

# ENERGY PARK MEETING

Feb 12th, 2023 - In-person meeting

*In attendance: Larry, Alexis, Jude, Julissa, Nancy, Jeremy, Blake, Gaelen, Kory, Sherman, Jeff, Thomas, Linda, Lelia, Ryan, Juliette, Andrea, Brian*

*On-phone: Cindy, Michaela, Gabe, Rob, Robert, Zach, Alan, Ila*

*Facilitator: Blake*

*Scribe: Kory*

## Action items

1. Jeremy will organize the technical aspects to make our next meeting hybrid and available to people in multiple ways

## Announcements

- Kory - As of 11am this morning we've had 93 submissions to the online Kesey Stage entertainment application! Big thanks to Thomas for having the idea to get our application on the main Fair website and synched up with their entertainment application process.
- Blake - if you're interested in being informed about all things Fair, the Fair Family news and Board minutes are available for perusing, as many folks might know there was a vote on a recall of a Board member and you can be informed if you want to be
  - Thomas - appreciates how mellow and nice the EP vibe is.
- The Fox Hollow Boys are playing April 8th, The Flying Squirrel. See [foxhollowboys.com](http://foxhollowboys.com) for more details!

## In-person meetings, hybrid meetings, carpooling

- Thomas - if we're going out to the Fair site for a meeting, have folks that are driving meet at a central location and then we can try to carpool from there (meet at 12:30pm)
- Larry - really nice to meet here in town, if we're going to meet at the yurt most people just show up to the yurt then leave and never actually go to the EP site, so unless we're meeting at EP we should just try to meet in town
- Sherman - since the weather can be variable, what if we reassess a week before where we want to hold the meeting and send an email to people to let them know where we're meeting and be a reminder that the meeting is happening
  - Blake/Jude - we can always reserve the Fair office in town or the yurt just in case and not use it if it's nice
- Gaelen - we have people call in on the phone because it's easy and seems to work, we can certainly try Zoom if people would prefer
  - Lelia - the benefit of the phone is that the connection tends to be more reliable
  - Ila - the phone can cut in and out, which makes Zoom an appealing option
- Jeremy - willing to take the lead to setup our meetings to have a Zoom link and if it's not working we can fallback to phones and if people prefer phones anyway they can continue using them

## Center booth

- Jeremy - Has there been any more discussion about it?
- Blake - Ryan and Roundtree bought us more time last year by adding supports to the structure, it seems like a continued piecemeal approach is viable for now and a rebuild/redesign is going to have to happen at some point

- Gaelen - the deadline for capital projects is October, so we need to have our plan ready to make it happen, even if we get Fair to build it for us we need to give them the specs and what we want
  - Jeremy - can we get funds from Fair if we're doing the incremental approach?
  - Blake - we generate revenue so we can shoulder these costs especially if we're doing it over a number of years
- Thomas - agrees with the piecemeal approach, if we rebuild it'd likely be much shorter because of changes at the County, doing a slower process enables us to keep the booth at its current height
- Larry - John Williams has posts for us for the booth
- Linda - we should devise a plan so we can be methodical and intentional with the piecemeal work we're doing each year, so it's working towards a specific goal
- Brian - we might better serve our broader mission and the Fair as a whole if EP was located in a different part of Fair that has a lot more solar potential, it's a longer term vision and a deeper look into what EP's goals and role at Fair really are
  - Thomas - we could consider setting up satellite locations/structures and running those instead of relocating all of EP
  - Larry - the biggest hurdle to getting land at Fair for something like the Solar Showers is having a proposal for drainage
  - Gaelen - we originally had been allotted some space in Xavanadu before it opened and then it was taken away from us, we were going to have a tiny house there and solar charging, but despite our efforts and planning they got thrown out by the powers that be
    - Larry - some of the issue with our solar charging was that it didn't look "Fair" enough
    - Lelia - it was definitely an excuse because there are other structures in Xavanadu that look worse than what we've had out there
  - Blake - if we needed solar year-round then it'd be a very different conversation, but we just need it for 3-days
  - Larry - our current location is primo, we get tons of visitors into EP because of our location and proximity
  - Andrea - can we partner with existing booths/entities instead of going through Fair?

### **Bracelets and tent tags**

- Gaelen - if anyone has ideas please share!

### **Upcoming meetings:**

- April 16th, 2023 - Location TBD, probably EP unless it's raining
- May 7th, 2023
- June 11th, 2023