

# **BALLOON FIESTA PARK COMMISSION**

**July 9, 2013**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Banquet Room**

## **Minutes**

**Members Present:** Bill Nordin (Chair), Steve Wentworth (VC), Sandy Cohen, Dave Downey, Mark Haley, Dr. Steve Komadina, Frank Mezzancello, Rick Treadwell, Mark Johnston

**Members Absent:** Gov. Victor Montoya, Elise Rogers, Barbara Baca, Justin Garcia.

**Others Present:** Janie Jordan, Paul Smith, Chris Green, Jared Winchester, Charles Aragon, and various supporters for event organizers.

**City Staff Present:** Billy Gallegos, David Flores, Alexandra Kiska, Susan Rice, Daphany Martin, Garry Wolfe

### **2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MINUTES:**

Mr. Wentworth motioned to approve minutes with his and Mr. Gamelsky' s changes, Mr. Mezzancello 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT-**Ms. Kiska introduced Mr. Garry Wolfe, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation.

### **4. EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS-**

#### **Past Events–**

**NM Motorcycle Rights Car & Bike Show–** June 15- A little less than 1,000 participants

**Fight w/ Flight Cancer Awareness Balloon Event–** June 21 & 22- less turn out than anticipated.

**NM National Guard 7 on 7 Passing Tournament–** June 28 & 29 Grass may have been a little longer than the event organizers would have liked, but event went well.

**Freedom Forth–** July 4-Great turn out, will report next meeting on the post event meeting that will take place next week. Other than traffic concerns, believes event went real well. Mr. Wentworth commented that he felt the event was a disaster in regards to traffic as he received complaints from North Valley and Wildflower residents that they were unable to get in their homes, and delayed in traffic. Mr. Wentworth also commented that the noise was very apparent, and felt the volume went up after 9:30p.m. Discussion on the sound volume, as some who attended the event, could not hear the band from the park. Mr. Haley checked with his area, and there were no complaints in regards to the event. Ms. Kiska asked Mr. Downey when the fireworks officially went off, and he confirmed it was 9:15p.m and she then asked Mr.

Wentworth about the music cranking up at 9:30 p.m., Mr. Wentworth said he was guessing on the time. All heard fireworks going off across town at different times.

There was an hour to hour and half wait in line to exit park at the end of the event. Mr. Wentworth would like to have passes that would allow them into the park without having to fight traffic.

#### **Future Events–**

Rock n Glow 5K – July 13-

Special Olympics Flag Football – July 17 Color in Motion 5K – August 3

F3J Sail Plane Contest – August 10 Fill the Bus 5K – Bernalillo Co. – August 10

#### **Requesting approval**

**Hoof it Up-** 100% proceeds to go to New Day. Looking at giving them a discount in advance based on participation next year. Discussion on whether it was vetted. Mr. Wentworth not in favor, as no guarantee they will come back the following year, and doesn't believe this was vetted. Mr. Mezzancello and Mr. Komadina don't like the idea discounting the first year. Mr. Komadina started to see Ms. Rice's perspective and can see the objective as it brings the event back. Discussion on what is the percentage discount, board would like to review fee schedule. Mr. Mezzancello motioned to approve, Mr. Haley 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Mantanza-**Mr. Aragon presented that he would like to have fireworks as his event is Veteran's Day Weekend. Mr. Wentworth said he will not support with fireworks. Mr. Nordin asked if the event was priced as commercial or non-commercial. Ms. Rice confirmed priced as non-commercial as Special Spaces is the sponsoring entity. Special Spaces, is a non-profit organization that creates theme bedrooms for children with life threatening illnesses, as the children spend a lot of time in their room. Mr. Komadina supports event without fireworks, as it's very cultural and doesn't think that not having fireworks would detract from the event. Mr. Komadina motioned to approve event without fireworks, Mr. Wentworth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

**Color Me Rad-** Event organizers would like to add a beer garden this year as it is on a Saturday. Ms. Rice confirmed they had a good event last year with over 5000 participants. Mr. Mezzancello motioned to approve, Mr. Komadina 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**NM Desert Festival-** Bike & Car Show that has outgrown their current place. This event supports Oasis. Event will be done by 10pm. Mr. Mezzancello motioned to approve, Mr. Nordin 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously.

#### **5. PRIORITY PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Green took the floor and presented draft pilots landing facility. Sid Cutter Memorial location is identified within site plan. Discussion had on the eye and its problems that it has had for years. Utilities are still in question regarding the new building and the costs incurred. Mr. Green confirmed they will be meeting with planning department before submittal to avoid multiple amendments. Review and discussion had on the displayed site plan. Mr. Wentworth inquired if they will be looking ahead ten years from now. Mr. Wentworth asked what the

restrooms would entail. Mr. Winchester confirmed there would be economic but nice finishes, would be 10-12 Women's Restrooms 8-9 Men's Restroom. Mr. Wentworth asked if they could email the information presented at the meeting. Mr. Winchester agreed. Mr. Komadina also asked for the picture of the canti-lever wood beams also be sent as well. Mr. Green said when submittal is made; he will also provide that to commission as well.

**6. DISCUSSION OF THE OPEN MEETING TRAINING-** Commission meetings through email such as reply all is not ok, as it turns into a rolling quorum. Send the information to the Ms. Martin, and she can send to the board. We can respond to an individual but not reply all. Mr. Wentworth offered the outlet of [www.nmfog](http://www.nmfog) as an outlet for those that may be interested as a resource. Mr. Wentworth also stated the site also tells you how to sue people through the attorney general's office if city government or county government does not provide the information that is requested. Mr. Nordin reminded everyone that the new rule of the Agenda being sent out 72 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Wentworth indicated that draft minutes are to be sent out within 10 working days.

