years until the SUP opens up more landscape possibilities.

- ⇒ SUP is important to use our land for other purposes.
- ⇒ Only activities outside Line in the Sand have been fire related and not stand alone events.
- ⇒ Dragon Plaza is the best of the worst locations currently available to hold on on-site Barter Fair.
- ⇒ Dragon Plaza location is a solution that fits compliance

Charlie: New traffic patterns due to Crafts Lot change will affect safety of all OCF participants. The entry line adjusted for the backpack check, was successful, but took many meetings and a long time to manifest, with some doubts for success. Dragon Plaza is an insulated cocoon, ideal as the best of worst options. Potentially will be the safest and least impacting location potentially limiting unknown consequences. This Barter Fair is a new redefined experiment on the landscape.

Sharklett: This is why Management and the BoD asked to pause the Barter Fair another year. There are so many changes going on this year with Crafts Lot. There is no ideal location for BF on the landscape. She suggests vending after hours inside the “8”.

Tony: Feedback from operations and crews not too positive regarding the Barter Fair event or location. Expect a lot of resistance from affected crews. Greg: Critical human safety issues will be present at the Barter Fair. In the last 8 years of BF there were 8 people who ran this event. He foresees a team of at least 20 people to lovingly help the people and the event to create a positive day. This is a grand experiment in Dragon Plaza and is a decent location for safety and services.

Jefry: SUP and Location are tied together. Withdraws his objections towards Dragon Plaza. It's good to have a Barter Fair somewhere other than nowhere.

Colleen: Last meetings motion from Lucy can be brought to this meeting with support of Dragon Plaza.

Concerns regarding Dragon Plaza and BF process: Limited vending spots, lottery system and denial to vendors who want to vend can be viewed negatively. Dragon Plaza will require more people to manage the event than if it were moved farther out on the landscape. Defined boundaries are important. Load In/Load Out concerns for traffic and pedestrians. The garbage and Recycling kiosks are unable to be accessed with vehicles prior to the event on Monday. Concerns that Dragon Plaza location will not create the success of the BF we all hope for due to safety concerns and other unforeseen impacts that could create a negative impact on others experiences, Limiting vendors, tickets, etc...

Charlie: Limits to the Fair already exist. There are limits to tickets sold to the event, limits to how many cars can be parked on-site, limits to crews, etc.... this is nothing new for fair participants.

Discussion regarding the SUP closes as this has been explained.

Location:

Snooze Pass borders the event line and Line in the Sand. It has been reworked to accommodate campers in Piggy's Lot. This is no longer an option for the Barter Fair.

Some feel Pyrates Cove should still be considered as a viable option to place Barter Fair.

Barter Fair is a bigger discussion beyond the Task Force and many crews will give their input. This input will be necessary to create solutions for a successful experience.

Sharkeltt explains that while Dragon Plaza is not ideal, it can work. It has several things going for it in terms of already implemented services such as; porta pots, water fountain, main camp, fire, white bird presence, management, BUMs, security, etc.. She recommends buying carts with some of our Barter Fair budget to use for BF participants. Security Tower can help since Fair Central will be closed. The BF managers will need to coordinate with QM as they take over radio communications. Emergency Vehicles are parked at Main Camp. Entry/exits discussed with a footpath for those leaving Fair Site. Discussion suggested 1 or 2 entry sites with many emergency exits available. Needs a load in/load out area with carts available. Other ideas include emphasis on BF participants being self-sufficient with their own carts. Rebecca (QM): Can handle our operations to help with BF. Perhaps a QM substation in the Dragon for radio communication. Radio work can be solved.

Per Spirit: In understanding what Tony is saying, there is not an ideal location to place the Barter Fair, this year. Dragon Plaza is the best of the worst locations. It's important to understand that when discussing location, Dragon Plaza is not an 'official' recommendation from Management. It was just physically one of the only locations to consider and it is not ideal for many of the reasons that

members of the Task Force already pointed out and more. Other crews such as PrePost, Fair Central, and QM have concerns and are not feeling too optimistic. There is an intersection between process of operations and recommendation from the Task Force. Mgmnt will receive input from all Operational crews including White Bird.

Other concerns:

There are traffic flow logistics that are hard to figure out and Traffic Crew is not operating. Most operational crews are not on or are running with a skeleton crew.

Original motion by Lucy from the January meeting has a friendly amendment added. Lucy accepts this amendment to her motion.

Motion: Lucy moves, Sue seconds.

The BFTF recommends "focusing" on Dragon Plaza as the site for the 2014 Barter Fair.

Unanimously passed.

Homework:

All stakeholder input to done over email and responses/input to be circulated via the BFTF by email.

Spirit & Amy: Co-chairs to invite guests who would have input as the location for BF in Dragon Plaza.

Create a call/article for Managers application in the FFN and online ASAP. (Spirit & Sue)

Amy: Send out Stakeholder list to the BFTF

Online PreRegistration (Lucy and Spirit)

Cleaning up Web Page (Jefry)

Closing: Giving thanks for this process; More dialogue necessary regarding sensitive issues for information clarification. To request specific information does not mean we are challenging anyone's point of view, it is meant to help us come together through understanding; looking forward to an interesting BF; learning to practice patience within the process; appreciate everyone; Great meeting with Managements Attendance; Facilitator tightens up meeting for positive movement; Thanks to guests for participating.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 7- 9pm. OCF Town Office, Eugene. Please arrive at 6:50pm so the meeting can begin on time.

Adjourn

