

Theater of Change

Community Village

Newsletter

April 10, 2013

PROPOSED

AGENDA

Hello's

Agenda review

Fair announcements

Host kindness

Consensus review

Board Report

Site Report

Discussion: Community

Village Values Clarification

re: vegetarian restaurant

Construction Report,

Benefit Concert??

Village themes, decision?:

one of substance

one for fun

Discussion: New Fair en-

trance and where we might

fit in...does your booth

need a representative?

Breakdown

Booth reports

Unfair announcements

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, **May 19 onsite potluck**, June 12, June 23 (onsite 1pm), Nov 13 (at Growers Market)

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.

LAST MEETING BEFORE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: TONIGHT!

Village Values, as expressed in our Community Village Guidelines:

COMMUNITY VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT:

In the midst of sparkling crystals, aromatic foods, and the river of people, rests an island of idealism, the Community Village. In the heart of the Oregon Country Fair, 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**. Beginning in 1976, we have grown from a modest display of appropriate technology to an intentional community involving the energies of individuals from many organizations.

Value discussion comments from the last Village meeting.

What are REALLY Village values, and just not your personal values?

1 - I am a vegetarian

We don't kill our food

sustaining life of other beings

vegetarianism as a significant part of world culture

acceptance for lowest common denominator ~ some people who

are vegi that don't eat meat would be the least common denominator.

2 Organic, Sustainable, Local

We value what the natives from this area consumed

Destroy less to survive.

supporting local farms in the Willamette valley.

Value what's best for long term for the earth

Value supporting local fisheries.

balancing ethical food choices with ethical transportation choices

3 making decisions in a respectful way

porting individuals making their own good personal choices

respecting other people's dietary needs

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.



Value breadth of differences in our community

Value inclusiveness and differences

guidelines about progressive social change.

we honor the choice.

4. Tradition

Traditions should not be changed for the sake of change

6. Business Elements

Good portion size for your money

really good tasting food with really good service

Restaurant worker control and profit share

Food safety

Waste management

C'MON, LET'S BE HAPPY!

Tonight we will decide between these choices:

2013 Theme Ideas, Filtered

To be adopted and highlighted/demonstrated in every booth

SERIOUS

Climate Change - effects and abatement
Pollution, energy, growing crops, displacement

Healing Village / Global Village
Health, water, population, appropriate technology

Support \$9.00 minimum wage
Poverty, housing, political action

Violence eradication
Gun control, conflict resolution training, spirit

SILLY

Everybody Laugh every hour on the hour for 30 seconds
(during Fair hours only)

Dress as a pollinator

\$9.00 food vouchers

disco balls for all

Sax and violins (instead of sex and violence)

The proposal for an **additional entrance/path to the Village** was discussed last month, and will be discussed again **May 19 at 3:15 onsite**, where we can better visualize the possibilities.

Here are some comments from last month's discussion...

Round Robin on Village Entrance:

* This person likes the idea as it creates another entrance. You could come in and circle around and walk the other way. Giving another option is good.

* Fruit Booth: Village could potentially have a highway dissecting the village as there would be a highway through the middle of the village. Children may be less safe. Even though we would have more business those of us in the fruit booth aren't excited about it.

* Our Mission we want to spread social change to the wider world. It is for that reason that anything we can do to bring more people into our village we really should consider. Dismissing it out of hand because it will change certain characteristics in the village is not the way the way to consider social change.

* Youth Power. Directs traffic in the "butt area" and feels this path would really help in addressing in this issue. They tell people all day that they can't go further. They often have to put 4 kids in the area. This would make a huge impact in the amount of work youth power has to do to re-direct people.

* Having more traffic is a good thing.

* Melissa Wild Edibles: Would feel a great deal of change in their area at wild edibles. This feels exciting that they may have more people discovering their booth. They are concerned about the dust on their booth, on their fresh wildflowers, and concerned about dust for people's tolerance of dust. Perhaps the path could be altered to address concerns around dust and other concerns. Would it be possible to modify other areas to make this more viable and to address possible smaller footprint.

* Arts booth: Loves this idea and this area is a dead end. People get lost and this would address this. We could move workshops to a different area and this may make our workshops more accessible. Maybe arts booth could do workshops if we moved the tipi and addressed the dead end. It's time to address our fear and let it go

and try something new. We can address issues on dust and we can get excited about this and make this work.

* Green Earth: With people that camp in the meadow and swamp we do our own sweep. With new path we may have to allow fair security come and do the sweep. It may take the security out of village hands and put it into fair security hands. The kids really benefit from the circle atmosphere. If we open it up would we could lose kids.

* **Little People spoke up: The comments came from some of our youngest contributors to Village Children:** A young person spoke up concerned about children not being safe. Would the path allow more smokers?

* LP: Having a main trail go through the village is a bad idea as children are used to running through the village. Children are worried about not having as much space to run around.

* LP: They like playing tag in the evening and a new path would screw up everything the village is. I think it's a bad idea because we would be having fun and adults may tell us to stop. Village is the heart of the fair. No highway through it!!!

* With whatever reasoning we use we should put the public needs above our Village private community needs. We really are here to serve the public.

* A lot of people go back there and then can't figure out how to access main stage. Instead of putting a big path why not put a really small 3 ft path as a pressure valve to help direct those lost over to main stage. Put a sign there: One way, please don't enter.....

* What the children are saying is valid. If you take a road and put in a cul-de-sac you lose the flavor of the cul-de-sac. If you take the cul-de-sac out you may as well change the name of the village as it won't be a village.

* could we try a narrow path first year and see what it looks like and then maybe evaluate the issues.

* Green earth: New Village entrance gives more places for people to participate. It may also give a new seating/trash area which may be a good and bad thing.

* People might regard as short cut and people may "speed" through

* Other path changes are being contemplated but they haven't gotten as far as this one has. **David or Kurt will be at our potluck on May 19 to walk us through this.**

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