

**Balloon Fiesta Park Commission**  
**June 14, 2016 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Meeting Location: Golf and Event Center @ BFP**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting called to order 6:04 pm**

**Members Present:** Bill Nordin (Chair), Steve Wentworth (VC), Alexandra Kiska, Jackie White, Dr. Steve Komadina, Mark Haley, Mark Johnston, Elise Rogers,

**Members Absent:** Justin Garcia, Paul Garver, Chamisa Radford, Cheryl Lete,

**Others Present:** Paul Smith (AIBF), Paul Petrehn (AIBF), Janie Jordan (AIBF),

**City Staff Present:** Susan Rice (PRD), Lisa Lopez (PRD)

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**REVIEW / APPROVAL OF THE MAY MINUTES -** Mr. Wentworth motion to approve with submitted changes, Mr. Johnston second - Motion passed.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**2. EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS** Ms. Rice reported the following.

**a. Past Events :**

- i. May 14 - Great Strides Walk – Attendance 150
- ii. May 14 - Rugby Saturday – Attendance 100
- iii. May 14 - ABQ Lacrosse Fiesta – Attendance 1000
- iv. May 15 - AAAA Flying Event – Attendance 350
- v. May 21 – Rio Grande Celtic Festival (21-22) – Attendance 7400 Not record but increase by 2400 over last year. Next year they will try to sell tickets faster.
- vi. May 28-30 – Wine Festival – Attendance 10,000 Some clean up issues but it was taken care of quickly.
- vii. June 4 – Kick Ball for Kids – Attendance 1000
- viii. June 11 – NM Games Archery Tournament – Attendance 50

**b. Future Events:**

- i. June 18 – American Heart Walk – Expected attendance 800
- ii. June 18 – Neon Run – Expected attendance 900 – Event cancelled due to permits. Application fee was forfeited due to cancellation.
- iii. June 25 – CRIT Championship – Expected attendance 150
- iv. June 25 - Slide the City – Cancelled due to permits not being done on time.
- v. June 24-25 Relay for Life – Expected attendance 800 cancer walk interior of the park only. Overnight event. Lights provided by AIBF
- vi. July 4 – Freedom 4<sup>th</sup>. Estimated 50,000 Details seem to be the same as last year. Fire and EMT will stage at SCPP – Bleachers were shipped on the 10<sup>th</sup> and are expected soon.
- vii. July 9 – NM Archery Championship - Expected attendance 100 in conjunction with the June 11<sup>th</sup> event.

