

Path Planning Meeting Minutes 1/18/2026

Members in attendance: Amy Hand (co-chair), Kirk Shultz (co- chair), Corey Cliffe (secretary), Sue Theolass, Jon Pincus, Paxton Hoag (Board liaison), Dean Middleton, Trevor Ross (Board liaison) Sylvia Fireman, Ann Rogers, Lisa Parker, Stormy, Aleta Miller, Mikaela, Stormie,

Staff : Kirsten ED, Alexis (site mgr.) Sunny (assist event mgr.) , Kim Langov (event mgr.)

Guests : Robbie Mitchell, Shawn Kahl, Sarah (external security), Lisa (art steward), Mouseman, Abby,

Scribe: Jennifer Gerrity

Announcements/ Public Comments : none.

New Member Acceptance

Kirsten: All applicants are accepted now as official voting Path Planning Committee members

- Mikaela
- Stormie
- Lisa Parker
- Aleta Miller

Moving forward Kirsten will require one year of attendance before submitting a letter of intent.

Attendance is important; three meetings missed will result in loss of right to vote for that season.

The committee welcomes the new members.

Minutes review: December 2025 Minutes accepted with one amendment (Kirk moves/ Paxton seconds) passed. Amy, Jon, Dean and Sue abstain. (Page 4 EAD/EAB typo correction)

Agenda review – Amy reviewed the agenda to include :

Dust added to the work plan.

Jon would like to add topic : term limits for committee members motion

OLD BUSINESS:

Visionary Lounge Future

Robbie, Lisa and Shawn attended as guests. Robbie is the spokesperson for the Visionary Lounge and is actively making decisions on behalf of the group.

Kirk stated there was some confusion over the Xavanadu Movement and Coordinator contact list; Michael Spatzik has been the point of contact up until now. Per Sunny; Shawn Kahl is involved with Dance Pavilion, Breeze has stepped away; coordinator contacts have been updated.

Kirsten confirmed the Xavanadu Area Movement coordination contact sheet is up to date with four coordinators. Shawn Kahl, Gwendelyn Jenke, Athena Edison-Lahm, and David.

Robbie applied for the amplified sound permit in the past but the entertainment there has been pretty low key.

Stewardship has three coordinators: Amy Cortese, Lisa Lonstrom and Michael Spatzik.

Concerning Visionary Lounge revamp : Kirk explains the general response while on the ground is that the loft should come down and space can be pushed back under the tree with a double bench. This allows 6 ft of camping expansion .

Concerns from Native crafters: Dean says Marcy's booth is close to the Visionary Lounge where smoke is an issue and a possible fire concern. Making a dining spot here would be nice.

Kirsten clarifies this area is not an approved smoking area and this creates a health and safety issue. There should be no smoking at all in this area .

Robbie has installed 'no smoking' signage around. Removing stewardship panels will reduce the ability for smokers to hide here. Flowers and plants are brought in each year.

Paxton encourages getting signage requests in early; change the usage to enforce non-smoking.

Shawn Kahl is a co-coordinator for Xavanadu Movement aka Entertainment; this includes Dance Pavilion, Work It shop, Flow Zone and the Visionary Lounge. Stating Kirk and Path Planning were instrumental in the foundation of Xavanadu ten years ago.

Shawn explains that smoking and space are issues that can be separated. Smoking is not supported in this space, while the proposed space change issue is of interest. The crew gets nine crew passes and does a significant amount of work. Visionary Lounge is a special project that is important to the crew and a very unique space; consideration should be made when discussing revising its usage. Camping in Xavanadu is a luxury, sacrificing Visionary Lounge space for camping would be a loss. It is a truly magical area, important to many.

Aleta from an internal security perspective, would like to emphasize changes and logistics can be done without sacrificing the qualities. There are safety concerns in this space that need to be attended to.

Kim will walk the area today, and wonders if lighting would help the smoking issue and a neon sign.

Kirk states signage has minimal impact; space defines what happens. Kirk showed a drawing with an array of seating and benches that could enhance the experience of the space under review. There is buy-in from construction to take on this project, taking down the platform nest, exposing limbs and roots, deciding what to protect, then moving some fencing around. Clearing the palette to determine the best design, allowing a walkway behind the benches. With a green buffer and signage. Funds for materials may be needed.

Jon agrees with Kirk's plan , stating it is a functional area in general. Design to include the stakeholders' awareness and work closely together to retain the magic of Visionary Lounge.

Mikaela recognized the emotional attachment to the area, that to remove completely and revamp it can be damaging. Controlling the usage feels wrong and encourages maintaining the secret nook feel of the Lounge.

Paxton suggests EL wire for low level night signage.

Kirk would like the next step to be to have a walk around the site. To get a sense of how much area is under evaluation. Would like to connect David Tipton with Robbie . Changes to Visionary Lounge do not need a Capital Project from Path Planning perspective. Materials can be reused; some small amount of money, about \$500 may be needed.

Kirsten says construction has a significant budget and can put together an ask with projects itemized along with an explanation.

Amy clarifies that Visionary Lounge will be put on the site walk for February 15th; invites will be made for Robbie, Shawn, Gwendolyn, Athena, and Dave to review Kirks drawing and make a list of what to tackle with a cost.

Visionary Lounge is a unique part of Xavanadu per Shawn who defers to Robbie on what strategic changes are agreeable for the space .

