

Balloon Fiesta Park Commission
August 29, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Meeting Location: Golf and Event Center @ BFP
Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

Ms. Rice opened the meeting. She introduced Mr. Flores who began his presentation regarding the proposed United Stadium.

Members Present: There are no current members as all terms have expired.

Members Absent: There are no current members as all terms have expired.

Others Present: Matt Guthrie (AIBF), Pat Houser, Glen Garcia (Wildflower Neighborhood), Neil Jackson (AIBF), Jackie Fishman (CP). Sam Parks (AIBF), Angie Jepsen (VisitABQ), Mark Haley (Local Business), Shanna Schultz, B. Taylor, Jared Winchester (CP)

City Staff Present: Susan Rice (PRD), Christine Allison (PRD), David Flores (PRD), Paul Olson (PRD), Nan Masland (DAC)

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER, 2018 MINUTES –

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

2. EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. No presentations

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3. REPORTS / UPDATES

a. Department of Municipal Development

b. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

c. Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum

i. Past Events

ii. Future events

d. Environmental Health Department

e. Parks & Recreation

i. Income for last month (July 28 – August 28);

a. Event Center – \$10, 500.00

b. Sid Cutter PP – \$16,600.00

c. Field Rental – \$14,235.00

ii. Updates

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Construction of NM United Stadium in East Parking Lot at Balloon Fiesta Park

Mr. Flores introduced the presentation team. Jackie F. presented the BFP master plan. She indicated that there will be an amendment to the master plan that will go to the Environmental Protection Commission. The amendment will include the site and landscape plan, new EPC site plan and variances.

A slide show was presented by the architect showing the early stage conceptualization of design and location of the facility. The goal is to mitigate sound and light issues, provide erosion fixes, and update landscaping. There will also be utilities upgrades to park, fiber optic upgrades, public toilets and improved parking lot.

Questions included:

- size of field? (225' x 360'),
- total area impact? 7 acres,
- seating capacity? Max 10-12K,
- Room for expansion? No,
- Define multiuse of stadium? The City will not prevent the team from renting out the stadium for other events – will be addressed in the lease
- Not all neighborhoods notified of commission meeting? The City and the NM United Soccer organization are following all the process and procedures required by the City.
- Are there legal issues associated with the stadium deal?
- What are the lease terms? Still in legal entitlement process
- Is it a viable option for United to use the UNM stadium? Unknown
- Why build this if the taxpayers voted it down? They voted down a publicly financed stadium, NM United Soccer organization will fund the building of the actual stadium.

b. Balloon Fiesta Park Commission Vacancies

c. Need to elect Commission Chair and Vice Chair

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned. 7:30 pm.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – November 14, 2023

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