

Theater of Change

Community Village

Newsletter

March 11, 2015

PROPOSED AGENDA

Childcare announcement
Hello's
Agenda Review
Fair Announcements
Peace and Loving Kindness Rap
Site Report
Workshop & Demos | T-shirts
Helen...
Eligibility form, new design
One fun thing

A Man Cave to go with the Moon Lodge?
Discussion: New Village Entrance
Booth Breakdown - designate Booth Coordinator
Council Confirmation Process - feedback
Council Support Committee Report
Pass Allocation Committee Report?
Meeting Evaluation
Unfair announcements

Host Rap

Our host, St Mary's Episcopal Church, does a lot of good work in our community, from helping the homeless to hosting community groups like ours for a small fee. Treat this facility with respect: do NOT drag chairs around, close the windows when we leave, and park only in the appropriate places. Thank you!



CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS 2015

7-9 P.M. 2nd WEDNESDAY: JANUARY-JUNE + NOVEMBER
Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, June 28
onsite, Nov 11 at ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 13th and Pearl
Childcare Room provided
PLEASE park only where authorized!! Respect our Host.
Jan: Call for Council / Feb - March: Confirm Council
Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday / 4th Tuesday this month only - Jan 27
LAST MEETING BEFORE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: April 14
JUNE Onsite WORKPARTYS + OTHER DATES TO BE SET
Oregon Country Fair, July 10-12

Eligibility/Registration Deadlines Still Early

- Eligibility forms will need to be completed at the April Meeting, April 8. Forms available on-line.
- May 14 is last meeting to turn in registration forms for CV to your booth coordinator, money is due. Camping forms, too, if possible. The earlier the better.

See your booth coordinator if you have questions

South Satellite Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2015, 1pm-3pm
Kaleidoscope Pizza
3084 Crater Lake Highway
Medford, OR 97501

NORTH Satellite Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2015
2pm-4pm
KBOO Radio Conference Room
20 SE 8th St.
Portland Oregon 97214

Council Meeting Notes, February 17, 2015

Conflict between Ann and Life Long Learning Booth, represented by Booth Coordinator Tanya:
The two folks shared their issues and the Council heard them. A response is planned.

Eligibility Discussion:

Adding new elements to the eligibility form was discussed, hopefully leading to a more rigorous scrutiny of groups seeking eligibility to insure that the Village includes as many active and participatory groups as possible. The form was then amended.

Excerpts from Village Meeting Notes, Feb 11, 2015

Archaeology Crew Visit: 1987 was the first fair for archaeology. Due to red tape mixup, they did not have a space at the fair. The Community Village offered her space, so we have a long lasting relationship with the archaeology crew. Lots of the pre-history of the Country Fair site is documented in the book "Oregon Archaeology."

She again mentioned, as she did at our onsite meeting in June 2014, that she is making a playing card set. The CV has the opportunity to design our thirteen card designs. If we do not do this, she will do the designs (commentary: I hope someone from the Village chooses to do this!).

Consensus Rap: Sam Wrote it and Katie read it. In summary, do things with humility and grace and block out of love.

One sign of a community with a healthy culture of consensus is that blocks rarely happen. The reason for this is simple: consensus isn't about blocking, it's about working things out. When we're operating with consensus, we're all thinking about the fact that everyone holds a piece of the truth. We are thinking about our own piece of the truth, and our obligation to share that with the group, and (maybe more importantly) we are thinking with humility and grace about all the other pieces of the truth that our village family carry with them. When we do this, as a community we very rarely bring a proposal to the point of calling for consensus before consensus is reached. If there are people thinking of blocking, we have more work to do before we call for consensus. Sometimes, however, because of deadlines, or because our own strong feelings push us to action before our community is ready, we do face a block.

Each of us in this community is endowed with the sacred trust of protecting the community. If we are certain that a course of action will deeply damage our community, we can block that decision from being made. This is an intense step to take: by choosing to block a decision of the community, you are saying that your personal piece of the truth outweighs the truths of every other member of the group.

You are, in a sense, substituting your will for the will of every other villager in the community, and saying that you are wiser than the group. And you might be: our process recognizes that sometimes only one among us can see the danger of taking a particular step. Some guidelines around using a block well; we should never block out of anger or fear. It can be hard to know, sometimes, whether this is what we are doing, because those strong emotions cloud our judgment, so we should sit with our decision and be very sure that it is coming from a place of clarity. We should take time before we block, and if there is an opportunity to avoid blocking and continue to discuss and process, we should take it. We should always block out of love, for the community and everyone in it. If we are angry at those who disagree with us, we should reconsider whether our block is coming from a place of the heart.

And finally, some people say you should only block twice in your entire life. I don't especially like that rule; I would say, you should make it your goal to never use a block. When consensus isn't reached, our process has failed us, because the goal of consensus is to bring all of us into agreement, and a block confirms that we are not there.

Questions and issues around the New Village Entrance Proposal

1. Open up a quiet path behind the CV stage:

Where goes Pyramid, Tipi and Spirit Quiet Space?

Where would entrance / exits be located?

Which Village Booths along there would have to go elsewhere?

Would some 'behind the booth' camping be re-purposed, where would those campers go?

Is behind the stage is too noisy?

2. New Entrance dimensions

What are the actual dimensions of the new entrance space?

What requirements are there regarding the width of the path?

Can the new entrance be closed during and after sweep?

Can the entrance path be winding to discourage a too large volume of traffic?

What present camping for 13th booths would be impacted?

3 Capital Budget Help - Path planning doesn't control money, where is construction on funding?

4. Safety - How can we maintain a safe environment for kids during Fair hours? Will the Bulldogs still be effective?

How would this impact the Stage audience area?

Will this cause the 6-pack to fill up faster with added traffic flow?

Council Confirmation

Those who are standing for council, please stand, say your name, state what you did on council last, what you bring to council, why do you want to be on council.

Tim Mueller: I've been on council for a decade, I do the newsletter, I built the info booth. I talk a lot...

Katie MacCionnaith: in art booth, I am good at being diplomatic.

David: every year we clear brush at the fire road. Last year, I showed this young woman how to do practical Tai Chi. Later she was teaching others the same.

Diane: not ready to retire yet, I bring flowers, decorate the yurt, work with Karla on \$ issues.

Sam R.: at village info, little people for ~ a decade. This is the first year I am standing for council.

Dale Kegley: last year was the 1st yr on council. Started at CV in 2005 in doors and started hanging out at CV/OCF since 1982.

Louis Inman: I am the fire goddess, a liaison for several booths, oversee the function of the women's urinal, want to be here, and this will be my last year on council.

Karla Caudell: started at the CV in 1989, on council for ~20 yrs, the CV is home and is family and she wants to give back to the CV. She does \$ and budget stuff and works on admissions.

Melissa Kirkland: 2005 was my first fair, on council last year, I have been in wild edibles and the coordinator for last 8 years, done mapping of the village.

Keith Herchberger.: 15th year in village, 1 yr at health and healing, 2 years on water and areas, and, council for the last ~10 years. He is good at operations, helped get many booths built, gather round tables, teens help build things, develop far side camp.

Big John, I broke my tooth so will keep it short, I do pre and post decon, and construction.

After much discussion, all these volunteers were confirmed on Council for 2015. *More complete minutes are online...*