

Path Planning Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2025 Dug's

Members in attendance: Amy Hand (co-chair) Kirk Shultz (co-chair), Corey Cliffe (secretary), Jon Pincus, Paxton Hoag (BOD Liaison), Dean Middleton, Sue Theoloss, Otis Gray, Silvia Fireman

Members Excused - Ann Rogers, Wren Arrington

Guests in Attendance: Aleta Miller, John Steinhart (BOD liaison), Tom Gannon, Mouseman, Spirit, Bryon, Greg Rikhoff - Admissions (site walk only), Nate Hastings + Dave Tipton - Construction (site walk only)

Staff: Kirsten (ED), Alexis, Sunny

Scribe: Jennifer

Agenda

Announcements/Public Comments: Paxton mentions Plant sale at the fairgrounds.

Corey is trying to get a better handle on camping.

Minutes review, amend, approve: March 15th, 2025 – Dean points out internal vs external security should be swapped on pg 4 – Spirits statement. Alexis: Staff reports flooding was expected at 16 feet! (not inches) Registration- guests Doug and Sara (add Sue) Doug, Larissa and MorningStar were present from booth reg.

Motion Dean Moves and Paxton Seconds – Minutes approved as amended - Jon/Amy abstains.

Agenda review, amend, approval – Amy reviews. Main Camp Kitchen added as a 2025 study area by Kirsten.

Reports

Staff

Site Manager Alexis – reports flooding is done for the year, no significant erosion. Winter wasn't bad. Gearing up for the event. There is a new tractor and forklift.

Sunny- merging crews (Ambiance Booking and DUG's Crew In and Out are now Entertainment Services). Roll out entertainment services in an effort to increase equity and decrease resources over time. Getting stakeholder input. Meeting with traffic, lot crew and admissions next week. All of the entertainment is using registration and inventory now instead of packets.

Main Camp discussion is starting with Sunny, Alexis and Mark this year and two on site meetings during Main Camp will be had .

Executive Director Kirsten reports that tickets are on sale and are doing great at 2k per day. Encouraging all to slow expenses due to unstable financial predictions. Encourages expense delays until after the event. 60% chance of a recession. Staff are on site starting in May.

Board Liaisons – Paxton reports there is a new membership secretary: Jeffrey Rames with data management expertise. Ritz contract has been approved for 2 years. Privacy Policy will be updated, the documents are on the .net site. Hybrid voting system has been approved.

Jon S explains that the Privacy Policy conflicted with third party election processes. Therefore, the policy has been updated to allow outside sharing to be permitted while doing business of the Fair.

Food and Craft Committee

Less One-Year only booths this year will make a smaller group coming in.

Horn of Africa will be taking a year off and Divine cupcake is moving into that space. NW Empanada is no more, will go to booth reg this year for available space. The committee will meet at the end of the month.

EAB Task force- messaging and outreach to Fair Family. Beetle is being transported via firewood. Stewardship is the main line for communication.

Kirsten states Glenn Johnson is going to present at the coordinator meeting all of the plans around EAB and an update. He will also be present at the Food Booth mandatory meeting in June and he will present at the coordinator meeting on site. May 31 tree flagging event will be held. A strategic plan will be rolled out at the September Board work session. If pre-fair presentations are needed; contact Kirsten and reach out to Stewardship.

Jon doesn't think existing camping will be a problem for young saplings.

Kirk announced the annual report was submitted to the Board along with a response to the letter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Site Walk Debrief: The group met at the front of Main Camp and walked to Xavanadu. Looking at ways to merge internal and external security.

Kirk reports the group went over different strategies on admissions and the idea of expanding the bag check area at Peach Gate to lessen a bottleneck by adjusting the fence line and seating area at Dragon Plaza and adding lanes.

Concerning security; External security would not want to house 25 people in the internal security loft area given the numbers of staff with the two crews combined. There will be ongoing conversations.

Shade Poles in Xavanadu – a walk with Red Tag who was handing Du Carniveauxl an emerging technology solution is dependent on budget and time. Shade in both areas will be provided.

Aleta thanks Path Planning for supporting internal Security efforts for a new placement in Xavanadu. Movement toward internal and external security. She would like to see an all-Security meeting.

Mouseman – shade is becoming more important, there is a sail maker at Skookum, steel rigging is available as well.

Construction is going to rebuild Windgate the way it was. to make it a little straighter with a privacy screen.

Plans for Stewardship were demonstrated by Kirk – his work with Matt and M Spatzik – 2 cloths with 20 ft square and triangle. buy out panels are reasonably priced and. shade canopies for Du caniveaux area and Xavanadu.

Paxton requests no plastic rope to be used due to microplastics.

Tom expresses since Stewardship has a nautical theme, the thought of sails is a great idea.

Alexis would like to use a steel cable for support.

Stakeholder meeting with Du Caniveaux was had with the Vaudeville group and existing poles and tie offs are in place so the plan is to work with the same areas along with a cable process and shade cloth to cover south side – the group is optimistic with the additional cedar posts to lift cloth swatches up for shade protection.