### **7. 2013 – 2014 FEE SCHEDULE**

Mr. Nordin requested that this be tabled until next meeting as he will need to bring the fee schedule with additional paperwork with more information that is essential. Mr. Wentworth would also like to discuss policy and procedures as well due to sound/noise complaints from the facility.

### **8. REPORTS / UPDATES**

#### **• Department of Municipal Development**

#### **• Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**

i. Event Report-Mr. Smith confirmed he has 552 Balloons scheduled to come out to Balloon Fiesta. Concerns with the north berm, and the danger it presents. Ideas presented of possibly making a seating area removing the danger of the drop off. Mr. Smith discovered this area doesn't belong to AMAFCA.

Opening day for the Fiesta, the park and ride is busy. Mr. Smith will have to work with the new Fire Marshall regarding the concept of park and ride and the required distances. Second Saturday will have a Music Fiesta Schedule to include, Bob Farrell, a local artist, Darrell Perry, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> act that cannot be announced as of yet, but is a Nashville recording artist, along with Darius Rucker as the headliner. Concert will be over by 5:30 in the afternoon.

Still would like to work on improving gate 12, but running out of time and money.

Ms. Jordan brought up that there has been milling taking place on the west side of the museum.

Discussion held on parking, as well as the parking for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, and what was really the issue for that day. Ms. Kiska said 278 people parked their bikes, had to turn some bikes away, making this the largest bike valet ever.

**• Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum Past Events- Previous Events**

- Very successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event called “Red, White and Balloons.”
- Upcoming events- 1500 people in attendance including Gov. Martinez.

New exhibition opening in August called “Children of War Voices for Peace”.

**Future Projects:**

- Tethered Balloon Ride continues to be on hold because of helium problem.
- Not sure how they are going to solve this issue. Mr. Cohen going to work with new Foundation President, Troy Bradley to get this resolved and get project going.
- Public Art display, “Sky Portal,” will be going into tribute area sometime in 2014.
- Theater construction to begin shortly- There was a dis-connect between architects and the construction. Construction costs came back higher than anticipated.
- Balloon Museum Revenue up 20 or 25 %

**Environmental Health Department**

**• Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Gallegos commended Cultural Services and Parks and Recreation for a job well done with Freedom 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated the last vehicle to leave the event was at 11:30p.m. Mr. Gallegos addressed the noise ordinance, he stated at 5:50pm there was a high reading of 75, the remainder of the evening it did not exceed the noise ordinance.

**i. Telecommunications Tower update**

Ms. Jordan let Ms. Rice know they are digging the foundation. Ms. Rice not sure when project will be done. AT&T is doing this project.

**ii. Master Plan Update-**

Mr. Green presented earlier in meeting a draft of the vending concourse area that will ultimately be submitted to the EPC.

**iii. Digital Sign update**

Ms. Rice said this gentleman with Zion stood her up three times in one day. Zion representative promised to get back to her at the end of the week with the exact quote as he says it will be changed. Mr. Nordin asked if anyone has contacted Ms. Zuschlag as she is knowledgeable of the sign. Ms. Rice replied that she hadn't, and that it would be a good idea.

**iv. Income since last meeting & Balance in the account** Ms. Kiska confirmed we should have a balance from our Fiscal Office by the end of next week, and can be provided next meeting.

#### **v. Signage for park**

Ms. Rice added more “no dogs allowed in park” signs at all pedestrian entrances. Signs with BFP Commission policies references on them BFP Commission Policy P-2013-1, Attachments D8 & D9 Dogs are not allowed in Balloon Fiesta Park. Mr. Nordin inquired about the sign committee that has been on hold for the Master Plan, Ms. Rice to look into getting the committee going again.

**vi. Gate key-** Mr. Johnston would like to discuss concerns with people entering the park without purchasing a gate key. Mr. Smith referenced moving the trash receptacles away from the gate to possibly deter people from holding the gates open with them by blocking sensors. Mr. Wentworth inquired on who handles these issues, and Mr. Johnston believes this goes back to our policies, and how we enforce.

#### **9. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **• Annual Report – continue discussion**

Mr. Wentworth felt that new staff could contact Ms. Zuschlag regarding obtaining previous Annual Reports. Discussion on obtaining the information from Mr. Wentworth, and putting it back together and return it to him.

**• Park Policies & Park Funding Priorities**–Mr. Nordin has the approved Park Policies and will get a copy out to everyone. Question raised on whether to look at Funding Priorities.

Mr. Komadina not sure what is available for this year from the bonds. Mr. Smith said he thinks 1.3 million, Ms. Kiska to confirm with Ms. Baca and will be sent out to board. Mr. Wentworth feels that the board needs to be involved with the bonds, and discussed by the board. Mr. Haley asked if the power of the board is to suggest or recommend, and if there really is any sway by the board, but in his understanding is in the end City will be making final decision. Mr. Wentworth stated that it depends on who is listening.

**• RFI - RFP**–Fiesta on the Green and how the building should be used. Currently facility is being rented out. Mr. Nordin inquired of the Board if this is that what Board really wants. Mr. Komadina likes the way it is, as it can be utilized in a variety of ways, as well as being able to monitor the events closely. Mr. Wentworth would like to know the financial statement on how much it is costing to run and would need more information. Mr. Nordin said the Board is entitled as citizens, but the structure of the group is not to manage Parks and Recreation. Mr. Wentworth feels there needs to be more information.

**• How to recognize past Board / Commission members-Tabled to next meeting**

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS • 2013-2014 Fee Schedule**

#### **NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – August 13, 2013**

Mr. Johnston motioned to adjourn, Mr. Haley 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed unanimously