

# Theater of Change



## PROPOSED AGENDA

Hello's  
Agenda review  
Fair announcements  
Host kindness, etc  
New Member Orientation  
New Drum  
Consensus review  
Site Report  
Council Confirmation  
Decision: Should the restaurant add tuna to the menu?

Construction Report  
Village themes, discussion:  
one of substance  
one for fun  
Discussion: Path Planning  
possibility (Sue T)  
Booth Breakdown: What  
theme would we like and  
what would we do with it?  
(20 min)  
Booth reports

## From the Community Village Guidelines

**DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:** To see how another's truth aligns with our own requires patience and open-mindedness. We believe each person holds a piece of the truth. If you have something important to add to the discussion, please share it. However, due to time constraints and the number of Village members we often do not have the opportunity to hear each member's opinion. Speak loud enough for all to hear, be succinct, listen with respect, and offer clear presentations.

- When the group arrives at a shared sense of the meeting ("CONSENSUS"), an individual may find it difficult to give consent.

- The individual may **STAND ASIDE**, which allows the individual to avoid participating in a distasteful decision without imposing his or her viewpoint on the rest of the group. This is a personal statement. They are bound by the group's decision, but not expected to implement it. The facilitator will determine how many stand asides will prevent agreement on the decision.

A person who stands in the way of the agreement (**BLOCK**) in the interest of the group is not imposing a personal viewpoint, but the groups. If any person, after participating in the discussion, feels certain that the decision would be a mistake by and for the group, that person may block the decision. A person who attempts to impose a personal viewpoint on the group is not acting as part of the group, and thus has no power to stop the agreement. People who stand aside/block will be expected to provide their reasons and to offer an alternative. One block prevents agreement; consensus has not been reached.

## CALENDAR

### GENERAL MEETINGS 2013

7-9 P.M. 2nd WEDNESDAY: JANUARY-JUNE + NOVEMBER:  
Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13 (6:30 potluck and new member orientation), April 10 (new member orientation), May 8, June 12, June 23 (onsite 1pm), Nov 13 (at Growers Market)  
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 in January

Eligibility Forms Due April 10, Camping forms, Payments due May 8.

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## Registration Deadlines Earlier this Year

- New Fair Regs require us to have our member registration completed much earlier.
- Some of the rules around deadlines for teen, youth and S.O. passes and day passes may change.
- Fair wants all moneys collected for passes by early June.
- Eligibility forms will need to be completed at the April Meeting, April 10.
- **May 8 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.
- Teen passes are now \$45 and S.O. passes are now \$80.

**See your booth coordinator if you have questions**

# SOME MENU TALK FROM THE DRUM

## Snippets of conversation from many of us...

The village restaurant has been veggie from the beginning. This had to do with the village's vision, i think, of a more sustainable way of life, tho' it may not have been expressed in quite those words. This is what i have learned/heard for the 'oldtimers' who predate me.

All each of us need be concerned with is our *own* thoughts and opinions, which can be brought to the meeting, as we always do, and discussed. There we can listen and open our minds to others' thoughts, and do our best to decide individually, for ourselves only, what we think is best for our Village and the values we represent:

### From our Guidelines:

"...the Community Village promotes social/environmental awareness by providing a forum for the *free communication of ideas*. The process of putting together the Village is as significant as the end itself, as we organize cooperatively through consensus decision making."

"The Community Village is a part of the OCF Family dedicated to education, information access, and networking for progressive social *change*. We have created a spiritual center manifesting the Village Vision of love, peace, trust, justice, cooperation, equality and social service. Believing in dreams, thinking of others, *valuing differences and experimenting with new ideas*, we hope to expand our consciousness beyond our morning circle, growing beyond the Fair and out into the world."

Village other-than-veggie: Consensus Inclusiveness.

We have been Veggie since 1976, almost 37 years, well over one third of a century. There are references to this TRADITION. Traditions can be changed. *My issue is consensus inclusiveness*. Most Villagers will not be at a meeting until well after the Fair Committee deadline.

We can NOT disenfranchise most of our Folke. "If you snooze you lose." is NOT Faire for such a great shift.