The egress was discussed at this meeting. Stating the same back door will be maintained , the back wall is broken and will be rebuilt with a few minor repairs around the area and the same exit in place.

Capitol Project update- Sunny put together a spreadsheet for construction crew that is helpful While there is a lot of work to be done: Nothing in Capital Project is overwhelming.

A few projects with budgets associated with them are specifically assigned to construction. Stewardship is technically not in construction.

Windgate is assigned to Construction. Xavanadu is going to be busy. Oasis loft, Rainbow connection loft will be getting a catwalk type loft.

QM construction work is encouraged to get done early per Paxton, as it affects tool availability and Paxton’s schedule; Kirk says they are on it.

Politics Park smoking- due to power and internet, the ATM moves are off. There was not a capital project for this, and the cost is low. Jon feels there would be an immediate pay off to moving the ATM.

Amy would like to address the correct spelling and pronunciation of *Chelamela*. Which will now be changed to one word. The committee feels like starting with the correct spelling honors the tribal history and will lead towards education about tribal history and cultural appropriation.

The map is not printed in the guidelines this year intentionally to get a more current map. July will be the most accurate operational map.

Study Areas: Amy reviewed the main areas for study: Main Camp Kitchen. Shady Grove, Politics Park ,Stewardship and Wind gate. For the group to observe the flow and operation in these areas.

Kirsten explains that the Fair has outgrown Main Camp and particularly the Kitchen, which all needs to move. Main camp can stay with QM, Construction and Yurts, but the kitchen is deteriorating and needs to move. It must be moved, and the consideration is a new location with power and water access. Per Kirsten, best to stay in the NCU - where would be a good place to expand and reestablish the Main Camp kitchen to include the dining room that is not in the Eight?

Paxton – expressed that the caretaker Yurt can be moved – Alexis agrees. And moving the kitchen out of the wetland and out of the main Fair would be ideal.

Jon this discussion has been had for many years and wonders how much input the kitchen crew has had into this process. Kirsten says they have attended fixed assets committee meetings several times over the last two years to consider mobile kitchens. Jon concluded that the current space has many advantages that can't be had elsewhere.

Alexis advises to identify and notify stakeholders who will need to assign a crew Rep for this discussion future action.

Mouseman – brings up the thought that a mobile kitchen could be rentable. Sunny says the equipment needs to stay dedicated.

Kirk would like to be involved in the Main Camp Kitchen move efforts. Taking over the vehicle shed could be a space.

Staff would like to table the conversation until a more formal meeting.

Amy brings the group back to OCF 2025 observation.

May agenda was reviewed, which is last the meeting before the event. The next meeting after May will be September: Old Business Agenda topics include:

- Cultural Resources report
- Smoking and Hand Washing at Politics Park
- Upper River Loop smoking pivot direction
- Shady Grove enhancements for entertainment
- Busker Map
- Identify Study areas for 2025
 - Shady Grove/ WindGate/PoliticsPark/Stewardship/MainCamp Kitchen
 - Identify dominant vegetation study areas
 - Explore ways to increase rest and seating areas

Site Walk in May with a focus on Main Stage and Politics Park – also URL with smoking and bank erosion.

Construction is aware of a mini busker stage needed at the old shady grove for use by ambiance entertainment.

Cart map and busker map for next meeting.

Hoarse Chorale and Monkey Palace are the only stages with modular floors - mobile floors are ideal for busking. Jon would like to see all stage floors transition to modular.

*Invite Patrick who oversees camping in URL and into Ark Park to the site walk.

Membership

Stephanie and Rosana have vacated Path Planning

Recruiting membership- Amy has suggested names via email:

Aleta, Lisa Parker and Morningstar

Kirsten says Path Planning is a good size group, and it is important to have representation across the event. Says it is important to do a call out through FFN to bring on new members to follow an inclusive and traditional pattern for recruiting new members . Can specify desired areas or crews. People who want to join need to write a letter of interest. The ideal size of the committee should be identified and to continually recruit to that size. Which is 15.

Paxton says historically it has always been 16. This helps with subcommittees.
Appreciates the size of the committee at 16.

Kirk likes a minimum of 12 members where 14-16 works well. Tom Gannon is also a candidate.

Someone from entertainment would be an asset to the committee.

Keeping a broad representation from all around Fair.

Sunny can provide a voice from entertainment as their liaison.

Jon states the best members are those that show up and hang in there. Some of the names mentioned have been regular attendees. For new people that's the test ...is to be present.

Amy recaps there was a call out in 2023. There will now be one again. She reads the call out announcement to the group aloud and will revise and send it to FFN when it is ready.

Kirsten thinks it is long.

Homework

Busker Map - Kirk and Amy to reach out to Gene (Hilary/Kirsten) about Chelamela spelling correction for maps.

May 18th next meeting. (Last in-person meeting before the event) Site Walk at 10.

Meeting Adjourned