

# ENERGY PARK MEETING

May 19th, 2024 - Energy Park

*In attendance: Rick, Jeremy, Natalie, Sue, Gaelen, Rowan, Nick Sky, Laura Sky, Ryan, Robert, Kory, Keenan, Thomas, Mark, Blake*

*Zoom attendees: Michaela, Ila, Larry, Jalissa, Chris Love, Gabe, Zack, Cindy, Ryan, Juliette,*

*Facilitator: Gaelen*

*Scribe: Kory*

## Action items

- None

## Announcements

- Ila - it can be difficult to hear what people are saying when attending on Zoom, so if people can be mindful to enunciate and try not to talk over each other
- Laura - staff bracelets are ready, if anyone wants to help twist/finish them, she'd appreciate assistance
- Thomas - main construction crew volunteered to rebuild our stage footprint
- Ryan - main construction crew will rebuild the shower area that had storm damage, also the new hot water heaters are here on site
- Gaelen - a memorial for Mushroom is happening right now up in Corvallis, he did a lot for EP and back in 1995 he suggested that all EP staff circled around the newly built center structure and hold hands and have a moment together, would like to take a moment to remember Mushroom
- Rick - let him know when the deck is in place on the skywalk above the booths so he can take care of the vegetation
- Rick - he noticed at the end of Fair that someone that camps in EP violated many vegematics and archaeology rules, perhaps Sherman can let us know who's site it is, all EP campers should be aware of the camping guidelines
- Rick - is willing to help people figure out how to deal with downed trees in their camp area
- Jeremy - has a lot of appreciation for everyone that contributes and is a part of EP

## New registration procedures

- Larry - it's going to be incredibly confusing, still need to work some kinks out
- Michaela - writing down email addresses to booth folk and she'll send them to Gaelen to send to the Fair who will then send email links to each person to register themselves in the OCF database
- Gaelen - people can continue to pay EP as they used to or pay through the main Fair portal when that becomes available

- Thomas - the registration link that you receive from OCF has an expiration date, if you wait too long then it no longer works, so try to act quickly when you get your personal link, if you don't register quick enough reach out to Gaelen to help troubleshoot and get a refreshed link
- We will still have a separate "Energy Park" registration booth outside of Fair as per usual.
- (added note from gaelen: if you have questions about registration you can contact [gaelenergy@gmail.com](mailto:gaelenergy@gmail.com) Don't "add to cart" if you are paying directly to Energy Park through check or email, which we encourage. There is a training video at <https://oregoncountryfair.net/sunshine-training-for-craft-and-food-booth-reps/> - scroll to bottom)

## Performers selling merchandise in Energy Park

- **Amended Proposal:** *"For the 2024 Oregon Country Fair, Kesey Stage proposes to allow performers to sell merchandise. This is a one-time experiment to see how it goes, and either rescind the program for subsequent years, or apply lessons learned. Performers will be allowed to sell merchandise at a designated location at some distance from Kesey Stage. Performers will be required to prioritize setup and take down of their stage equipment over selling merchandise. Merchandise must fit on a table provided by Energy Park, no larger than a 9 square feet area. Energy Park staff will not be responsible for merchandise transactions, nor for the security of merchandise brought to the premises. Merchandise sales are up to the discretion of the Stage Coordinator(s). Performers can only sell merchandise after they finish performing on the Kesey Stage and must clear the vending table and finish transacting before the end of the next performance."*
- Ila - Alan feels strongly that we should limit merchandise to CDs since this is a pilot program
  - Thomas - CDs are pretty behind-the-times at this point, performers have gotten creative with their merch now and it can be useful
  - Ryan - people also sell stickers and other small things
  - Thomas - the 9 sq. ft is meant to limit what people can sell
  - Sue - this is a pilot year, so if we find that people are inundating the merch area then we can revisit it during our evaluation
- Blake - glad we're trying this for a trial, but still feels like we're creating a double standard for booth folks
  - Kory - appreciates Blake's point and perspective, also feels that booth folks have a dedicated space in EP all weekend long, they have a lot more opportunities and time to connect with the public and get contact info to lead to future sales, they also get camping passes & staff wristbands
  - Jeremy - we can also choose to end this pilot during the Fair if it's too chaotic or controversial
    - Sue - consider adding a disclaimer clause about EP reserving the right to change this policy during Fair if need be

- Ila - we should bring a printed copy of the merch sales rules and have them posted in the green room and the merch area
- Nick - let people know that if they don't abide by these rules they may not be asked back
- **Proposal passes!** with 11+ yays, 3 abstentions, and 0 nays

## Work parties

- Thomas - getting materials can be the most challenging aspect, this year in particular we have some heavy and cumbersome materials
- **New work party on May 31st** (likely in the morning) will involve lots of heavy lifting
  - Ryan - Corey has a tractor on site with a forklift, we'll give Thomas his contact info
  - Contact Thomas directly and commit to it
- Thomas - Jude is donating a cedar that fell down and we will need ~5 people to show up on **June 1st (3pm meeting at Harbor Freight parking lot)** to help harvest and move the wood, this is the most critical work party
- Thomas - if anyone has Swede Hooks, those would be *VERY* useful for June 1st

## Upcoming EP Work parties

- May 31st (morning)
- June 1st (3pm) - this is a very important work party, heavy lifting needed
- June 2nd

## Upcoming EP Meetings

- June 9th @ Energy Park
- July 11, 12, 13, 14 10am at Energy Park
- September 15 @ Energy Park
- November 17