

Balloon Fiesta Park Commission
February 9, 2016 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Meeting Location: Golf and Event Center at Balloon Fiesta
Park
Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Members Present: Bill Nordin (Chair), Steve Wentworth (VC), Mark Johnston, Dr. Steve Komadina, Elise Rogers, Alexandra Kiska (PRD) Mark Haley, Frank Mezzancello, Jackie White, Paul Garver Ed Montoya on behalf of Chamisa Radford

Members Absent: Justin Garcia,

Others Present: Janie Jordan (AIBF), Paul Petrehn (AIBF), Cheryl Lete (AIBF), Mr. Rullman (flyer group)

City Staff Present: Paul Olsen (EHD), Susan Rice (PRD), Lisa Lopez (PRD), Rebekka Burt (City Council),

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES - Mr. Wentworth motion to approve with the changes submitted. Mr. Mezzancello seconds the motion – Motion Passed.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

2. EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS - Presented by Ms. Rice

- a. Past Events
 - i. 2/03 SWATT training – Attendance 36
 - ii. 2/6&7 NM Rush Spring Cup - Attendance 1500 each day total of 3000 per updated count given.
- b. Future Events
 - i. 2/13 Friends and Lovers Balloon Rally – Expected attendance 1800 - Sid Cutter will be used by the pilots.
 - ii. 2/13 Cupids Chase 5K — Expected attendance 300 should not interfere with the balloons.
 - iii. 2/27-28 High Desert High School Rugby Tournament – Expected attendance 600 Panel D6 used.
 - iv. 2/27-28 Sandia High School Lacrosse games — Expected attendance 300 Panel D1 used.
 - v. 3/5-6 Kokopelli Frisbee Golf Tournament – UNM event Expected attendance 150 Mr. Wentworth commented that is not as benign as would be expected. Wildflower Neighborhood Association was glad to see the practice stop due to participants jumping walls to retrieve frisbees. Ms. Rice followed with a comment that supports the event is ideal for Balloon Fiesta Park because of the wide open space available.
 - vi. 3/5 Rugby Saturdays (run through Celtic Fest) – Expected attendance 120 each Sat.
 - 1. Mr. Haley wants to know start time and questioned if it would interfere with the Celtic Fest. Ms. Rice responded with an 8:00 am start time.

2. Panel D6 will have holes in the turf with sleeves and it is at the request of the Celtic Fest.
 3. Mr. Rullman and Mr. Haley inquired if it will interfere with the flyers. Ms. Rice will check on any interference. Mr. Rice will communicate with Mr. Rullman and Mr. Haley on the closures.
- vii. April 15-24 – Carnival and Music Festival – Approved as a conceptual idea at the January meeting. More information is being obtained from the organizers. Mr. Reed has communicated to Ms. Rice that the equipment will be set up on wooden pads to prevent indentions. Hydraulic fluid will be handled with onsite cat litter for absorption. The only diesel will be in the trucks. Onsite electricity will be used and supplemented with generators.
1. In two weeks organizers will be here for a site visit and a full plan will be given after the visit.
 2. Organizers have agreed to a damage deposit of \$5,000.00 vs the standard \$2,500.00.
 3. Mr. Nordin stated that he has spoken to Mr. Reed and generators will be used and presented a website for Duke City Fair. Promotions include concessions as well as helicopter rides and overnight stays in RV's. Ms. Rice stated that vendors always promote items that in the end do not actually happen. The Commission as a whole disagrees with helicopters being included in the event.
 4. Mr. Wentworth inquired why a full presentation is not being done as it was requested at the last meeting. Ms. Rice states that direction and boundaries should be given then she should be able to operate within those boundaries. Mr. Wentworth followed with statements that the presentations are part of a detailed review of large events and it reduces the liability to the Park and the City of Albuquerque. Wentworth also noted the quality and details in information given to the Commission and the presentations about events has gotten very vague since last year. Ms. Rogers reminded the Commission that no contracts have been signed yet and that she is confident that Ms. Rice will operate within the guidelines. Mr. Nordin reminded the Commission that presentation of events is part of the policies of the Commission. He noted the policy states events with attendance of over 750 will come before the Commission. It was also pointed out to Ms. Rice by another that Commission members have experiences and knowledge about items she could benefit from. As of the meeting date permit process has started. Mr. Mezzancello agreed with the formation of a subcommittee. Ms. Rogers inquired if advertisement can be stopped for these large events if they have not been approved. Mr. Nordin stated they have 5,000 likes on a Facebook page. Ms. White did stated that past experience is attendance is about half of social media likes. Dr. Komadina stated that due to the size of the event that more planning is expected.
 5. Mr. Nordin inquired on the number of rides. Ms. Rice responded that she did not have the number until the presentation in two weeks. Mr. Nordin responded that the number is expected to be about 40 rides. That number is 75-80% of the NM State Fair. Based on the number that actually are set up could affect various restrictions that would be set up.
 6. Mr. Wentworth agreed that a committee is a good idea. A sub-committee consisting of: Mr. Nordin, Mr. Johnson and Ms. White.
 7. Dr. Komadina inquired about income. Ms. Rice responded rental amount would be \$6,850, plus 10% of tickets at the gate, \$.50 per car if a parking

