

# Theater of Change

Community Village

Newsletter

April 8, 2015

## PROPOSED AGENDA

Childcare announcement  
Hello's  
Agenda Review  
Fair Announcements (includes W&D, T-shirts, etc raps)  
Site Report  
Eligibility/Registration Rap  
One fun thing  
Council Confirmation Process - feedback

Council Support Committee Report?  
Pass Allocation Committee Report?  
Apollo's Den Intro  
Rainbow Intro  
Discussion: New Village Entrance moving forward proposal  
Booth Breakdown - collect eligibility forms  
Meeting Evaluation  
Unfair announcements

## 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 8 today  
Eligibility Meeting, Monday April 13, all at Grower's Market  
Booth Coord meeting (receive pass allocations) Thursday April 16  
WORKPARTYS begin June 6  
Oregon Country Fair, July 10-12

## Community Village Meeting Notes, 3/11

Facilitators Sam and Katie

There presently is NO PERSON SET to take notes at meetings. Volunteers ARE NEEDED. My notes suck. You can do it better. Next month? OK? Contact me: [tim@gwproj.com](mailto:tim@gwproj.com)

Sam put his tie on his head. Wild Man.

**Childcare:** Lynn and Adrian have the kids downstairs. They hope to have an onsite schedule available soon. The hat was passed.

We did a **Spin the Bottle**. Jean Luc was pointed at, and I got fixated on his name and didn't get what he said. Then we did it again and Shontell was pointed at, she smiled.

### Fair Announcements:

- Arthur passed around re-found photos of the original integral house under construction. David explained the history: It was designed to be a demonstration home for sustainable living, cheaply and off the grid. The concept eventually moved to Energy Park.

- The Fair Teddy Bear Picnic is on Sunday this year, August 16.  
- Diversity Task Force is looking for participants, contact [jon@vipertoons.com](mailto:jon@vipertoons.com)

- 9 Goals of Fair workshop April 26 at the LCC longhouse. More on Fair Family .net website.

- Jen Linn can help you get fire extinguisher discounts.

### Peace and Loving Kindness Rap:

Ben says, "I love you and I love the Village". Sweet.

### Site Report:

Fair flooded 3 times, 2 bad ones. Path space along river by Shady Grove is eroding too fast. What will the future bring? No Shady Grove Stage??

### Workshops and Demo:

Beth Mottweiler: [bethmottweiler@gmail.com](mailto:bethmottweiler@gmail.com), or call 541-525-9588 has forms here and online <http://members.efn.org/~comvill/forms.html>. May 13 is Peach Pit deadline... Workshop scheduled after that will not appear in the Fair Peach Pit, but may still fit on the schedule.

### Eligibility Forms:

The Council, in response to the growing trend of minimum scrutiny of eligibility, has added new questions for this year's form. Plus Booth Coordinators will be required to comment on each form. The new form can be found here, and is due at the next Village meeting in April. <http://members.efn.org/~comvill/PDF/2015EligibilityForm.pdf>

### New Entrance Path discussion: (see back page for Q&A)

The facilitators asked everyone to move to one of three groups in the room: the "Yes I Wanna Keep Talking About It", "No I Don't Like It", "and Maybe I will like it someday." One by one folks made comments and we'd see if anyone changed their minds and moved groups while we were talking.

Melissa handed out some updated map copies and gave a brief intro. Answers to some common questions are on the back page... So I started taking a few notes about the comments people made, but they were all the same as other meetings: "It would be cool, more space, a chance to grow" and "too noisy, too intrusive, too different." About 15 - 20 people were in the "no" group, maybe 50 another "yes" group, and another 50-60 in the "Maybe" group. Hardly anyone moved between groups.

While the facilitators tried to make it clear the discussion wasn't about 'should we agree to the new path', but about 'should we agree to continue the discussion with Path Planning'. Some people didn't understand that.

### Meeting feedback:

People can get confused, feelings can be sensitive. It was hard to hear. Didn't know what to do during the group thing.

### Non-Fair Announcements

Note: if anyone sent this editor ([tim@gwproj.com](mailto:tim@gwproj.com)) your non-Fair announcement the weekend before the CV meeting, it will be in the Newsletter for all to see, with your dates and times. *Why not do that?*

Some of the events mentioned are already over as I write this, so never mind. Others are:

- 1) Shy Person Talent Show, April 11 at Sam Bonds.
- 2) Circle of Children passed out brochures about their awesome huge facility and event spot. See more at <http://circleofchildren.org/wp/>

### From Bob Fennesy:

I think the Village should **lead the Fair in diversity**, and the fact that groups the NAACP and Centro Latino are not represented is a failure on our part to do outreach to groups who are doing something in the community.

If the Fair is offering us land, I think we should take it. If we are ever going to get more passes we will need the space and if we don't use it someone else will. I also think we need to protect the Green Space between us and the Junction.

