

**COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 15, 2013**

Attending: (Committee members): Thom Lanfear, Hilary Anthony, Indigo Ronlov, Andy Strickland, Kirk Schultz, Charlie, Steve Wisnovsky

Guests: Michael Forster, Michael Richards, Sue Theolass, Tony Clementi, norma sax, Diane Albino, Peter (crafter), Paxton Hoag

COMMUNICATION

E-mail to the committee (ccc@oregoncountryfair.org) is coming to Thom. Thom will acknowledge receipt and will forward to committee members.

Kirk – Path Planning Committee is a working model for communication. I suggest Thom talk to Colleen about this. Letters to the committee are read in to the meeting notes. Path Planning used to have a friends list but it didn't fit with the administrative process of the committee.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee decided to continue with the third Monday of the month schedule. Next meetings are scheduled for May 20th (Workshop at the Hilyard), June 17 (on site), August 19, September 22.

MEMBERS

Current members are Thom, Hilary, Andy, Kirk, Charlie, Indigo, Jon Silvermoon, Steve, Anna Scott, Chewie Burgess

Dahinda Meda will be designated a member emeritus.

Charlie moved to see letters of interest to make fill 3 seats as the committee is mandated to have 13 members. The motion passed. Indigo, as Board liaison, will make a report and ask for letters at the next Board meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Charlie – Our next responsibility is a fundraising feasibility study.

Thom – We need someone with expertise in this field to advise us.

Hilary - We're not ready to say we're raising money. I also want to get a handle on the project. If we're not ready for the design firm's recommended next step, what are we ready for?

Paxton – I took a TACS workshop on fundraising. I'd be willing to help.

Kirk – Maybe the right way there is to put out RFP's for schematic designs base on what Pivot has given us.

Charlie – I agree with Hilary. How do we take the first phase and translate it to other phases? Is it desirous for us to stay with Pivot? How do we decide who to go with next? Maybe there's an RFP process to take us to the next phase. TACS is great if you're ready to work with them. I'm

talking about engaging a professional with independent perspective who can advise us what a realistic expectation from this community would be.

Steve – TACS provides a whole range of services for non-profits.

Paxton – I realize da lot of what they talked about doesn't really fit us.

Thom – We need to get confirmation of certain assumptions in the report. What is the size of the indoor space - that seems to be subjective. We need to have a dialogue among larger fair family. It's an opportunity to extract information that's useful.

Hilary – Part of what has happened with the Internet discussion. I'm not positive kitchen is the right size. How much is it being designed for us, how much for commercial events? We're getting mixed messages. I had a problem with Pivot in that they were all about the wish list; very little about boundaries.

Tony – What's up for debate is the size of the overall meting space. Price tag is arbitrary number. We don't want to lose ground.

Diane – Are we talking two months of the year or year-round?

Kirk – Is that a question of year-round maxi kitchen or scaled down.

Hilary – I think what Pivot was hearing was kitchen's wish list. I don't want to undo Pivot's work but I want us to adjust it.

Michael F. – I'm familiar with an even that feeds 3,000 people from a trailer. We deal with bad weather when we have to. We have a unique fundraising ability that will get us what we need. Regarding Pivot, if it's not a good idea, cut your losses.

Paxton – My primary goal is getting the kitchen out of the wetlands. We need to evaluate our current bldgs. And see how they fit our needs. Maybe we can have a kind of survey as to size? Do we need indoor eating area? I've come to the conclusion we don't need to apply for green certification.

We've done several iterations of survey work. I've seen "contempt prior to investigation" based on misinformation. It's our job now to distill the information. We've talked about clever ways we could be flexible.

AS time goes on our demand to use that space year-round grows. Our needs grow.

When you're out there six weeks in June and it's raining, it's nice to go indoors.

Andy – Moving the kitchen is almost the driving force. The current one is basically rotting. I'd like to throw out the idea of tearing down the old kitchen. Thom, can we build something temporary for four or five years? Our current kitchen is no longer adequate for our needs.

Thom – It's not possible to get a permit but we can build. There are no approvals for any use of upland properties except for camping. We could put a trailer where the kitchen is now. It has to be community center or park use. Think of an outdoor park with cooking facilities. I'm happy to talk to people individually about compliance issues.

Tony – The compliance issues and the usage issues are driving this. The result of the report and this entire process was the accumulation of input of Fair family speaking via years of discussion, meetings, input, all the work sessions, and the surveys. If you add together the current square footage of the kitchen, screen house, Chillville, Chubville etc, it adds up to the spaces in that report. Being creative with trailers might be a stopgap but not a solution to the multiplicity of needs identified through the years of work.

Steve – We need a licensed, permitted kitchen for Fair and for Culture Jam.

Kirk – I think it does speak to me about the May 20 meeting. What can I do to help bring a summary to people? There are limitations and potentials with each option. How long do we put money into a mobile kitchen? I am stunned at how often the solution comes out of left field.

We started to take the temperature of what the Board can do next. When should we be bringing something to the Board?

Thom – What’s our action item for our next step?

Charlie – We need to come up with basic concepts and bullet points. Compliance issues are difficult conversations to have in big, public meetings. We need to get our own consistent story together of important points to present.

Kirk – Zoning puzzles are very complicated, but we should try to address them.

Michael R. If we go through a process to to get a park permit, is it 100% sure we’ll get it?

Thom – I don’t think we’ll have trouble getting it. The only obstacle is how it affects neighbors.

Hilary – We can’t go to the Board until after the May 20 meeting. We’ll get feedback and reaction to the size, price. See what support we have, what adjustments we need to make. If we make adjustments to the Pivot plan, how do we do that?

Thom – For me the next step is to have a meeting that allows people to express themselves. We can ask questions about where they’re coming from. We’re not committed to Pivot. We have two more times to get feedback – May 20 and at the Fair.

We need a presence at the Fair. How do we get the feasibility piece working?

Kirk – Path Planning is treading really similar ground regarding having Fair family feel they’ve been heard. One of the things we’ve done is put up a display. I’d be happy to help put up information displays at the site.

Andy – We could give the law reform kiosk a facelift, also the info stands at Indian Creek. Maybe a sub-committee can work on this. We could put out info to Fair family and Fairgoers.

Charlie – The Board made a motion, putting in action the special use permit. I would advocate it’s important to keep up the momentum. I would love to see some action on a Board motion directing the committee to explore a fundraising study.

Tony – The bigger firms we engaged with have access to people with fundraising expertise and the experience assisting groups with fundraising efforts to achieve the projects envisioned.

Diane – When you do capital campaign usually you have a goal. How do we establish that?

Hilary – I believe the questions should be to give us an idea of how much we think we can raise.

Thom – At the May 20 meeting, I can do the zoning piece. We can do a similar introduction as the last one. Focus should be feedback on the Pivot report.

Indigo will make the following motion at the May Board meeting: **Move to direct the CCC to engage in a fundraising feasibility study and research for the Community Center.**