fee is charged, and 10% of any alcohol sales and other items such as overnight stays, \$35.00 per hook up per day. Mr. Nordin stated that Expo received 33% of the income.

8. Full presentation Requested – No presentation at this time but the event has grown since the initial presentation in January.
- viii. August 1 – Van Wrap Tour Concert – update not available.
- c. Events for Discussion – None.

3. REPORTS / UPDATES

a. Department of Municipal Development - None

b. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Mr. Petrehn on behalf of Mr. Smith

- i. 2016 Fiesta will not have parabolic fliers.
- ii. Registration starts in one month.
- iii. Mr. Nordin inquired about any construction projects - Sound improvements need to be done. Mr. Mezzancello stated that a sound improvement is a public safety issue. Ms. Jordan stated that all improvements are based on approval by the City of Albuquerque.

c. Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum – Mr. Garver presented

- i. Past Events – Small events in December and January
- ii. Future events –
 1. March 12 Shamrock Fest.
 2. April 9 Food truck fest
 3. April 30 Renaissance Fair
 4. June 18th Touch a Truck – Interactive event – Kids can touch and interact with various fire etc. trucks to promote services. Collaboration effort.
 5. 6 summer concerts are planned just as in the past summers.
- iii. Mr. Wentworth complimented past organization of events and stated that the previous Director of the Cultural Services Department, Ms. Betty Rivera greatly improved the Museum and museum events. She made sure the department worked with the community in a good manner and there were very few if any event problems with the surrounding community. Mr. Garver stated it is due to the work and diligence of the staff involved.

d. Environmental Health Department - Mr. Olson reported

- i. Studies are being done on the landfills and the levels are being tested.
- ii. The science of it is very exciting.
- iii. 70 acres of trash are at the Las Angeles landfill alone.
- iv. Air goes in and methane comes out. It is then burned off.
- v. Ground settling can be 20-30 feet per year.
- vi. Ground water and pollution is managed well within the federal standards.

e. Parks & Recreation – Ms. Kiska

- i. Income since last meeting Last Month / FYTD
 1. BFP: \$9,190.00 / \$39,360.00
 2. EC: \$4,610.00 / \$52,400.00 (Since July 1)
 3. SSCP: \$5,500.00 / \$51,200.00 (Since September)
 4. Note that the amounts for Sid Cutter and the Event Center are close yet there is 2 months less in operation time. It is expected to double by the end of the year. 5 high school proms are scheduled later this year.