This needs to be talked about amongst the most number of Faire Folke which means during this year's Pre-Fair meetings and actual Faire Time for 2014.

An aforementioned point (on the drum) about allowing this change RIGHT NOW as opposed to considering it at restaurant renewal time may be our MOST important process point. I could totally see how allowing Mundo to bring in non-veg fare <may> be viewed as UNfair to other vendors who perhaps didn't apply because the spot was deemed a veg restaurant, no matter if it's just a tradition and not a rule.

To be honest and respectable with all viewpoints about this (which, I apologize, is sort of contrary to my sense of humor and writing style, especially the "respectable" part) I see a lot of people thoughtfully trying to work through the issue from a number of different angles, only one of

which is animal rights (killing tuna) - IE there is the economic aspect, the freedom of choice aspect, the fisherman aspect, sustainability aspect, the taste aspect, the restaurant contract aspect, the nutrition aspect, the fairness to all dietary preferences aspect, etc. This as people try to weight the different elements involved.

I know some people are bothered and concerned about this proposal. We are privileged to even be able to sit down and talk about a choice such as this. ~~Think of the millions of people in the world who get little to no food choices and are grateful for whatever they get.~~ Please just remember that. Let's consider values when making our decision. Community Village values, not personal ones. We are a large group of people who eat all kinds of foods. So being vegetarian, or vegan, or paleo, or gluten free are all types of diets. All are healthy in their own ways and necessary for some folks. So a value around food might be that we want to be sure that the food served in the village is healthy, whole, organic, local... we are not going to dictate any one's diet.

We do want to put forth our best foot ( feet) to our fellow fair goers. And we want to represent our values. Just be sure that our CV values are encompassing of our entire community.

Please, please people.... Do not resort to "I'm gonna block this" right out of the gate. ....To me, that seems so knee jerk, power grabbing and not in the interest of the whole. It's as if you are saying "stop this process, I will not allow it to move forward". That is not in the best interest of the village, ever.

**Please** take the time to **listen** to others. If someone speaks your mind, you don't have to respeak it, you can build upon it.

Let your facilitator guide you and give him your trust. Hopefully, at the appointed time, if there are folks who cannot live with the idea of having the fish in the village, they will gently say so and it will not happen. If we cannot consense to allow the café to serve fish; hopefully, they will accept that. Stay calm, breathe deeply, trust the process and be nice to Sam and to each

To The Community Village, (edited for brevity)

We would like to propose an addition to the menu for Cafe Mundo at Community Village Restaurant. A couple of our most popular menu items for the last 15 years at our restaurant in Newport has been the Albacore Tuna Burger and Fish Tacos, also made with albacore tuna. The fish we use are of the highest quality, line caught, flash frozen and weighing 20 pounds or less from offshore the Oregon Coast.

We understand that this would be a departure from the vegetarian only policy that The Community Village has traditionally held for it's restaurant.

In order to insure there would be no mixing of vegetarian and non vegetarian food items we would maintain completely separate areas for storage, prepping and cooking. Throughout the years of owning our restaurant we have successfully served both vegans and carnivores daily.

We believe by adding these items to the menu we would be honoring the peoples choice to eat as they choose with no judgement from others and it would appeal to a larger customer base at the fair. We had requests for something not vegetarian at last years booth by both Fair attendees and some CV members.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We learned a lot from our first year at the Fair and we look forward to providing everyone an even better dining experience this year.

Laurie and Greg Card

other.

The thing that really gets me here is not the scientific body of knowledge that has been shown about tuna harvests nor the arguments against or interpretations of that knowledge. What really gets in my craw is the Discriminatory feeling that I get. Yes, I did say Discrimination and that is how I am beginning to feel about this issue. I know that I am a simple creature ( and not very smart ) but if the essence of this proposal was looked at rationally without all the emotion it would show one simple fact.... It doesn't hurt nor take anything away from the Vegetarians, it only gives other people an option that they would enjoy. Equality is all that this decision seems to be. Separate kitchen no cross contamination.....should be no problem.

I hope that we as a village see that we can make changes with out dividing our village, not everyone will get exactly what they want using a consensus model but some level of compromise might be reached.