

# Theater of Change

Community Village

Newsletter

February 11, 2015

## PROPOSED AGENDA

Hello's  
 Agenda Review  
 Fair Announcements  
 Archeology Crew visit  
 Consensus Rap  
 Peace and Loving Kindness Rap  
 Discussion, Booth Breakdown:  
 New Village Entrance  
 One fun thing

Council Confirmation

*These below items might be postponed if meeting goes too long...*

Council Support Committee Report  
 Site Report  
 OCF Board Report  
 Host Rap  
 Meeting Evaluation  
 Unfair announcements

## 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

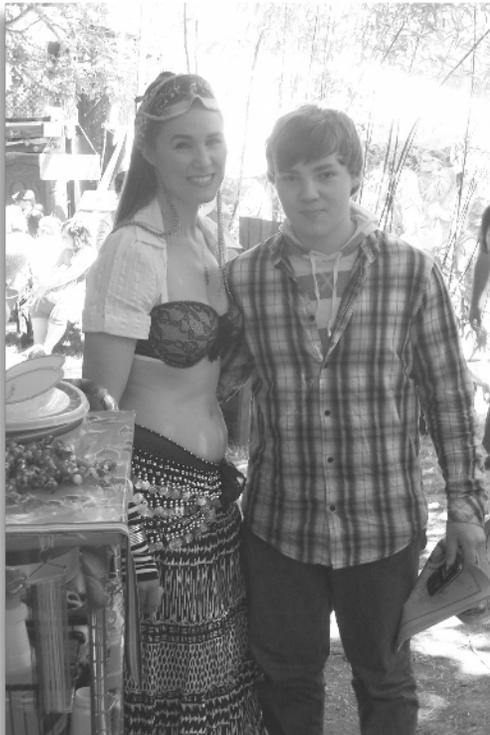
## Host Rap

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!

## Council

### Candidates:

Sam Rutledge  
 Katie MacCionnaith  
 Helen Shepard  
 Karla Caudell  
 Tim Mueller  
 Diane Albino  
 Lois Inman  
 David Hoffman  
 Keith Herschberger  
 Dale Kegley:  
 Big John  
 Melissa Kirkland



## 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

## 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.

## Village Entrance Discussion, January 2015:

*Tim and Sam facilitated this section*

We have discussed this during three meetings in 2013 and 3 meetings in 2014, which revealed some commonly recurring concerns:

Removing dead end by yurt and traffic flow, opportunity to expand village with the Fair budget and support with possibly more passes and traffic, more stranger traffic, quiet space relocation issues, security of children, and how to arrange a map with as few changes as possible.

The village divided into groups based on these concerns, with villagers participating in the groups that most closely reflected their top priorities on this topic. We discussed these topics in the spirit of finding solutions to these concerns and how to make this entrance work in order to reflect the nature of our consensus process (problems are presented with possible solutions).

Report from small groups:

### 1) Security of Children:

Concerns of nighttime play safety: Nighttime crash gate/wattle fence/alteration of path at night (some were concerned this solution could cause confusion for those used to the path in the day). More nighttime lighting. Roped-off circle of safety in the green with some lighting of some sort and possible adult supervision. Co-op parent babysitting at night, which some booths currently do.

Age-appropriate boundaries could change: Childcare folks could provide suggested guidelines. Parents currently set these boundaries in the rest of life and others areas of Fair and can adapt. Kids meeting each other and knowing each other would increase safety (Youth Booth might help coordinate this). Youth Booth could have a larger lounge.

More paths equals more risks: A booth in the path could slow the flow (is there a fire code issue with this?).

Stage Visibility: Ran out of time

Creation of new dead areas: Ran out of time

Traffic Flow/ flow through cul-de-sac: Ran out of time

### 2) Current Map Functionability:

If current map indicates what happens the traffic might escape into the village...maybe not...Can we control the flow?

### 3) Noise for Yurt and Teepee:

Perhaps relocating the yurt and teepee behind the stage and art booth and health and healing. But, council camp might also work with more security. Moving them to new crafts lot? Could keep the dead end with a Grateful Dead End sign.

## 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.

### 4) Small Change Group:

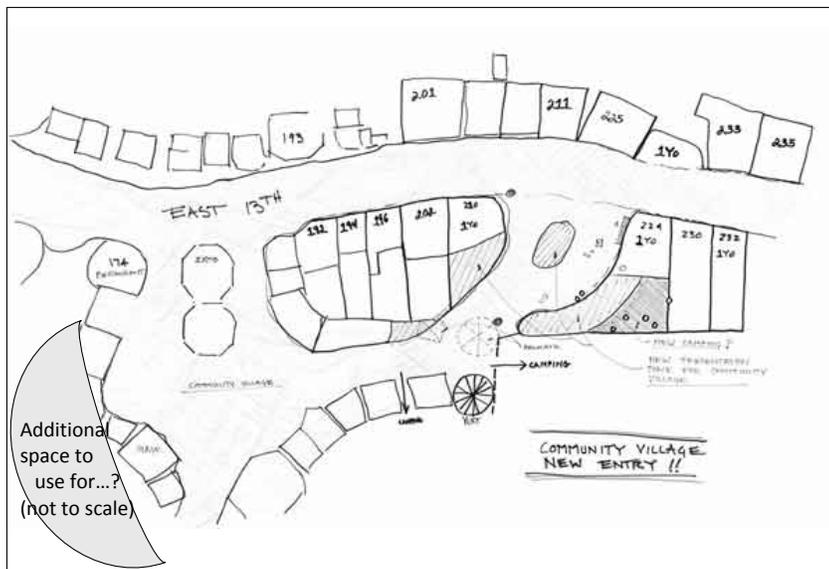
Teepee and Yurt relocation to behind stage is a concern about displacing existing village campers. What is the square footage we have to work with? If Spirit Booth were to relocate, maybe we could put the yurt and teepee there. Could the path be more narrow?

### 5) Big Change Group:

Uncensored brainstorming which was categorized into: ambiance, structure, an egress with a booth in the new path, a bridge with two stories, booths reshuffle and resize, less walls, quiet space and sitting areas, tunnel, waterslide, winding path, hall of mirrors, secret garden, class space, bigger teepee, revival tent, more draw in and interactive and action, visually active, participants create, art booth space, glitter shower, more ambiance, water arch.

### Feedback and comments:

- 1) Square footage: we don't know exactly, so lets come up with ideas that excite us.
- 2) New passes and how wide should the path be: we dont know, but at least wide enough for one cart to go through. We dont know about passes.
- 3) New kid loop brush clearing was violent. Will it be like that?
- 4) Everyone has been moved at some point. Displacing campers is the fair norm.
- 5) Fair land is magical and grows during fair...it gets physically bigger during fair. So, whatever we see off-season is misleading.
- 6) Width of path and exact numbers can be massaged to fit our creations and creative/exciting ideas are in line with Fair ideals.
- 7) Consensus in March or April. Discussion next meeting. Consensus is just to do this, NOT the exact plans. A consensus to create.



### CON:

- More stranger traffic, increasing risk to our youngsters and camping area security.
- Where to put yurt, teepee 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!