

Oregon Country Fair Food Committee Meeting 10-28-15

Kirk (Rising Moon), Maya (Bubbles), Louise, Amy (Recycling), Larry, Sue, Jason, Danye, Saman, Brandelyn

Durables discussion with Kirk (Rising Moon booth): This year they had a dish station in the lower loop and a deposit system as well as a survey.

Kirk has had meetings with community and fair members working towards brainstorming ideas as to how OCF could become waste free. There are other festivals we can look to as models. Kirk is aware that there are limitations on the fair site (i.e. grey water, water supply, labor, etc.), he has ideas about how it could actually be implemented. He has a large support network interested in this project including OCF staff, Bring recycling, U of O recycling. They have been working hard on the education piece is well, which they feel is important to the success of this project. This is a community project.

What do you expect from the food committee? Why are you here? What can we do and what do you expect to see in 2016? What is the vision of the long range and short range?

Suggested fair-wide inventory: 250,000 cups/plates

Suggestion to move towards cups first

Durables fair wide is complicated.

Is this the right idea? Who wants to run it?

Pickathon recycling crew would love to help with fair...be a support

Angie Marzano (Bring Recycling) is involved in the brainstorm

2016 Vision:

Step one: Public gets a coin, either as part of their OCF ticket or a Kiosk that they pay.

Left bank plus new area (Green area) has 3 or more kiosks to get their coin.

Step two: They purchase the cup from the vendors

Step three: return to durable location

Vendors choose to participate or not

Step four: they leave the fair and return their coin on the way out for their cash? Possibly

Hypothetical situation: Vendors are paying nothing for their durables, so there is an incentive to join. Unless they lose a cup or coin. So the vendors start with 500 cups as they run low, people will come by and restore the missing in exchange for the coins.

Questions and FC concerns:

At the end of fair, vendors would be responsible to pay for the cups they are missing?

Who mans the recycling stations? Kiosks? Who brings the new cups/takes the old? Who transports offsite for cleaning?

Red flag for food committee, exchanging cups/coins could be difficult to account for?

Concerns by FC that it would not be implemented fair wide. Other vendors may be upset that they could not get free cups..

If you lose your coin, you would need to buy a new coin.

Recycling last shift is 9 p.m. or so... Who would man the kiosks after 9 p.m. Recycling is not looking for more work for their crew. So staffing could not come from recycling.

Idea: maybe the token comes with the price of the ticket, because money exchange is difficult, money storage, security issues, information.

Recycling would like the durables program to be separate from recycling and there are many issues with storage and washing. Many booths take the forks home each year or use their own (against OCF guidelines).

More brainstorming:

For this year: Maybe? Fair-wide...from an off-site vendor. We would have to have enough supply. It has to be well funded from the beginning.

There is grant money available?

What about booths having a set number of cups and once those are gone. Two booths where you can purchase cups as a memento?

*We need to talk to the health inspector about the legality of passing cups over the counter. Recent response from Zach was NO!!

Idea about purchasing a cup and reusing it at fair, you must weigh how much use that cup would get before it ends up in the landfill vs. the compost.

Tuesday Nov. 10th 1 p.m. at U of O is the next meeting for this project?

Warning letters urgent:

Decide what to do about twice probationary booth infraction? What now? _____ violated the contract 3 years in a row?

Specific booth infraction...cups issue: We need to invite booth rep to the next meeting. * Jonah will call.

Specific booth infraction: allergen/customer issue, draft letter.....(next meeting)

*Guidelines need to be amended to include high allergens.

Specific booth infraction: _____ was operating 2 booths at the same time? Check with Justin ...*Louise will email Justin.

Specific booth infraction: Warning about forks protocol (vendors may not take home and wash or bring their own, may not remove from recycling kiosks and wash)

Specific booth infraction: Warning letter_____no cover over grill? Have Jonah email the health inspector about the grill. Is this required by Lane County Health?

Specific booth infraction: Asked to use a food item, was told no, went ahead anyway. FC needs to make a decision about what to do next?

Next meeting:

Nov. 18th 5:15 (review the application, edit if necessary, create warning letters if not already done, decide what to do with major booth infractions), talk about food allergy agenda.)

How many new booths? We need to talk with management? Path planning? Invite Justin to next meeting? *Louise will email?

Invite Justin to talk about specific booths that need to move for logistical or safety reasons.