**c. Events for Discussion:** Ms. Rice reported the following.

- i. July 16 – Pancakes in the Park – Expected attendance 500 Breakfast food truck. They want to serve mimosas – Benefit Meals on Wheels. Ms. Rogers stated her support.
  - ii. August 20 – Running of the Chihuahuas – Expected attendance 2000 Beer Garden benefiting Paws and Stripes. Mr. Nordin inquired about port a potties. Ms. Rice answered that port a potties will be used and discussed at the pre events.
  - iii. November 12 – Black Light Run - Expected attendance 4000 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the park. Correction on the rental fee \$5000 to close the park. Port-A-potties will be used in the event. Park is cleared by 10:30 to 11:00 after clean up.
  - iv. Mr. Johnston motion to approve all events. Ms. Rogers second the motion – Motion passed.
- d. **Presentation: Chris Green from Consensus Planning to review landscape design for Sid Cutter.** – Correction – Mr. Green was not scheduled to present. Discussion of the draft drawings presented by Ms. Kiska.
  - i. Monday May 23 Director Taylor moved funds back from the Regional Complex back to BFP.
  - ii. June 7<sup>th</sup>, Paul Smith, Bohannon Houston, PRD, Consensus Planning met to review and set up a design and then sent to the Commission for review and comment. All items will be taken back for additional considerations.
    - 1. Mr. Smith is in favor of the design the changes that he wanted have already been incorporated.
    - 2. Outside posts have been requested to separate the events that could have access to the patio.
    - 3. 2 fire pits to allow one for each possible rental option.
    - 4. The fencing needs to be removal able. Ms. Jordan inquired about perimeter fencing. Ms. Kiska answered that fencing is possible with gate openings to allow for grass access.
    - 5. Dr. Komadina inquired about vehicle access on the North end. Ms. Kiska states that the access is on the East side.
  - iii. Kiska requested feedback. –
    - 1. Mr. Wentworth expressed that the cost paid \$450,000 to Consensus planning is absurd for a bunch of concrete and a few shade pavilions.
      - a. Funds should be spent on the infrastructure of the park to have water and gas at the North and West ends of the park.
      - b. Mr. Wentworth states that SCPP was never a priority for the park. The real needs are not being addressed.
      - c. This is a waste of tax dollars when there are so many budget concerns.
      - d. Mr. Wentworth stated he would vote no this project.
      - e. Ms. Kiska landscaping was not included in phase 1 but was discussed and approved for phase 2.
    - 2. Mr. Nordin clarified that the funds were brought back to the part for the singular project of landscaping and was never meant for other infrastructure of the park. Ms. Kiska confirmed that the purpose it was given back to Balloon Fiesta Park was for the enhancement of the parks landscape. Other funds are being used for infrastructure example of the fiber optics that is currently being installed.
      - a. It makes it a more desirable facility to the various renters that rent and use the facility year round.
      - b. Ms. Rogers inquired why the cost is so expensive. Ms. Kiska explained that a final price has not been determined yet because

the plan has not been finalized. Mr. Hayley discussed the difference in cost of public construction vs private construction projects- They will never be in line with one another.

- c. Mr. Nordin inquired if the landscaped area will be plumbed to allow the natural gas for future expansion to go north.
  - i. Can the capacity be set up to support future projects?
  - ii. Ms. Kiska will make note and inquire about that topic.
  - iii. Mr. Wentworth stated that the contractor for the Pavilion mentioned utility limitations that issue needs to be checked for future projects. He also pointed out that the Commission had made the “stubbing out” of utilities – gas, elec., water and other utilities a priority during the early planning phase of the Pavilion.
- d. Capt. Lance stated that projects that focus on safety should be a priority since BFP is a soft target.
  - i. Mr. Nordin inquired to Mr. Smith if the fiber optic location was to his satisfaction. Mr. Smith confirmed that the location is now in an area that can be expanded north.
  - ii. Dr. Komadina states that his attempts with Homeland Security have not been successful.
- e. Dr. Komadina stated that he doesn't want the design to limit the use of the building.

### **3. REPORTS / UPDATES**

#### **a. Department of Municipal Development – None**

#### **b. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**

- i. Update - 2016 Fiesta – Funding to increase the electric provisions at Presidents Compound. Plans were received today and will be delivered 6/15.
- ii. Parking Reduction – Park and Ride use will need to increase. Land on the west side by the north diversion channel – bid to purchase has been made. Could be used for parking if a bridge could be built. All of the options that are being explored are expensive projects to it could result in increased fees to the public.
  - 1. A new Park and Ride site by the airport will be used to replace the Cliff's location. – Due to the large number of hotels in the area this is a prime area for a Park and Ride.
- iii. Mr. Johnston inquired on the on ramp project - Funding was not received. The state of NMDOT wants to know if it will reduce congestion on Alameda. Research shows that it will decrease it. Project is still pending.
- iv. Trollies have been purchased from Boston - they will be used to transport people to Gate 12 and 13. They will be used on property only. More information will be available next month.
- v. Fiber Optic location has been changed to meet the needs of AIBF to allow the extension. Additional decisions will be make at the Board Meeting on 6/15.

#### **c. Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum**

##### **i. Past Events**

- 1. April 2 - Great NM Food Truck Festival - Attendance 5000. The 2nd Annual Great New Mexico Food Truck Festival featured over 25 trucks and the addition of 50+ craft beers. Food trucks varied from BBQ to Mediterranean and everything in between. The 2016 event experienced an increase in attendance, approximately 15 percent, and organizers

overcame a number of issues from the prior year: enough food, long wait times and lines, and parking.

