

Theater of Change

Community Village
Newsletter
January 13, 2016



Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS 2016

DATES and PLACE TO BE DETERMINED!!

Jan: Call for Council / Feb - March: Confirm Council

Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday / 4th Tuesday this month only - Jan 26 at Growers Market upstairs

LAST MEETING BEFORE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: April 13

JUNE Onsite WORK PARTYS + OTHER DATES TO BE SET

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR 7, 8, 9, JULY 2016

Council Selection Process

Established Jan 11, 2012, for temporary use subject to re-evaluation following its use for conflict resolution:

Persons volunteering to serve on the Coordinating Council deserve a respectful and fair confirmation process. No candidate should be blindsided publicly with a concern they have not already had a chance to respond to privately. When concerns are expressed about their candidacy at a Village Meeting, discussion will be minimal, with the candidate given equal time to comment on specific concerns. But the majority of the conversation between the person with the concern and the candidate will occur privately between them and perhaps the Council. Resolutions of concerns should be shared with the Village when they have been reached.

People will stand for Council at the January Village meeting. If someone would like to be on Council but absolutely cannot make it to this meeting, they must send someone to stand for them. The Council candidates will make a statement or answer questions regarding who they are, their Village/Fair experience, etc. Candidates for Council must provide contact info and be accessible during the next week.

Anyone about whom no concerns are raised prior to the January Council meeting will be confirmed at the February Village meeting.

A person may not feel safe, or able to tactfully discuss their concerns with a candidate, so a person with a concern may be accompanied by an advocate.

To allow some time to work out a solution, the January Council meeting will be held the second week following the general meeting.

Someone may bring up a concern about a candidate publicly at a meeting if and only if they have warned the candidate that they may bring up that concern and have made an attempt to resolve it. The Villager must contact the candidate within 7 days of the January Village meeting, and if the concern is not resolved in a person to person conversation, another attempt must be made at the January Council Meeting.

A village member may stand aside or block a Council candidate only if he/she has taken his/her shared concern through the process described above.

Proposed Agenda	Expansion Designs Review, Committee creation
Hello's	Stand for Council
Agenda Review	Activist Report by Sue Sierralupe for "Occupy Medical report" and "We The People Eugene" by John Flannery
Fair Announcements	Stewardship discussion
Site Report	Meeting Evaluation
Consensus Rap	Unfair announcements
Where and when to meet this year?	
One fun thing – Hug the person next to you	

January's Peace & Loving Kindness Message

WE AGREE

We agree to not engage in hear-say and to encourage others to not participate in hear-say.

We agree to speak with honor, integrity and respect about each other; in the event we have constructive criticism to share, we will talk to each other directly, though using another as a sounding board is OK.

We agree to try to operate from a place of trust that we do not mean each other harm.

We agree to check in with each other directly.

Stewardship

The Oregon Country Fair (OCF) is seeking applications for educational installations that promote the stewardship and sustainability efforts of the OCF community. Although the fair is held only three days of the year, we are always caretakers of the land on which it is held, and we are always searching for new ways to leave a smaller footprint on the planet. The StewardShip is a newly developing venue that promotes OCF's stewardship of the site and general sustainability efforts like reducing our waste stream and carbon footprint. We are looking for activities or exhibits that celebrate OCF's efforts or help get the OCF's key sustainability messages across. Activities or exhibits should aim to be informative, artistic, creative, fun, beautiful, interactive and use recycled materials and renewable energy. Priority will be given to applicants associated with OCF crews/committees and/or to artists, designers, and interpreters with a collaborative approach.

Installations and activities will be located in the New Area, a five-acre site with large, grassy open meadows and clusters of heritage trees. Please use this link to submit your application by March 15, 2016.

[entertainmentapplications.oregoncountryfair.org/
EducationalArtistApp.php](http://entertainmentapplications.oregoncountryfair.org/EducationalArtistApp.php)

Hello Village,

Last night's meeting was a beautiful example of the loving spirit of our village. The last few village meetings have been really something to be proud of where everyone has been speaking up and feeling heard and conversation has flowed easily and warmly. For those of you who have been needing to see the spirit of our values in action, these meetings have been that for many.

Tim posted the minutes from October's meeting, and at that meeting the group consensed to move ahead with accepting the new village space from path planning, provided that certain conditions were met: that a committee from village would be actively involved in all aspects of design and implementation and that village would provide that committee with a list of conditions that must be met by the design in order to be approved.

At last night's meeting our task, set forth by October's consensus was to finalize that list of criteria that must be met by the design and path planning. We had 28 villagers present. It was a wonderful sampling of our beloved village with elders, the usual suspects, new faces, people who have had deep concerns throughout the process, and people with persistent excitement present. Sam Rutledge facilitated.

Our agenda was short: Agenda Review, Welcomes, Discussion of Expansion, One Fun Thing, Announcements, and Closing.

We spent the majority of the time talking about the list and the committee who would be tasked with communicating and designing with Path Planning. In the end we reached consensus on the following:

1: We as a village are empowering a committee to design the new village space with Path Planning, provided that the committee adheres to the following three lists while doing so: A list of mandatory criteria

regarding the design of the space, a list of conditions that must be followed for village to move forward with the new space, and a wish list of design elements we hope come to fruition.

2: The mandatory criteria list for the committee is as follows. The design must be:

- Safe for children
- Preserve green space
- Have appropriate space for our customary workshop and will ideally be quiet
- Quiet space for reflection
- No booth will be forced to move outside of the already existing village consensus process for movement of booths
- A plan in place to secure existing camping space
- The design will inspire, excite, and educate
- Ideally will create new village camping space
- Will have a narrow entrance and a slow flow of traffic

3. The list of mandatory conditions that will be followed for our consent stand is as follows:

- Village committee will develop the design and have an ongoing voice in implementation
- Peace Parker area will be nonsmoking
- The design will have a narrow entrance and slow traffic flow
- Capital for the project will come from OCF
- Village committee's involvement will be ongoing

4. The wish list for the area includes:
The new entrance can be closed at night
Blessings villagers :)

Katie MacCionnaith

