

Balloon Fiesta Park Commission
Minutes for May 13, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Meeting Location: Banquet Room / Balloon Fiesta Park

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Members Present: Bill Nordin (Chair), Steve Wentworth (VC), Dr. Steve Komadina, Sandy Cohen, Justin Garcia, Janie Jordan, Don Edwards (No quorum)

Members Absent: Chief Dave Downey, Mark Haley, Mark Johnston, Frank Mezzacello, Elise Rogers, Paul Smith, Barbara Baca, Justin Garcia, Gov. Stuart Paisano, Rick Treadwell, Billy Galleogs, Gov. Montoya

Others Present: N/A

City Staff Present: Paul Olsen (EHD), Alexandria Kiska (PRD), Susan Rice (PRD), Lisa Lopez (PRD), Janie Jordon

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None Due to attendance - voting will not take place, only discussion will take place.

2. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 8, 2014 MINUTES & DISCUSSION OF THE APRIL MEETING: Not available at this time. April minutes due within the next 10 days.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

4. EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

a) Past Events- presented by Ms. Rice

- (i) Run or Dye – April 12 – just under 2000 participants, no problems, and no sound problems. 52 to 53 dB except at the stage area. Cleanup took one extra day but the park left with no residual color
- (ii) Alta Mira Kite Fest – April 26 – great turn-out – 1600 with wind. Next year it will be utilizing additional panels of the park.
- (iii) Children’s Freedom Fest – April 30 – 3 school busses 400 in attendance. Demonstration of where freedoms and liberties originate. First responders were present for demonstrations. Ms. Kiska added: Gov. Martinez was in attendance, stayed at the park for approximately 1 hour.
- (iv) Teen Foam Event Status requested by Mr. Nordin –
 - 1. Ms. Rice reports - Three parents from the event called to express thanks for hosting the event that was safe for the kids. Each child was searched prior to entrance. Foam sprayed into the air and lit up with lights. Music was directed northeast and did not cause any issues. The organizer would like to host

additional events. Upcoming events would not be foam, but would have music. Once organized they will be presented to commission. Parental chaperones were present and remained at the event.

2. Mr. Nordin - would like to encourage additional events similar to the one described. The foam party held at Expo New Mexico had an approximate attendance of 3000 people. Approximate ages were 16 to 30. Primary difference was that there was no alcohol served at this event.

(v) Running of the Chihuahuas – May 4 – Great turn-out, expected attendance was 500. Actual attendance was approximately 1300 with over 300 entries. This event coincides with Cinco de Mayo, and has already been scheduled for next year.

b) Future Events

(i) Celtic Festival – Setup will begin May 14. Event organizers will share time with daily users of the Park. North end of the park used. Event dates May 17 and 18th. Two or three stages will be added in order to host more dance competitions. . Sheep shearing and herding has been eliminated from the events lineup.

(ii) ABQ Wine Festival – May 24-26 Memorial weekend. Section of the park used D4. Changes include, entrance to the park will now be the North entrance.

(iii) Fetch N Release – May 3. Dog rescue event

(iv) Tour de Cure – May 31 Bicycle event

(v) Discount Tire Co. Picnic – June 1 Location D1

(vi) Rock N Glow – June 7 No color associated participants are the ones that are painted. Then they use black lights. Event organizers will have three satellite music areas. Meeting is scheduled to discuss noise control.

(vii) Heart Walk – June 7 Balloon Fiesta Parkway will be used. Event is tied into use of the building that is located at the top of the hill. Police support is scheduled.

(viii) Hope Christian School Prom - event details requested by Mr. Nordin.

1. Ms. Rice reports: more than one school has hosted a prom at our facility very popular with charter schools. 21 bookings are scheduled for the month of June for Fiesta on the Green for various events.

c) Events presented -discussion only items will be voted on at the June meeting.

(i) Freedom Fourth – July 4, 2014 refer to staff report supplement. Standard operating procedure. Layout map is not ready for presentation at this time. No changes to report, meetings will begin week of May 19. Golf training center will be closed. Traffic will be handled the same as it has been in years past. Possible second beer garden to be located in the middle of the field- D4.

1. Additional information by Ms. Kiska – Entertainer scheduled is Wynona Judd.
2. Inquiry by Mr. Nordin – Advertisement of the facilities (FOG and BFP) at events like Freedom 4th?
 - a. Ms. Rice responds – At this time we are turning people away because we are so busy. However, in agreement that advertisement of our facilities could be done.
- (ii) Family Fun Fest – July 20, 2014 Hosted by Blue Plate Special to benefit the Big Brother Big Sister organization. Location: D1, Event will have a beer garden, botchy, games and music. Item is presented because it will have alcohol.
 1. Mr. Nordin asks if any questions regarding event: Mr. Wentworth would like clarification on the amount of toilet facilities available for the amount of people.
 2. Ms. Rice: Event will also being using GTC facilities in addition to the rental facilities which should cover the need.
- (iii) Rebel Donut Dash – August 30, 2014- Obstacle race course fashioned after doughnuts. No digging possible blowups. Beer garden will be on-site. Approximately 3000 in attendance.
- (iv) ABQ Beer Dash – May 9, 2015- Event recommended by the Albuquerque Police Department. Four breweries will be represented within the beer garden. Location D4. No color involved. Full price will be charged because it is a for profit events. Race director is experienced.

5. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a) Department of Municipal Development

b) Albuquerque International Balloon Museum – Presented by Mr. Cohen

- i) Public Art Piece – Sky Portal
 - (1) Item being built. Should be ready by July
- ii) Water Feature has been received but not installed due to funding issues
 - (1) Mr. Nordin request additional details. Mr. Wentworth would like a description of the item itself.
 - (a) Mr. Cohen: Feature is an outside water feature. It is spherical in shape and has etchings of continents and countries. It is meant to honor international ballooning. It is not large or intrusive in size. This is the first step in development of the property. It will be located on the west side of the building near the plaque area that honors Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rhymer Davis near the grass area and sidewalk.
- iii) Budget Increase of \$150,000.00 to the operating budget.
 - (1) Allows a balanced budget vs. operation in the red.
 - (2) Special revenues will be kept and reinvested into the museum
 - (3) \$60,000 for museum education budget.
 - (4) Pending City Council approval
- iv) Upcoming Events:

- (1) Summer Events to kick off on June 11, with Stories in the Night Sky and the Albuquerque Concert Band Series.
- (2) Folk Fest - Date of event June 7
- (3) YWCA fundraising events May 24
- v) Mr. Nordin calls for any questions that need to be posed to Mr. Cohen
 - (1) Mr. Wentworth offered congratulations on the increased budget.
 - (a) Mr. Cohen reports budget cuts that happened 2009.
 - (b) Museum is judged by attendance and revenues.
- c) Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**
 - i) Mr. Nordin: Inquiry on any future projects to be built within the next 4 to 5 months.
 - (1) Ms. Jordan Gate 4 improvements. Response is unable to decipher on the audio file.
 - ii) Mr. Wentworth Inquiry on paving projects
 - (1) Ms. Jordan: Response is able to decipher on the audio file.
 - iii) Mr. Wentworth Inquiry on Balloon Safety in light of the recent accident in another part of the country.
 - (1) Mr. Edwards. FAA not reactionary and doesn't recognize balloonist. Pilot restrictions are a possibility but unlikely.
 - Dr. Komadina – Commercial Ride Operators will be the most affected. They have the most problems. If commercial ride operators did not participate in balloon fiesta it would not be a large impact. Estimated less than 20 balloons.
 - Ms. Jordan – Afternoon thermals are not favored by pilots in Albuquerque.
- d) Events: Art in the Tribute Area**
 - No comments
- e) Environmental Health Department – Mr. Olson Reporting**
 - i) Alarm issues but no break ins
 - ii) Ms. Rice requests status on the pickup of a dumpster from Solid Waste
 - (1) Mr. Olson they have not contacted him yet.
- f) Parks and Recreation – Ms. Rice and Ms. Kiska Reporting**
 - i) Ms. Kiska reporting on behalf of Mr. Flores
 - (1) Sid Cutter Pilots Pavilion- Update EPC – Approval on April 10th.
 - (2) Design showing vendor concourse has been removed from the EPC approval.
 - (a) Project will move forward pending consideration of the Commission's approval
 - (3) Mr. Chris Green will be submitting to the Development Review Board (DRB) the plan for final signoff later this month (May)
 - (4) Time line to build
 - ii) Sid Cutter Memorial update- Ms. Kiska on behalf of Mr. Flores – The Project is being coordinated with the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and this Commission. Statue location Southwest area of the Pavilion. Sandy Rivera is the sculptor. Plan should go out for bid by end of summer.

