

**Barter Fair Task Force  
Meeting Notes  
October 11, 2012**

Facilitator: Jen-Lin Hodgen

Notes taken by: Sue Theolass

Present: Amy Hand, Judy Dattino, Sheila Showalter, Jon Plncus, Lucy Kingsley, Amanda Moore. please forgive spelling errors. Virtual participation: Paxton Hoag

Jen-Lin did a recap of last meeting. We need to do outreach, get stakeholders liaison, identify the site, time line and report findings to the board by the February meeting as per the original motion. Any budget items should be prepared by Nov/Dec. 2012. *(also, it would be good to draft updated summary for the Board retreat held the first weekend in November)*

Spirit sent word that she has been trying to get stakeholders liaisons and has had no response thus far. Amanda sent word that she has been trying to get word out to BF participants about these meetings. So far, the BF contact/participant list has not been located. The intent is to craft a message to request more input & work from BF participants.

Lucy said if there is a desire for a BF crew we need to have that ready to float past the budget committee.

There was much discussion about the "line in the sand" and what it means. This included questions about the 're-verification' of the land use permit (SUP), that is an entire other discussion.

We would like dennis todd and thom lanfear to attend a meeting to discuss site options.

Discussed the camping committee, miss piggy's and craft lot crew, what if any plans there may be. Possibly some staff would want to become part of any barter fair crew.

Several feel we should keep BF and camping separated. Some think that would place a major burden on BF vendors. Paxton said he's working on this; car camp in south miss piggy's, and BF camp in the west woods are possibilities. He said the camp census was just of the 'intentional groups'.

There was mention that Indigo may have fuller results of the bf survey.

What should the barter fair look like? not too far away, bf could be past lits if there was no camping with it, get it back to more of a trade circle, no big box trucks, informal and quick set-up, easy exit so as not to add to traffic issues, a check-in with agreements to size/recycling/security issues/pay before set up, not visible from 126. also reduce the scale of goods sold, focus on ocf crafters and crew who want to sell or trade their work, comply with land use agreements, keep it as close to what it is now. yep, we are a bit all over the map on this.

City of Veneta may be interested in hosting a 'monday market', they would need to come up with a proposal. There is a strong feeling that many if not most BF participants would not partake in an offsite market.

The work the crews do for barter fair was discussed. Working all weekend and then working monday for the BF vendors 'profit' is a hell a lot of tiring work. this involves traffic, pre-post, security, recycling and others. it was said that bf should not expect this work to continue as it has.

We had a very long discussion listing pro/con of four sites people were considering: scof lot, tower lot, pyrates cove and north trotters (the south part of north miss pig's was added late in the discussion). tower lot was thought to be the best match, the biggest problem with north trotters was the visibility from 126 and the difficulty this could cause.

all the other locations seem to have too many issues to be good candidates for relocation.

Barter Fair needs to function as well as possible for everyone; we are all connected in one way or other. we know change is coming so we need to work together on the task force to come up with workable solutions. need to encourage BF vendors we know to come to the meetings, we want more participant participation. some people are planning on walking at site to look at the possibilities of new locations. This Barter Fair Task Force is open to all to participate in the future of BF. we do not make the final decision and we can only make suggestions to the board.

Our next meeting is:

Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Growers Market upstairs (elevator available).

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