- f. **Update on the O-15-2 amending the Balloon Fiesta Park Ordinance** – Ms. Burt reported on some amendment options. There are two amendments and two options on each:

- i. Amendment 1. Part 1. – Move east and west at large positions back to Council approval. This would be no change from current ordinance – **Dr. Komadina motion to accept, Mr. Mezzanello second – Motion Passed.**
- ii. Amendment 1 Part 2 – Museum Member should not be a City of Albuquerque employee. If the member is a City of Albuquerque employee then that member would also be a non-voting member. – Discussion from Mr. Garver is that the Museum representative will be a City of Albuquerque employee even though in the past there have been other representatives. **Dr. Komadina motion that the position for the Museum be changed to read that the Museum member be a City of Albuquerque employee and that the position be non-voting. Dr. Komadina motion, Mr. Mezzanello second – Motion Passed.**
- iii. Amendment 2 part 1 – Term limits have been eliminated this would put the ordinance back to the way it currently reads. **Mr. Mezzanello motion to accept, Ms. Rogers second – Motion Passed.**
- iv. Amendment 2 part 2 - For the representatives of the neighborhood associations there now needs to be written consent given to council in order to maintain commission membership even when term renewal is done but only if it exceeds 2 consecutive terms. This is an extra step for those two positions. No other position will have these restrictions. **Mr. Wentworth motion to accept, Mr. Mezzanello second – Motion Passed.** Mr. Wentworth added that the letters were already being sent in when renewal was done.
- v. Dr. Komadina added that other items were discussed but were not addressed with the proposed amendments.
 - 1. Role of the Commission – Oversight vs to advise and recommend. Currently it stands as an advisory board.
 - a. Mr. Garver states that the roles can be very different. Advise and advocacy can be very beneficial.
 - b. Mr. Wentworth advised the Commission that the term oversight should be left in the ordinance.
 - c. **Dr. Komadina motioned to have the term oversight be put back into the description of the boards' duties and responsibilities. Mr. Wentworth seconds the motion – Motion Passed.**
 - 2. **Mr. Johnston motioned to add an 11th voting position to the Commission that represents the Aeronautical community. Dr. Komadina seconds the motion – Motion passed.** After discussion of aeronautical to make sure the membership isn't specific to the model airplanes but rather would include other fliers of the various types of aircraft / flying activities.
- vi. March 7th is the most current deferral date but it is expected to be postponed again. Updates will be sent out.
- g. Update on the RPC - Zone Change Proposal to build a 40 lot gated residential area by the Balloon Museum – Meeting on Thursday at Plaza Del Sol. The opinion of the Commission has been communicated to the PRD planning department however no official letters or representatives have been sent to the EPC. City Staff will update Alex and she will send out.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Pricing / Fee schedule – review current approved fee schedule handed out for the Park.
- b. Ms. Rice to send out all fee schedules for review in March as well as the policies for determination of profit/nonprofit.
- c. Mr. Haley requested a comparison be done for equal space rentals.

d. Dr. Komadina requested that appropriate fees be charged for large events.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Paragliders at BFP – Not discussed but Wentworth quickly noted information from 4-8-2008 Commission meeting minutes had been included on the back of last month's agenda. He stated paragliding was never approved as an event for the Park.
- b. Verizon Project - Status of project and lighting fixture status. – Carl Task has been contacted regarding the matter of lights and poles vs poles only. He was to look into it and respond on November 4th. On January 15 a City of Albuquerque Electric Engineer visited the Park to start a study on the possibility of the Park participating in the 3% energy program. If over a 3 year time period the cost can be re-cooperated by putting in the new lights we could get capital project money to pay for them. A quote in the amount of \$108,251.34 from B&D Electric has been received. This would give increased lighting throughout the park.
 - i. The Verizon project has been combined with other projects around the City of Albuquerque. They do not want to pay a separate amount directly to Parks and Recreation. Currently the contract is in Real Property and is expected to not make any progress until it passes City Council and will only be one lease for the entire City. Other negotiations are being done with other departments that are slowing the process even more. It was noted that if and when the work was done, consideration should be given to security cameras and sound system improvements per discussion with AIBF – noted in item 3, b above.
- c. Recreation Division has developed a priority list and will attempt to obtain funds for as many projects as possible.
- d. Parks and Recreation is in its 2017 budget review and is expected to have another flat budget year. (3rd year).
- e. Past member recognition – Committee Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Mezzancello and Mr. Garcia – Not discussed.
- f. BFP daily guidelines - Not discussed
- g. Annual Report – Not discussed

7:57 pm. Ms. Rogers motions to adjourn meeting – Ms. Kiska seconds' motion – Motion passed.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – March 8, 2016

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