- (1) Mr. Nordin: The plans that were approved by the EPC were not the plans that the Commission approved during the April Meeting. Vote 6 to 3 the plans that were approved did include the vendors concourse.
- (2) Ms. Baca and Mr. Wentworth had a negotiation discussion after the April Commission meeting. During that discussion, Mr. Wentworth stated that the neighborhoods would appeal the decision of the Commission vote. Mr. Wentworth confirmed that the Alameda North Valley Association Board of Directors agreed with the decision to appeal the case if need be. There was agreement by the Parks and Recreation Department that references to Administrative Approvals would be removed from the Environmental Planning Commission application. This decision by the Parks and Recreation Department went against the vote by the Balloon Fiesta Park Commission made at the April 8, 2014 meeting when there was a 6-3 vote to approve the submittal. See attached changes that Mr. Wentworth provided.
- (3) Mr. Nordin asked if any other comments: Mr. Wentworth stated he objected to the manner in which the EPC submittal process was handled by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- (4) Command Center Break in – Reporting Ms. Rice
 - (a) All windows except one broken, crow bar vandalism.
 - (b) Event Date: APS Spring Break
 - (c) Resolution: All windows have been replaced with tempered glass.
 - (d) Gate 1 has been upgraded with a 12 inch foundation as well as upgrades to Gate 16.
 - (e) New swing gate at the top of the hill – Reflective tape used for safety. 36” opening at the gate is for the use of cyclists.
 - (i) Mr. Wentworth tape is a matter of safety not aesthetics.
- iii) Digital Sign Update- Software installed and sign is ready, however, there is an issue with the software so it doesn't read properly.
 - (1) Meeting scheduled on May 14 to discuss and resolve.
- iv) Ms. Rice reports Income since last meeting:
 - (1) FOG \$4535.00 - 21 bookings for the month of June
 - (2) BFP: \$6990.00
- v) Signage for park – Committee formed but no meeting has been scheduled.

g) Other topics discussed:

- i) Vandalism within the PRD
 - (1) Ms. Jordan reports that vandals have done damage to the Pilot tower and wiring was stolen been in the North Yard as well as a break in to the storage area wiring was stolen. Estimated date of occurrence – APS spring break
 - (2) Ms. Kiska reports that PRD as a whole has seen an increase in theft of copper wiring at the various ball parks. Barelvas Railroad Park had two break-ins within two months.
- ii) Celtic Festival tickets are included in the packet.

- iii) Wentworth noted that in the past two tickets were provided to Commission members to encourage them to attend events so they could see firsthand how events were staged and managed. The two tickets allowed members to take their spouses or friends. The practice was never abused and was always agreed to by event sponsors.
- iv) Wine Festival: Tickets will be distributed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) FY15 GO Bond Request – update

- i) Ms. Kiska reports - Christina Sandoval has put together a package but it is not available for distribution. Once received it will be provided to the Commission.
 - (1) Mr. Nordin reports the last version showed \$1,000,00.00 for Balloon Fiesta.

b) Annual Report – Meeting set for later this month on the 20th of May.

- i) Mr. Wentworth unable to make that meeting. Ms. Kiska and Mr. Wentworth will contact each other to reschedule at a later date that is available.

c) Capital Improvements to the Park

- i) Mr. Nordin asked about bond updates: Ms. Kiska will provide at the June Meeting.
- ii) Building started bond up to \$11 million ?

d) How to recognize past Board / Commission Members

- i) Mr. Nordin requests any updates on how to do this.
 - (1) Only idea is to incorporate them into the buildings.
 - (2) Ms. Jordan reports the street by the Molina building has been named but the sign has not been put up.
 - (a) Mr. Olson will contact the DMD Streets Division to try to get that completed.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. Meeting concluded at 6:48 pm

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING- June 10, 2014

Attachment:

Sid Cutter's Pilots Pavilion - Proposed Findings and Conditions for Albuquerque Environment Planning Commission – Agreed upon by Parks and Recreation and the Alameda North Valley Association and the Wildflower Neighborhood Association:

Finding #2: Amend this finding as follows: "The request will allow the development of an 18,000 square foot multi-purpose building.

Finding #8: Replace this finding with the following: "The Main Street Promenade and the associated vendor structures shall be submitted at a future date for approval by the

Environmental Planning Commission and shall be consistent with the Balloon Fiesta Park Master Development Plan”

New Finding: “**Balloon Fiesta Park Commission Ordinance (10-10-1)**

10-10-5 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission is hereby created to oversee the operation, management, and development of the park with the following duties and powers:

(A) Recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Mayor and City Council guidelines and procedures governing the operation, management, and development of the park, including event review and appropriate fee schedules.

(F) Receive actual timely notice of all proposed planning and development actions within the park, including but not limited to: any permanent changes to the physical layout of the park; any construction within the park, any changes to the Site Development Plan and any application for any such changes. The Commission has the right to participate in, review and have its position given full consideration with respect to any planning and development actions related to the park. The Commission shall have standing in front of all city boards or commissions authorized to consider or review such actions, and in front of the City Council for any appeal or other consideration of such actions.

New Finding: “The Balloon Fiesta Park Commission voted in support of this request for Site Plan for Building Permit and Site Plan for Subdivision at its meeting on 4/8/14.”

Condition #4: Replace this condition with the following: “The Site Plan for Building Permit shall state that the Vendor Concourse/Main Street Promenade shall be submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission for approval at a later date. This future Site Plan for Building Permit shall be coordinated with the Balloon Fiesta Park Commission and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Inc. prior to submitting to the Environmental Planning Commission for approval.”