

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting**
Thursday – June 13, 2019
Administration Building, Board Room

VOTING-DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ross Liscum, Chair; Annette O’Kelley, Vice Chair; Lisa Carreño, Marilyn Herzog

VOTING-DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kevin Howe

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath, Teejay Lowe, Max Mickelsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, CEO; Lorna Fox, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn; Travis Saracco, Ted Riture and Gladys Stewart of Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic; Scot Wagner (Sonoma Applied Village Services (SAVS)/Living Room Project Manager), Arlie Haig (SAVS), and Adrienne Lauby (SAVS Board Member); and a fairgrounds neighbor, Julia Marten.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liscum at 4:30PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chair Liscum asked to have Item 11 of the agenda moved to 4.a. **Director Carreño moved to approve the agenda with the change; Director O’Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS (not related to the agenda): None

PRESENTATION BY THE SONOMA COUNTY HOT AIR BALLOON CLASSIC:

Members from the Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic spoke about their annual event and their proposal to hold the 2020 event at the fairgrounds. Committee members asked questions regarding sound, community outreach and impacts to the neighborhoods.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SONOMA COUNTY HOT AIR BALLOON CLASSIC PROPOSAL FOR 2020:

Director Liscum moved to move forward with the planning for the 2020 Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic with the caveat of resolving any issues with the golf course management and neighbors; Director Carreño seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY THE LIVING ROOM ON LOW INCOME RV PROPERTY LEASE:

Members from SAVS distributed a map and outline of their concept for the “Linwood RV Village.” Committee members voiced concerns that SAVS had not contacted any legal advice regarding landlord/tenant laws prior to approaching the Fair Board and appeared to not have a clear plan or an understanding of what “hosting” the RVs would entail. The Committee was concerned that SAVS also did not have an option for parking that would be lost if the Linwood lot was used for their proposed use. The Committee agreed that they would not continue the discussions with no further action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MAY 2019 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS:

May Interim financials will be presented at the June 25 meeting. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JUNE/JULY 2019 INTERIM EVENTS:

June/July Interim events were discussed. No action taken.

UPDATE ON ASTON BARN PROPERTY:

Nothing new to report. No action taken.

UPDATE ON WORK TO SOUTH CARNIVAL LOT:

Nothing new to report regarding the carnival lot. Rains in May and the hot days in June affected the expected growth. No action taken.

UPDATE GRACE PAVILION PAINT PROJECT:

CEO Bartling reported that trim colors are up at the south end of the Pavilion. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY BROADBAND AT THE FAIRGROUNDS:

CEO Bartling said that discussions are continuing regarding emergency broadband at the Fairgrounds. No action taken.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEMS): None

There being no further business Director Carreño moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05PM; Director O’Kelley seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.