## New Entrance / Path Planning Q & A

**Question: Will we get more passes if we agree to this new path.**

Answer: No, there are no new passes associated with this proposal and path planning has no authority over the budget. Some people have suggested that if the village is able to present an agreeable face to the fair around this path discussion, and do something new and vibrant in the new space, it will give us a better bargaining position the next time we go to the budget committee to ask for more passes. Other people don't think this will have an effect. There is no way to get a factual answer around this disagreement, and no guarantee of any new passes if we do proceed with the expansion. There is a virtual guarantee that we will not get any new passes if we do not proceed with the expansion.

**Question: How wide does the path need to be?**

Answer: There isn't a set in stone width. 12 feet has been stated as a typical width. Some of the path planning representatives have expressed that this is going to be negotiable, but the final answer will come with a final plan.

**Question: Why do we need to make a decision to continue talking? Aren't we talking now?**

Answer: A final design will have to be put together in collaboration with Village representatives path planning, construction, and possibly other stakeholders on a joint committee. We need a village decision that we want to participate on that committee. We could provide that committee with a list of concerns that have to be addressed before the final design can be approved. Some people have pointed out that the fair has, in the past, overstepped decisions of this sort and moved ahead without stakeholder input. Others have responded that we can be involved at every step in the process, and could prevent the fair from moving forward without our approval. There is no factual way to address this, because it is a difference of opinion.

**Question: Where, exactly, is the new space?**

Answer: The new space lies between the Village and East 13th. The space runs about 35 feet along E. 13th from "Peace Parker" toward the Village entrance (this was most recently stated as 60 feet--confusion due to vague sketches of the existing booths on E. 13th.) From there, the space extends back and connects to the Village where the tipi and pyramid are set up. Currently, our maps are based on a combination of actual measurements and estimates. For that reason, it is difficult to determine the exact boundaries of the overall area. The precise boundaries have to be determined using design and layout on the ground.

**Question: Where would the quiet space go?**

Answer: We don't know, exactly. There has been a great deal of disagreement about how much the proposed change would impact the level of activity in the back part of the village (where the workshop spaces are). There have been a number of ideas proposed about where/how to relocate those workshop spaces, but to date none has been accurately articulated nor gained an overwhelming amount of support.

**Question: How does the proposal change the Village's security, and how we do sweep?**

Answer: Ultimately it depends on the final design. Some people have suggested that opening a new entrance to the village would make our space more difficult to secure. Other suggest, with closing that entrance after sweep, the Village could actual-

ly be more secure. Certainly, a new entrance would have to change the way we do sweep somewhat. Security concerns would be a part of the planning process.

**Question: When does this happen? Can/would it happen in phases?**

Answer: The fair has said that they're open to a phased process. The vision that was presented to us was that a decision this year would lead to a first phase of construction for the 2016 fair year.

**Question: What will path planning do if we say "no"?**

Answer: Of course, there's no way of knowing exactly what they would do. We've been consistently told two things; 1) They intend to do something with the East 13th frontage around peace parker whether or not the Village moves forward, and 2) they will not open a new entrance to the village without our consent.

**Question: Why is this being discussed? First we heard it was for traffic flow on 13th, then we heard it wasn't. What's up with that?**

Answer: It's been a confusing process, for sure. What was stated in the meetings where this was first brought up was that the plan was to open a path into the Village to relieve congestion on East 13th. This year, we were told that this was a misunderstanding and that Path Planning's vision is to create a plaza along East 13th to relieve congestion, and that a new entrance to the Village seemed like a mutually beneficial and convenient addition to that plan. What we were told this year is that the plan was never to reroute East 13th traffic through the Village. It's difficult to predict how traffic patterns would shift if a new path was opened, but we've been told that the entrance to the path could be somewhat obscure, and the path could be meandering, in order to minimize traffic.

**Question: Why has this process been so confusing?**

Answer: Because this is the Oregon Country Fair. But in all seriousness, it's been very confusing partially because there has been a lot of back and forth between Path Planning and Community Village going through a variety of channels. There's not a solid set of liaisons at present, so the information that's moved back and forth has come through a variety of lenses and perspectives. This has had the effect of making the whole process very confusing for many of us.

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Please come to the **Shy Person's Talent Show** on Saturday April 11 from 5 to 8 pm at Sam Bonds Garage. \$5 to \$500 sliding scale. Money will benefit David Oaks and Occupy Medical. We are both the show and the audience. To secure a spot on stage email [shypersonstalentshow@mail.com](mailto:shypersonstalentshow@mail.com)

### 2015 Pass Prices:

Village camping pass \$40 | SO pass \$80

Teen pass (13 - 18 yrs) \$40 | Worker day pass \$10

Youth passes (10-12 yrs) \$10

Wrist bands purchased within 2 weeks of the fair cost \$20 more, ie \$60 and \$100

Wednesday and Thursday worker day passes, also \$10.

Vehicle passes: \$10

Oversize Vehicle pass 22ft + (added to regular pass) \$30

<http://www.efn.org/~comvill/> C.V. PHONE: Village Ear: 541-521-7208

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