

Theater of Change

Community Village

Newsletter

January 14, 2015



CALENDAR

PROPOSED AGENDA

Hello's
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Fair Announcements
Site Report
Consensus Rap
Pass Allocation Process
Committee Report.

Council Support Committee Report
One fun thing – Hug the person next to you
~~Craft Lot report~~
Stand for Council
Presentation: New Village Entrance - small group breakout
Meeting Evaluation
Unfair announcements

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.

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!

OCF Board Report

- Search is under way for a new General Manager
- Revised proposed guidelines for under 18: All persons under the age of 18 must have a parent or responsible adult on site during the Fair. If the minor is deemed by Fair management to be in violation of the OCF Guidelines, the responsible adult will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from the Fair for one year. Further incidents may result in permanent expulsion from the OCF. Pre- and post Fair childcare services are provided on a limited basis for working crews only as designated by the management team. Please instruct your children and non-working teens not to rely on Main Camp kitchen as a resource. Bring adequate food and water for kids.
- Email ocfbod@gmail.com and we will send the link to board meeting videos to you.
- LUMP committee is working on the green zone and marking perspective zones for it. There will be work on this in May. The gray water project has students working on it with Dennis Todd. We are reviewing the LUMP manual, particularly the campgrounds, corridors and entries.
- Diane has been appointed to the Diversity Task Force

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

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.

From CV November 2014 meeting notes:

Path Planning Proposal - David Tipton

The Path Planning Committee is keeping this proposal active, with plans to move forward increasing space along East 13th. The goals of the PP committee are to make adjustments to the path in order to improve the quality of site conditions and the experience for the public. They are working to provide increased width and little “plaza” or pocket park type areas that give people a place gather and rest as they wander East 13th.

The new CV entrance proposal is kind of an off-shoot from a plan to develop a rest area at the existing open area along the main path. He recognized an opportunity to not only open up that area, but connect it to the Village, expand the plan a bit more and the Village would gain a little more space and location for greater public exposure.

It is up the Village to decide if new entrance path would happen. Keep in mind that the sketched maps on the web-site are meant to suggest ideas for layout, because the final configuration would be very flexible and would be worked out with the Village.

David pointed out that Sue Theolass comes to all of the PP meetings representing the Village. He hopes that continues, and perhaps someone from the Village could be a backup for her and also attend.

Q&A with David Tipton

Q: The Village will decide if the path happens, correct, and not the Fair?

A: Yes. Path Planning is offering, not telling us what will happen.

It is also a timing thing, because they would be in a position to help us construct and make changes to the Village (labor help, support for funding)

At this time, the Fair has no intentions of making us do this—down the road as the Fair’s needs increase, it could happen. The LUMP directs things like paths and traffic flow, public use areas, etc. Cul-de-sacs are a safety concern, in an emergency and dead end is not a good thing, and it isn’t in compliance with requirements that may be imposed due to insurance.

Q: You are saying we have that chance for help now; but if we put this off too long, or dropped it now—we might not have this extra support if perhaps the Village wanted to expand in that area in the future?

A: It’s on our list of work right now. In the future, making changes at this location may no longer be a priority. Right now, we know we would be able

to help the village create its vision. Furthermore, if the Village doesn’t approve the proposal, then the Fair will proceed with creating the new “plaza” space along East 13th as a rest/gathering area for the public.

Q: We would have an influence over how the traffic would flow through this area? Could we create a winding path that would slow people down and that would prevent line of sight to the main path.

A: Yes.

Q: Does PP generally have positive experiences working with other groups or booths when making changes at the Fair?

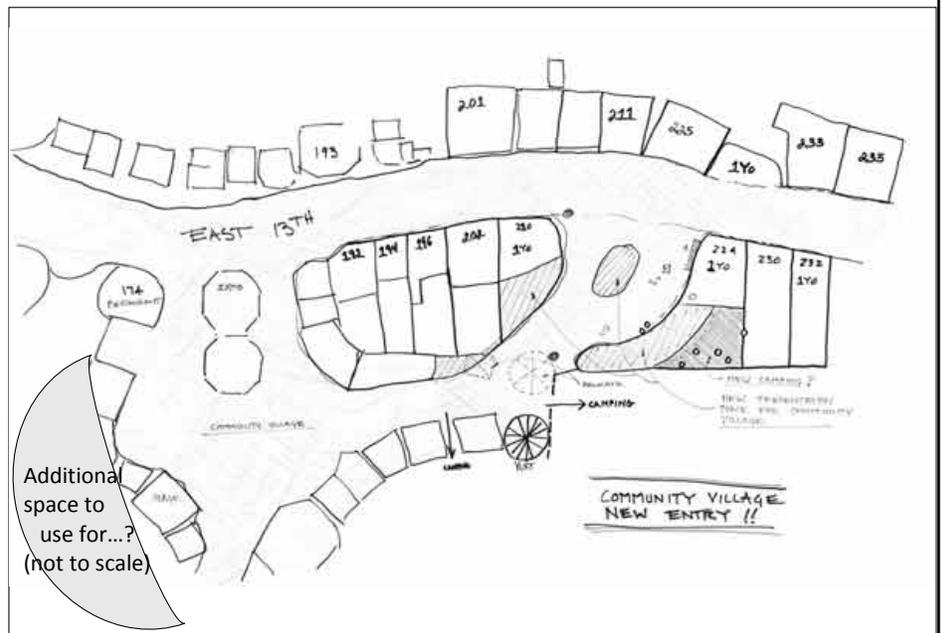
A: By and large, everyone ends up happy. The PP group does try to work with all the issue and concerns. Effort to see that it is better for the whole fair including those experiencing the change. Changes are discussed and agreed or consensed, then the PP and the people facing the change all have strong backing and support. Sometimes there are little problems, but they try to work it all out.

Q: What about the loss of green space in that area?

A: There isn’t much real green space back in there, actually. It’s already been disturbed a lot. So impact to green space would be minimal, and no tree cutting.

Q: What about the children that run around and play, and what about security. Could we put up a wattle gate after sweep?

A: Sounds like a possibility. Might cause a little confusion, however, idea deserves further discussion as a solution.



— New Village Entrance discussion summary —

PRO:

- Removes dead end too many people face daily.
- A very rare opportunity to expand our Village and get OCF capital budget and labor support.
- Could design more camping space.
- Could design more workshop space
- Expanded booth space could lead to more passes.
- More traffic means more people to share our visions with.

CON:

- More stranger traffic, increasing risk to our youngsters and camping area security.
- Where to put yurt, tepee and pyramid that need quiet space?
- New boundaries are unclear.
- More traffic could alter our sense of community, be noisy and make conversation difficult - no superhighway!