2. April 30 - The Albuquerque Renaissance Faire - Attendance 7,000. Food, drink, costume, activities. Everyone's favorites returned, including The Tavern, Commoner's Food Court, Children's Realm, Group Wedding, and Village Shopping. New this year was a Faire Wear Show: Pet Fashion Contest. Intermittent rain showers brought many people inside the museum during the event. No incidents.
3. May 21 - Metro Public Safety Day and Recruitment Event – Attendance 2000. Over 70 federal, state, local, tribal and local departments participated in this free and family friendly event. Onsite interviewing and physical agility testing also occurred. Special appearances were made by Friends of Smokey Bear, Darth's Vader's 501st Legion, New Mexico Fire and Police Bagpipes, 1960's Original Bat Mobile, and more. Attendance doubled this year compared to last year.
4. June 3-4 - Albuquerque Folk Festival – Attendance 4,000. A Friday evening concert preceded the Festival, which featured interactive crafts and dance, as well as food and drink. Attendance decreased by about 15 percent.
5. June 8 - Stories in the Night Sky and ABQ Concert Bank Series – Attendance 800

**ii. Future events**

1. June 22, and July 6, 22 and August 6 - Stories in the Night Sky and ABQ Concert Band Series – Expected Attendance 600-1000.
2. July 4 Red, White and Balloons - Expected Attendance 500-800. Food, Drink, Games, performance by ABQ Concert Bank, Balloon glow, Fireworks viewing.

iii. Theatre Installation – Portion will be installed but not the entire theatre.

**d. Environmental Health Department - None**

**e. Parks & Recreation**

**1. Income since last meeting**

- a. Park Rental - \$8,925 / \$76,043 (May / FY16YTD)
- b. Event Center - \$4,800 / \$76,900
- c. Sid Cutter - \$8,117 / \$69,900

ii. **Update - GO Bond and P & R priorities** – Required \$1,000,000.00 Reduced Request \$800,000 and the request is now back to \$1,000,000.00. PRD will be placing a priority on irrigation systems because some of them are 50+ years old at several parks. Next meeting will be on June 23. PRD Administration determines the overall priorities of the department.

f. **Update - O-15-2 amending the Balloon Fiesta Park Ordinance** – Scheduled to be heard on June 20, 2016. Final action expected.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Pricing / Fee schedule** – Discussion to take place as part of fiscal year 18 preparations in November.
- b. **World Air Games** – This could involve the park if it is approved. Dr. Komadina stated that the Mayor has committed up to \$1,000,000.00 as well as the State of NM has committed funds as well. Rather than giving these funds back to the State of NM it could be used to improve the infrastructure of the park. . This could be a state wide event. Ms. Rogers states that the concern of hotel space is a non-issue. There is plenty of room for 2020.

- c. **2019 Senior Olympics.** Capt. Lance reported that Albuquerque is one of the two finalists for this event.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Verizon Project** – Update Ms. Kiska an email was sent to the Real Property lawyer. Don Britt. The agreement is with Verizon for signatures for the small cell site lease with AIBF but is not expected to be completed by 8/3. Due to the approval process it will require Council approval. It is expected to happen after Fiesta 2016. Mr. Wentworth suggested that an alternate location be used up on the hill to avoid the work being damaged to the new fiber optics. Ms. Kiska will bring it to David Flores regarding the locations and if they will move the location.
- b. **Past member recognition** – Committee Mr. Wentworth, and Mr. Garcia Next meeting June 22 at 4pm Draft of guidelines will be given to the committee at that time.
- c. **New Sub-Division** – The property is still for sale.
- d. **COA / AIBF agreement extension has been approved to be heard at the full council meeting.** – 1% annual increase until 2017 in the rental fees.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm** – Motion by Ms. Rogers. Second by Mr. Haley – Motion passed.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – July 12, 2016**

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