Reports

Staff Reports– Kirsten states the budgets are done and ready to be presented to the BoD on Jan 26th. Once approved, then the coordinator budget sheets will be mailed out. Capital Improvements are due on Jan 31, staff reviews them on Feb 2. The budget committee starts their review Feb 4th. March 3rd BoD meeting will be 650K worth of capital projects in addition to 300K requested for Main Camp kitchen/ recycling dock. Fortifying the roof as-is to buy 2-5 year of time. Waiting on the County to hear if building a permanent structure in the recycling dock area will be possible.

The County wants to see conceptual designs including a 30 ft fire break (or equivalent) . Much of the trees are Ash. The permitting process is going slowly. Temporary structures can be built but require maintenance. A long-term project; five-year window.

Vendor communications are now ongoing. Kim has been onboarded.

Out of the \$350 Capital Improvement carry over; the main projects covered include... Hub roof, Vaudeville stage repair, town office, continued fixed assets maintenance , material storage , digital radio purchase, stage rental for Main stage. Studio roof at Dugs , upgrades at Dugs Greens , Misc IT, Dragon Power , FART bus repair , Main Camp Kitchen roof, Six-pack deep clean , Solar Array on Hub roof, EAB funding, Dust control, well pump houses. The 'Green Barn' is how the winery building is being referred to. Water system upgrade, ADA ramps installed at Secret House, Shower trailer, water project, antennas carryover, Cow Palace retrofit. Main Camp Kitchen, recycle dock , moving yurt out of the hub, sticker booth rebuild completion 2027 and relocation.

Wrist band booths have one year left according to Alexis; this is a Path Planning topic to get stakeholders involved early on, such as lot crew and traffic, moving it has advantages, and will require planning.

Kitchen crew is actively working on their design for the future move.

Site Update Alexis states, it has been a mild year and dry . Tree fall is minimal, and rain is needed. The site is in good shape. Dust control is a primary focus with a task force and will continue to report back. Some of the decision making belongs with Path Planning and LUMP.

There was a side discussion on dust abatement; this has been added to the February work plan.

Event Mgt. Sunny reports drafting Capital Improvements are underway , lumber, pole and shade orders are being tracked, White Bird and Politics Park are submitting their Cap I needs; Sunny is consolidating the resource needs for ordering.

Kim is beginning by meeting with each committee to understand current issues. Sunny is assisting and liaising with committees.

Board Liasian: Paxton reports the proposal on term limits is three years. This will be discussed at the Board level next. The intent is to make sure people are involved with the committees, and to further refine the committee. Board appointed committees will be affected.

Jon stated committees' best practices discussed term limits at length. The motion states all committee members or task force members will be reviewed every three years by the Board to decide if the Board wants to continue with those members. People on committees that can't identify their start date will be reviewed in two years. New appointees will be appointed for a three year term.

Jon explains a committee survey was conducted which demonstrated the big committees are doing well at appointing new people and encouraging non participating members to leave. The survey demonstrated the large committees are well balanced. Also, the Board has the power now to remove and appoint. His opinion: this motion, if passed, will change the dynamic of the committees. So that they are playing to whatever the Board is currently working on. Siting Xavanadu as an example which took over 10 years to incorporate stakeholders and get 1500 people to move out of crafts lot. This would not have been successful with term limits in place and a lack of continuity. The motion is duplicating authority the Board already has.

Amy interjects, the place for this opinion is at the Board level and not Path Planning . Jon feels the place to discuss it is before the Board meeting. Jon will be proposing that all committees get a chance to review and understand . Jon states Path Planning protocol is to review members who have missed three meetings.

Kirsten clarifies that she had nothing to do with this motion, she does not make motions. This is purely coming from Board members and she does not speculate what direction the Board may go.

Kirk finds the proposed motion insulting to volunteers as there are ample checks and balances in place. Saying this needs better thought.

Ann states there is only 2 minutes to speak at the Board meetings; suggest an email be drafted.

Kirsten said you can communicate directly to the Board via email at any time it is open door.

Amy makes a call for any further committee reports.

Food/Craft Sue reports Craft is happy that their guidelines passed. Food is gearing up for tastings in the next few weeks.

Kirsten – the BoD will be holding a work session May 18th to review the EAB plan.

Night lighting Lisa Parker announces the BoD did not approve the guidelines recommendation that was made.

Peach Arch Sarah emailed some photos of the Arch; photos were reviewed, both were broken . Sarah would like to put in a capital project to re-create a semi-permanent structure and is seeking a designer. She would like help from the committee on creating and submitting the capital project. Kirk will add it to the discussion with staff. Jon states, ambiance should address this project.

Ann suggests the design should include a perspective of the Ash trees not be there.

February Agenda Review/ New Business

Amy plans and reviews the agenda for next month. Site walk for February to look at entrance to Caravan stage on East 13th; increased seating areas.

Dust conversations; water crew will be invited.

Alexis will be there to go over application of products.

Strolling path musician maps.

Subcommittee reports encouraged : Community Village entrance . Kirk passes the convener role to Aleta.

Stormy has interest in joining memoria.

Kirk will reach out to booth registration.

Lisa Parker joins the dust abatement task force with Alexis. The subcommittee is now inactive.

Next Meeting Sunday February 15th Dugs and hybrid .

Site walk at 10 am starting at Visionary Lounge.

Potluck theme: Lunar new year of the fire horse!