

Energy Park meeting
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September 24 one ish

Present: Dave, Newt, JayLee, Andrea, Adam, Thomas, Ryan, Brian, Michaela, Sherman and introducing Raina - welcome!, Alexis, Rountree, Sue

Phone: Jude
Facilitator: Blake
Scribe: Gaelen

Announcements

OCF BOD Election - The Annual Meeting is October 14. Ballots are due October 21.

See the website at oregoncountryfair.net for more information

Newt said there is no local solar tour. It has morphed over the years from the National Solar Tour (still organized by the American Solar Energy Society, ASES) to a locally sponsored & organized Sustainable Home and Garden Tour' (by BRING, EWEB and the City). It isn't happening locally this year but it looks like Portland is having one, The 'Go Zero! 2023 Tour'. There is also a virtual tour available from 2022. You can find information on both of these tours at Solaroregon.org

Booth Coordinator

Andrea did great in her first year of being the go-to Booth Coordinator during the fair. Andrea said that she wants to clarify the check-in process. She also wants to do more outreach. Michaela, who is Co-Booth Coordinator (doing the prefair part of the job), said she did work on outreach this year and would welcome help with it next year. They would like to see more solar installers. A link to the booth application on our website might help.

Andrea is also considering how we can align the mission of Energy Park with the mission of the booths. Perhaps we can request a statement from booth applicants, which we have done in the past. And, as she has done in the past, Georgiana is willing to letter statements that we can frame and display in each booth.

Georgiana has worked with Booth Coordinators through the years as she puts together the large map of Energy Park every year. This year she worked mostly with Andrea, and Georgiana wants to say that Andrea was meant for this job. She is very organized and forward thinking. Thank you, I hope that you do this job for a long time.

Entertainment

Thomas and Kory did the stage scheduling for the first time this year. They pulled it off without a major catastrophe. Thomas is interested in doing it again and he thinks Kory is also. The training of stage techs is evolving and one suggestion has been to have Thursday Night Energy Park Talent Show to give the techs a real hands-on run through.

General Coordinator

Blake said everything went great. He felt there were just the right number of booths. Every aspect of the park was perfect. We had no issues with power, either with cell phone charging or the stage. Thank You Thomas. We could have had the fire buckets out earlier and run the magnet nail picker-upper more. Everything was Awesome! Tremendous Job Everyone says Blake!

Georgiana said that she liked Newt's Energy Efficient Wall Display.

Newt plans on doing it again next year and improving it. And he thanked the group that helped him put it together. Thank You Newt!

Clean-Up

Dave said clean-up ran itself, it's amazing how it all gets done. And how early it got done this year!

Georgiana said that it also seemed like things came together nicely on Thursday. Larry did a good job of getting things done.

Jeremy said that one thing that helped with set-up was how much got done at pre-fair work parties.

Thank you Dave! Great job on Clean-Up!

Path Troll

Jaylee said that this was year two for her and it went well. And she sees things she wants to improve next year.

Under duress from Larry at the Saturday morning meeting (thanks Larry!), Georgiana volunteered to work Path Troll on Saturday afternoon. And she was so impressed with Jaylee, she is just right for this job. It is groovy that she wants to do it again next year.

Construction

Thomas said that it is great that people show up for work parties. If you are wondering whether to come to work parties please come, we need help.

We loved the new bench Thomas! Thank You!

Sue said that last work party seemed to get us prepped well for the fair. People helped getting the showers going. And it was nice to have teens to help. Jeremy appreciated that people took initiative during the work parties.

Center Booth

Ryan and Thomas are working on this project and looking into the Capital Improvement Project Request process for possible funding for materials.

Camp Host

Sherman said that it went really well again. We are just lucky that not all of us camp with us because we wouldn't have enough space.

Georgiana commended Sherman for doing her job beautifully. She also thanked those folks who went to work and took care of the tree that came down and was blocking access to the Hummingbird Camp. Jude echoed Georgiana's Thank You for that.

And thank you to Michael for the work that he does prefair. He is looking for a replacement, someone who can be out there in the days prefair keeping watch over our campground.

Showers

The showers made about \$3000 this year, not our best ever, but still really good.

Sue said that things went smoothly and that she was thankful for the extraordinarily good help she got from her teen helpers.

And thanks to our tech guys, Ryan and Rountree, for keeping things going during a few challenging situations.

Security

Andrea spoke about a situation where a fairgoer fainted in the stage area and how we responded. We used the flagging provided to us by the fair, but we may need more training in this method of directing White Bird responders to where in the Park the incident is. And when this is happening we need to keep someone who knows about the situation in the Info Booth ready to answer the Tinkerbell.

Evaluation Meeting

This year we added this September meeting. Sherman would like to see us meet in September every year. It could be an Evaluation/Work Party like we did today. That gives us the opportunity to finish putting everything in the Park in order before the winter. We do still have another evaluation meeting scheduled for October 15 at the Growers Market in Eugene.

2024 Meeting Dates

We proposed the following meeting dates for 2024 -

February 18, April 7, May 19, June 9

We adjourned at about 2:30pm.

ps - Thank You Kalapuya!