

BURNING PONY EXPRESS – BREAKING NEWS

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1. PLAYA DEL FUEGO BOARD/COORDINATOR RETREAT SUMMARY

On March 7th and 8th, the dedicated men and women of the Playa del Fuego Board of Directors held their annual retreat in Wilmington, DE to discuss the goals of Playa del Fuego, Inc. and develop a strategic plan for achieving those goals. On March 8th, Department Coordinators were invited to participate in a special session to discuss the current and future state of Playa del Fuego, the twice-yearly regional Burning Man event held in Odessa, DE. These are their stories. * dun dun *

Playa del Fuego, Inc,

Mission

We build an interactive, experiential, sustainable environment that encourages a culture of play, artistic creativity, and freedom of expression.

Vision

Attract, inspire, and nurture a diverse community to celebrate and encourage a culture of play, experiments in the creation of art, and the collective sharing of ideas and skills.

Goal 1: Purchase Land

By March 2017, to have identified land for purchase that meets our vision to host PDF events for a minimum of 2,500 people and as a permanent space that opens us up to the cool new ideas we haven't thought of yet.

Goal 2: Increase Art and Community Grants

Award a minimum of \$20,000 in Art and Community Grants over each of the next three years to increase support the Playa del Fuego creative community year round.

Goal 3: Revise Organizational Structure

By Fall 2015, the Board will empower a team of TRDLs (Trusted Rotating Department Liaisons) to oversee the production of officially sanctioned Burning Man Regional Events under the umbrella of Playa del Fuego, Inc.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the Coordinators who enthusiastically represented their departments at the retreat and who worked with us to formulate goals and actions plans. Department Coordinators are the ones who ensure that the event happens both behind the scenes and on the ground, and having the opportunity to work together on organizational development was an awesome experience.

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing more detailed minutes from the retreat including next steps and action items. We are also asking for YOU to help us make these goals happen! PDF is an entirely volunteer run organization, meaning “someone” (a lot of “someones,” actually) is behind the scenes helping to move us closer to our goals. We hope YOU are “someone” too!

2. CALLING ALL STABL BOYS AND GIRLS: LAND HO!

“The most important thing for me, and why I want to do this, is how excited we all got, and if something is that exciting, I want to do it.”

Are you pumped about Playa del Fuego purchasing land? Have you wanted to get involved in the land search but weren't sure how? Do you have mad skills in things like reading a map, Googling, or browsing real estate listings? Do you want to help shape the future of PDF? Then we want YOU to be a STABL Boy!*

Welcome to Project STABL – “Someone” To Arrange Buying Land - Playa del Fuego's brand spankin' new land search team

WHY?

The PDF BOD has determined we will find our new permanent home by March 2017. In order to reach this goal, we are forming a team of individuals committed to making this happen, affectionately known as STABL Boys.

WHAT?

The STABL Team will be responsible for all aspects of the land search process, from updating the criteria for required and desired land attributes to conducting zoning research to investigating funding options. The STABL Team meets

monthly and will also publish a monthly e-newsletter to keep the community at large updated on our progress.

WHO?

ANYONE who wants to be a STABL Boy can be! You just have to be committed to helping the organization find land for purchase. This project is a HUGE undertaking and will require a lot of hours of work and a long-term commitment from a group of dedicated volunteers.

BOD members Ben and Dove will be leading the STABL Team and are motivated and committed to seeing this project to completion. We know YOU are TOO, so JOIN US!!

HOW?

To become a STABL Boy, email STABL@playadelfuego.org. You will be subscribed to the STABL-Team@playadelfuego.org discussion list

Have suggestions, ideas, land options, but don't have the time to join another team or to commit to a land search team? That's ok! Email STABL@playadelfuego.org with your thoughts or links to land sites, or submit them directly through our website (COMING SOON!!).

WHEN?

NOW! We've got less than two years to reach our goal, so there is no time to waste!

*Or Girl. Or whatever you prefer. STABL Boy just sounded cool so we went with it.

3. REMINDER: NYC TOWN HALL THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget! The last in our series of Town Halls will be held in NYC on Saturday, April 4th!

Location: Manhattan Theatre Club, 311 West 43rd Street, 8th Floor

Time: 2pm to 5pm

We'll be continuing our discussion on the workings of the PDF organization, communications, land, and how you can get more involved! We look forward to hearing your thoughts and sharing our goals!!

4. REMINDER: REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Ready to sign up to volunteer? Register your Theme Camp? Request Theme Camp or Art placement? Apply to be a sound camp? Request on site parking? Or have your event listed in the WWW? HURRY UP THEN! Visit <http://playadelfuego.org/content/registrations-are-open> and register today!!